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RETURNS FROM THE FOREIGN COUNTRY

Since his recent arrival in the city from a four months trip abroad, through England, Europe and Scandinavian Points, many interesting narratives have been heard from A. F. Junger, who returns to Merkel as representative for Geo. Finberg Cotton Co. of Abilene.

General conditions are showing a considerable improvement since the world war and a continuance of present energies and more friendly understanding of the working class will no doubt lead to a more complete restoration for the stricken nations in the next few years to come, is the opinion of Mr. Junger.

England especially, is undergoing a very strenuous disagreement among all labor circles and present Irish unrest adds considerably anxiety to the present situation.

Sweden and Norway both enjoy a very splendid prosperity and general contentment is very noticeable in these particular nations of Scandinavia.

During the visit of Mr. Junger in Gothenburg, Sweden the semi-centennial exposition was in full swing and the city was over crowded with visitors to witness the many interesting exhibition of the Far North Nations.

Belgium is "little but awful loud" is the expression of Mr. Junger, who pays many tributes to her quick restoration. The many awful devastations through the Belgian areas at the war's beginning have nearly all been very neatly and carefully placed in order again.

France has shown considerable improvement in many sections of the land invaded and a more stringent law against continued practice of "Real mooching" especially from the Americans, might lend even more assistance toward industrious and energetic arm work. French are inclined to make very graceful bows and use most excellent phrases to fit their own pockets from the generous American hand.

The Netherlands also show a very prosperous condition and the folk are very polite and agreeable. The large windmills are very interesting to notice, but serve all purpose especially for the large herds of choicest Holstein cattle. Rotterdam is a very interesting port and much commerce around the world is directed from the thriving city. Mr. Junger only regrets he did not bring a solid trainload of real Knotty Hardwood along for unloading at Bill Hohenzollern's wood yard as he passed Amerongen Holland and the Ex-Kaiser's saw buck.

Germany is in very deplorable state with her many debts and almost worthless currency and many years will be needed to give this Nation another commendable place on the world's map. The men especially, are showing very disinterested feelings when vigorous energies are mentioned and much anxiety is expressed when the topic of any possible fresh conflict is discussed. However, the occupied zone along the Rhine is well guarded by the Allies and only recently while Mr. Junger was passing through Essen-Germany the preparations were being made by the Allies to take over the Immense Krupp Iron Works, which made all German Ammunition.

Food in Germany is still very unappetizing and under Government control excepting vegetables which are being grown on every square inch possible said Mr. Junger. Bread which is only an imitation, also meats, are issued in coupons by the Gov't and very closely applied and veg-

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WORK RESUMED ON SEARS AND BLAND

We are informed that a deal has been made whereby the Security Banking Investment Co., has closed a contract with parties to drill the Sears well down to a deeper depth, and in which event no oil in paying quantities are found, the well is to be pulged back up to the 2,490 foot sand and shot.

We also learn that work on the Bland well has been started again, and an effort is now being made to fish out the lost tools in this well, and if successful, it will be drilled on down at once.

RAIN FALL OVER 28 INCHES FOR YEAR

According to Mayor J. J. Stallings who for many years has kept the rain fall in Merkel, the fall up to this writing, (Thursday 11, a. m.) has been for the year 1920, 28.18 inches, while during the month of August we had more than 10 inches and up until this date in Sept. we have 3 and 36 tenths.

It is indeed something unusual to have so much rain here at this time of year, and already the crops, cotton and feed have been damaged considerably and should the rain continue the damage will be fearful.

Rev. Parrack Returns From Meeting.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the local Baptist church returned Monday from Sylvester, where he conducted a ten days revival for the congregation in that city.

He reports one of the best meetings he has been in during the summer, there being 39 additions to the church, 20 being baptized.

600 PUPILS ARE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

Supt. R. A. Burgess, states that the Merkel Public schools opened Monday of this week, under glowing conditions, save and except for the fact that the school is badly crowded, there being about 600 pupils in attendance upon the opening day, as compared to about 500 to begin with last year's term. He informs us that in some of the rooms there are as many as 75 pupils enrolled, and that he is sure that at least two additional teachers will be required at once to properly care for the situation.

At the opening of the High School Monday morning there was present a good representation of parents, and some good talks were made, Rev. C. C. Doolley, pastor of the Presbyterian church making the principal address of the hour, and which was indeed appreciated by each and every one.

It is doubtful if there has ever been a term of school begun in this city under more favorable conditions, and we predict that before the end of the term will have been reached, the majority of patrons will pronounce this the best and most successful term yet.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

There will be the regular services Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League meets at 6 p. m. Our church is being worked over on the inside, but will be in shape for services Sunday morning. Come to church.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

Besure and read our add on mattresses this week. Barrow Furniture Company.

REVIVAL BEGINS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular Sunday services will be the beginning of a revival meeting.

Pastor Parrack is to do the preaching and local forces are to do the singing and personal work. All singers and workers of the town and surrounding community are invited to come and help to make the meeting a success. It is hoped that the local music talent will be enlisted also to help out with the music of the meeting.

While the meeting will be held at the Baptist church building and will be under the supervision of the local Baptist church it is hoped that this will be a time when all Christians will be up and doing in a great effort to win the lost and reclaim the backsliders.

During the week services will be held at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. We will have but one week of the meeting so we must begin at once if we are to have the meeting we should have.

Let every member of the church be in his or her place round about the camp Sunday morning.

Those who have been out of Sunday School during the vacation should find their places at once.

Come and find a place to serve. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Dr. W. M. Gambel and family returned first of the week from an extended visit to their old home in the state of Kentucky. While there Dr. Gambel purchased a handsome new Dodge touring car, and they came back overland in same, making trip without a mishap of anykind.

Miss Agnes Lassiter was over It Sunday the guest of home folks.

CHAUTAUQUA HERE SEPTEMBER 20-22

J. Bernard Jones advance representative for the Radcliffe Chautauqua was in town Monday and Tuesday making final arrangements for the Chautauqua to be held in Merkel on September 20-21-22.

At a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce room the following officers and committees were appointed: Chairman, L. R. Thomson, Sec. L. B. Howard; Treas. R. O. Anderson; Chairman of the arrangements committee, Walter Jackson, advertising committee, Thos Durham, Chairman of Ticket committee, Prof. R. A. Burgess.

During his stay he organized a number of the Ladies into teams known as the reds and the blues, for the sale of season tickets with Mrs. R. O. Anderson as Capt. of the Reds and Mrs. Walter Jackson as Capt. of the Blues. A hot campaign is being waged and the competition is keen, the slogan is buy your tickets now and be a real booster. Surplus over and above the actual cost of the Chautauqua will be donated to the Parents Teachers Association.

The Chautauqua will open at the Tabernacle at 3:30 and at 8:00 p. m. each day. And don't forget the date, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20-21-22. Every program will be interesting to both the young and the old. They will be interesting, entertaining and educational to every one who attends.

Contract Let For New Baptist Church

At a recent meeting of the Building Committee of the Merkel Baptist church, after carefully considering the different bids and plans submitted, the contract for building in this city, of a modern, new and handsome church building for the congregation was awarded to J. D. Harvey, a well known Abilene building contractor, to cost when finally completed, about \$35,000. However the present contract price amounts to \$25,000, the final completion of the building to be made later.

The contract calls for the completion of the building by January 1, 1921, and which means that work on same must begin within a very short time in order to meet the completion date.

We understand the design of the building is indeed handsome, modern and up to date in every particular. Also that every facility will be cared for in the way of taking care of this church's splendid Sunday School organization, and which is known as among the very best in all West Texas.

Messrs Reed & Campbell, Architects, of Abilene, drew the plans for this handsome structure.

Fine Peaches Grow Here

That this is one of the finest peach-growing countries in all the land has been demonstrated to this writer beyond all doubt. For while we had not heard of any peaches having been grown here this year, we knew it was all because of the late freeze visited upon us last spring just right to kill the crop, yet we never dreamed of such fine peaches being grown here as was brought to this office by Mayor J. J. Stallings one day recently. Folks, they were extra large, red ripe, juicy and of a very fine flavor. The Mayor grew them on a tree in his back yard, and here's hoping that next year the tree may bear heavily of this delicious fine fruit

Miss Marion McSpadden of Lubbock, was here last week the guest of her uncle, W. A. McSpadden and family.

PLANNING TO BUILD BIG WAREHOUSE

On last Saturday afternoon a large number of farmers of the Merkel community composed mostly of members of the local Farmers Institute, met at the Tabernacle in this city for the purpose of planning the building of a large Cotton Warehouse in this city for the purpose of aiding in the holding movements now sweeping the country for better prices, and to hear reports from the committee sent to the State Conference held at Dallas the week before.

A committee was also appointed composed of Messrs. L. R. Thompson and Chas. Orr, as delegates to the meeting of the Farmers Institute at Austin this week. Owing to pressing business matters we are informed Mr. Thompson was unable to attend the Austin meeting, and Mr. H. C. West, went in his stead.

It is expected that the Warehouse to be built will cost in the neighborhood of from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and when the matter was presented at the meeting last Saturday within a few minutes \$3,500 of stock was subscribed, which is indicative that it will be but little trouble to get the necessary funds with which to build the warehouse. Messrs R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank and L. R. Thompson of the Farmers & Merchants National Banks were designated a committee to receive other stock subscriptions to the proposition.

Another important matter which is much benefit and importance to the farmers of the Merkel country was consummated through the local Farmers Institute, was the securing the agreement from all the local ginners that they would gin the 1920 cotton crop at the same price of 40 cents per hundred, the same as charged last year. In our opinion this is just, at least it appears that way since the price of cotton so far, is considerably below that this time last year.

We are also requested to announce that there will be a meeting of all the farmers in this city, at the Tabernacle on Saturday September 18, which is of special interest to all, and a large attendance is urged. This is one time the farmers should stick together and co-operate for their own good.

A Revival Meeting At Baptist Church

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the local Baptist church in another column of this paper announces that on next Sunday the regular services at his church will be the beginning of a weeks revival meeting at his church.

Rev. Parrack is to do the preaching, and while it is to be held at the Baptist church, and under the supervision of that church, he urges that all Christians attend and in any way possible lend their assistance toward the success of the meeting.

There will be services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and it is hoped that all Merkel and surrounding country will join in an effort to help make this the greatest meeting ever held in the city.

Mr. Brown To Market.

E. N. Brown the genial manager of the Brown Dry Goods Company, left first of the week for the Eastern markets, where he goes to buy additional goods for his store, this being the second buying trip for his store, and which indicates the splendid condition of the country, when merchants go to market the second time, especially so early in the season.

Radcliffe Chautauqua

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A Guaranty Fund Bank

The sign of the Guaranty Fund is a symbol of safety for depositors.

This time-tried and tested system of banking is an effective guarantee of Dependable Banking Protection.

Safeguard your money and your future by a connection with a bank that operates under the

**GUARANTY FUND BANKING
LAW OF THE
STATE OF TEXAS**

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

T. J. TOOMBS President
JOHN SEARS Vice President
R. L. BLAND Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER Asst. Cashier

BUY PROPERTY NOW

Farm and city property values can hardly decline. There is promise of big crops this year. If you intend buying, let us show you now. Doubtless we can save you money.

Fire Insurance

Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property.

Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

Miss Ina Mae Elliott of Abilene was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford this week.

Our auto supplies must make good or we will. West Company.

Mrs. Geo. Brown returned this week from an extended trip to Alabama.

Accessories, auto supplies, automotive equipment, it matters not what you call it—we have it. West Company

Mrs. J. C. Baker and children of Eastland are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt.

Mrs. Alexander and daughter of Greenville, were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Dr. N. J. Smith this week.

Lorene Hamblett is now with the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

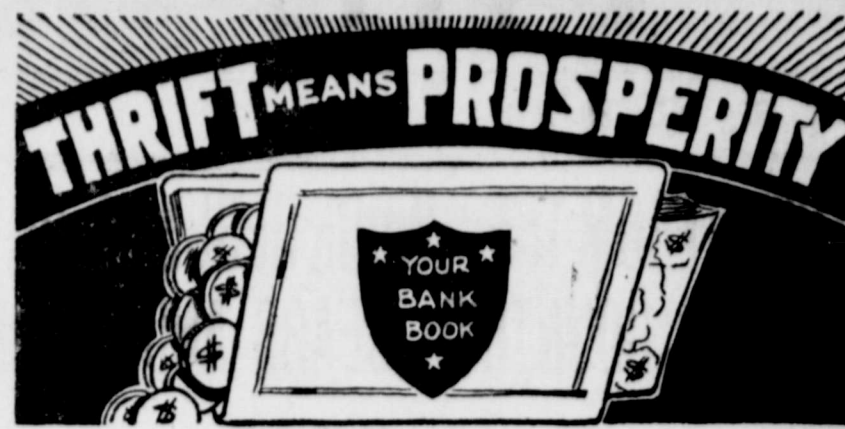
J. A. Buford who recently sold his home here has purchased a home in Haskel and left for that place this Thursday morning, with his family.

Roses Barber Shops. BEST BARBERS IN TOWN. We have added to our Bath Equipment and can now take better care of our customers in that line. Roses Shop. Your trade appreciated.

Nat Anderson formerly with the Farmers State Bank, and later with the Guaranty State Bank of Abilene, is now with the Corner Store.

Equip your car with a genuine G. Piel muffler cut out. We carry a stock of all sizes. West Company.

Mr. Marion Winter of Collingsworth county, was here last week the guest of H. L. Propst and family and other relatives.



Thrift, no less than earning power, is an important factor in these constructive times

Don't be miserly, but avoid extravagance—and, above all, put your

MONEY IN THE BANK

or invest it wisely—keep it in circulation.

By so doing you stimulate business.

Thrift and persevering effort may be your part in helping to build the

PROSPERITY OF TO-DAY

Believing it our duty to encourage THRIFT this bank will on Saturday, Sept. 4, Establish a

Savings Account Department

and receive deposits in this account, paying 4 per cent interest on such accounts.

Come in and let us explain to you this additional SERVICE.



SCHOOL NEEDS

We have shoes that are solid leather built especially for school wear and we stand behind every pair that is sold to give you entire satisfaction. Bring your boy or girl in and let us fit them up. We can save you money.

School dresses that are durable for the girl
Suits of all wool strongly made for the boy

Duck = DUCK = Duck

The very best of duck for cotton pick sacks. Look at this quality duck and get our price before you buy.

We have a house full of desirable merchandise. We pay CASH for our goods and sell them on a small margin of profit for CASH. Give us a trial on that fall bill and be convinced we save you money on quality merchandise.

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

Lone Star Planting Seed

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 Agri-
culture, Washington.

GEM CONFECTIONERY

Wishes to call the attention of the public to the fact
that it has added to its business a full line of Magazines,
and invite their inspection of same.

We are also head quarters for Cold Drinks, Ice
Cream, Fresh Fruits, Candy & Cigars.

J. A. Collum, President of the
C. H. Oil Development Co., of
Atlanta, Ga., came in first of the
week from Atlanta, bringing
with him his family. They have
purchased a nice home in Abi-
lene, and will make this country
their future home. We are glad
to have these fine people make
Texas their home.

Miss Ona Johnson and Mrs.
M. L. Powers were shopping in
Abilene one day this week.

Britt Mayfield has accepted a
position with the Brown Dry
Goods Company.

Better see about that Coal
Box and then phone 48 and Call
for Clifford Rose tell him how
many tons it will take to run
you through the winter. Best
time to BUY IS NOW.

M. E. Canon returned first of
the week from a business trip to
Dallas.

SWISHER COUNTY

Is Located in The
CENTRAL PLAINS

TULIA

The County Seat

is on the line of Santa Fe railway, south from Amarillo to Lub-
bock. The two highways, The Colorado to Gulf and Ozark Trails,
cross at this point. A small per cent of these lands only are in
cultivation, yet of the 1919 crop, wheat, oats, kaffir and maize,
there has been shipped from Tulia about 2200 cars, aggregating
about 3,080,000 bushels, while a great deal of the old crop re-
mains yet in the granaries and elevators. There is an enormous
amount of the new crop wheat and oats which will take months
to ship out. Prospects very flattering for crops, kaffir, maize
sorghum etc., which will have to be harvested and shipped this
fall.

Invest your money in plains land. It is safe and sure and will
give you quick returns.

Lands in the within list for sale by—

SOUTH PLAINS LAND CO.

Tulia, Texas

J. B. Johnson

F. Gerdes

Bruce Gerdes

For Further Information see Davis Beasley.

No. 1.—8,571 acres, 25 miles northwest of Tulia. Has improve-
ments in way of 4 room house, out-buildings, wells and mills, dri-
nking tubes, etc., some land incultivation, very fine body of pla-
ins land. Price \$25 per acre; terms.

No. 2.—3,255 acres, 2½ miles from Dimmitt, Castro county,
in square block, never been sectionized, 10 mile fence, good well
and mill, pump engine and jack, very fair 4 room house, 140 feet
cattle sheds, 2 large steel drinking tubes. This runs up within
18 miles of Hereford. One of the finest bodies of land on the
plains. Price \$25.00 per acre; terms

No. 3.—3840 acres, 18 miles from Hereford. Fenced in eight
pastures, two wells and mills, ranch house no good but has
a large well-built barn that will house 700 head of cattle. Owner
has 530 good grade cattle that will sell with ranch but will keep
them if not wanted. Land is extra fine red light sandy loam.
Price of land with farm teams, tools, etc., including new tractor
and tractor plows, thrown in \$100,000.00. Land and cattle \$160,
000.00. Will take trade \$25,00 to \$50,000 good trade such as
brick income property or otherland.

No. 4.—3600 acres, south part Castro County, fenced and cross
fenced; three wells and mills, good land shallow water 25 to 80
feet, irrigation project. Price \$22.50 per acre, \$15,000 cash; bal-
ance terms to suit.

No. 5.—661 acres, 12 miles from Dimmitt, Castro County, good
house 5 rooms, reception hall, bath, down-stairs, well and new
mill, out buildings, fenced and cross fenced, 3 acres hog pasture,
120 acre farm. This is good land and well improved, school house
in three-fourth mile, guaranteed 8 months' school. Price \$25.00
per acre, or the 320 acre with improvements at \$30.00. Will take
about \$5,000 cash; balance terms.

No. 6.—960 acres,—southeast part Parmer County, unim-
proved. There is about 750 acres as level as the floor with not a
flaw the balance is good grazing. Price \$16.00 per acre; ½ cash
balance, 1-to5 years, 6 per cent interest.

No. 7.—1280 acres, 10 miles of Tulia; all fenced hog proof, 2
sets improvements, 200 acres alfalfa on sub irrigated land, has
200 acres more subirrigated. About one half of track is fine
level land with water about 35 feet; can be irrigated by wells.
Has a large substantial barn, and other buildings, sheepsheds etc.
This is the finest hog ranch in the West. Price \$50.00. As-
sume \$10,000. Federal loan, one-fourth cash; balance, terms 8
per cent interest.

No. 8.—640 acres 7 miles, northwest of Tulia, 4 room house,
well and mill, sheds, granary, chicken house, garage, 500 acre
farm, fenced and cross fenced, in 2 miles of railroad switch with
grain elevator, \$29,000, cash, one-third cash, balance, 7 per cent
interest to suit.

No. 9.—320 acres, 4 miles from Tulia, good 4 room house, well
and mill, sheds, granary, garage, other out buildings, all
fenced with hog wire good track of land well located. Price \$50.
per acre, one third cash, terms.

No. 10.—320 acres 4 miles from Tulia, good house, good out
buildings, well and mill, farm, etc., extra choice land. Price
\$55.00, one-third cash, balance terms.

No. 11.—6400 acres, 12 miles west of Tulia on public road,
daily route, 4 miles, good brick school house well improved and a
choice section. There is not less than \$10,000 worth of improve-
ments on a track and well located on Ozark Trail highway. Price
\$45.00 per acre, \$10,000, cash, balance good terms at 6 per cent
interest.

No. 11a.—10 sections, well improved near Seminole, Gains
County, carries 20 sections lease. Price of 10 sections \$12.00 per
acre, good terms.

No. 12.—320 acres, well improved, 5 miles east of Tulia, fenced
hog proof, creek through land, 150 acres, alfalfa subirrigated,
fine hog ranch. Price \$80.00 per acre, one third cash, terms to
suit.

No. 13.—640 acres, 1 mile of Tulia depot, 3 room house, sheds,
well and mill, 150 acre farm, good land close to town. Price \$55.00
\$10,000 cash. Federal loan \$5,500 to be assumed, balance
terms.

No. 14.—640 acres, west of Tulia near German town of Naz-
areth, Catholic school and church, improved. Price \$40.00 per
acre. \$3,300 Federal loan, \$7,500 cash, balance to suit.

No. 15.—645 acres near Nazareth, small house, good barn, fen-
ced, well and mill, 175 acre farm school house on corner of land.
Price \$22.50 per acre; terms to be arranged.

No. 15.—1008 acres, 4 miles, of Nazareth, good 8 room house,
2 story, sheds, granary just built, has 16 feet driveway, holds 6,
000 bushels, chickenhouses, etc., fenced and cross fenced in 3 pas-
tures, 5 wells and windmill, steel silo, school house in five miles,
380 acre farm, fine track. \$5,000 Federal loan, balance cash. A
good buy if you have the cash. Price \$35.00 per acre.

No. 16.—640 acres, 11 miles southeast of Vega, 4 room house,
well and mill, fenced, 340 acres broke out, improvements run
down. Price \$20.00 per acre, one-tenth cash, balance 10 equal
payments at 8 per cent, or 5 years at 7 per cent.

No. 17.—360 acres, unimproved, 10 miles south of Amarillo,
goodland. Price \$35.00, one-tenth cash, balance, 10 years at 8
per cent or 5 years at 7 per cent.

No. 18.—340 acres, in Castro County, fine land in good coun-
try, fenced with barbed wire and sheep wire, good post. Price
\$20.00, one third cash, balance 1 to 3 years, 7 per cent interest.

No. 19.—640 acres, northeast of Tulia 18 miles, and 14 miles
east of Happy, fenced, well and mill, fine black loam land, extra
good wheat soil. Price \$27.50 per acre. \$4,500 cash, good terms.

No. 20.—960 acres, 20 miles south of Hereford, 6 room house,
well and mill, fenced, and cross fenced, 160 acre farm, good land
Price \$22.50 per acre; terms.

No. 21.—2000 acres, 18 miles east of Happy near Caprock,
some good level land, some good grazing, 2 room house, well and
mill, big granary, one-third smooth, two-thirds rough grazing
with running water, all fenced. Price \$13.50 per acre, small
cash payments, balance good terms, carries lease of 640 acres
thrown in. An A-1 stock farming proposition.

No. 22.—7 sections, about 4480 acres, 16 miles of Kress on
railway, between Tulia and Plainview. This is an extra good
body of land and has above average improvements, 3 sets of
same and part extra good, on daily star mail route, 3 miles to a
store and post office. Price \$35.00 reasonable cash payments,
and terms. A profit of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acres can be made on
this in next few months.

No. 23.—320 acres, 4 miles south of Tulia at railroad switch
and elevator, fine tract and well improved, good location. Price
\$55.00 per acres. \$7500 cash, terms.

No. 24.—438 acres, 3 room house, 28 foot porch, well and mill,
water 109 feet, fenced and crossfenced, 110 acre farm, sheds, etc.;
located 12 miles southeast of Dimmitt, Castro County, improve-
ments nearly new, school house on corner of land, Federal loan
of \$3,100 to be assumed. \$6,000 cash, balance terms. Price \$28-
50 per acre.

No. 25.—206 acres 3½ miles from Kress in Swisher County,
4 room house, fenced, 150 acre farm, well and mill, 50 feet to
water, fine tract and well located. Price \$47.50, one-third cash,
balance 1 to 3 years, 8 per cent interest.

No. 26.—1280 acres, 7 miles south of Stratford, Dallam Coun-
ty, very fine land, no improvements. Price \$25.00, one- tenth
cash, balance 10 equal payments, 8 per cent interest or 5 years
at 7 per cent.

No. 27.—960 acres, 15 miles east of Tulia on Sherton public
road and Ozark Trail highway, well improved, extra good tract.
Price \$42.50, ½ cash, 1 to 5 years, 8 per cent.

No. 28.—640 acres, 7 miles north of Tulia, 1½ miles to rail-
road switch and grain elevator, good house, good outbuildings,
200 acre farm. Price \$35.00 one-third cash, balance 1 to 4 years,
at 7 per cent.

No. 29.—1280 acres adjoining above 250 acre farm, well and
mill, fenced, fine land. Price \$30.00 per acre, one- third cash, bal-
ance to suit at 7 per cent. Will sell either section separate.
This is on highway from Amarillo south.

No. 30.—320 acres, 9 miles southeast of Tulia, 4 room house,
well and mill, granary, sheds, 105 acre farm choice land, no
waste. Price \$40.00 per acre, one-third cash, balance 1 to 7 years,
7 per cent.

No. 31.—320 acres, 6 miles north of Tulia, fenced, 200 acre
farm, desirable tract. Price \$32.50. \$3,500 cash, terms on bal-
ance, 6 per cent.

Have several 177 acre tracts in Vigo country northeast of Tul-
ia 18 miles, improved and unimproved, at \$22.50 to \$50.00. Ha-
ve several fine ranch propositions in southwest Texas ranging in
size from 7000 to 20,000 acres, \$8.00 to \$20. per acre, on good
terms. Several choice quarter, half and section tracts, improved
and unimproved around Grady, the wheat belt of New Mexico.
Price ranging from \$15.00 to \$25.00. . . .

Write us, tell us what you want and where you want it.

SOUTH PLAINS LAND COMPANY, TULIA, TEXAS

PULLMAN BREAKFAST NOOKS

One of the latest home conveniences is this cozy built-
in breakfast nook.

The table and seats are built in a corner of the kitch-
en or between the kitchen and dining room.

This is one of the novel features in many of our model
home plans or we will gladly assist you in planning one
to be built in your home.

To help you make your house more of a real HOME is
both a pleasure and a duty with us,

BURTON-LINGO CO.

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L. D. Levy Local Mgr.

NEFF'S LEAD IS CLOSE TO 80,000

Dallas, Sept. 8.—A final major-
ity of 79,373 votes for Pat M.
Neff over Joseph W. Bailey in
the Democrat runoff primary
Aug. 28, is indicated by a com-
bination of official returns re-
ceived by the State Democrat
Executive Committee on 173 coun-
ties and the un official returns
received by the Texas Election
Bureau on all but four of the re-
maining seventy-two counties.
Four counties held no elections
and neither the State Committee
nor the Bureau has heard from
Crocket, Jeff Davis, McQuillen
and Star. These probably held
no elections.

Totals of the State Committee
by A. S. Moody of Houston, its
secretary, Shows the following
results in the three State races:

For Governor

Neff, 202,696.
Bailey, 142,477.
For Lieutenant Governor
Davidson, 170,727.
Johnson, 147,880.
For Supreme Court
Pierson, 179,882.
Hawkins, 132,561.

Neff's Majority on the official
returns so far is 60,319 votes.

Adding in the Texas Election
Bureau figures on the Govern-
or's race from sixty-eight of
the seventy-two counties lacking
in Moody's reports, the total for
Governors are:

Neff, 264,075.
Bailey, 184,702.
Total vote accounted for, 448,
777.

Baily carried only forty-six
counties, most of them in South
and West Texas. The German
counties of South Texas, includ-
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School days are again with us. They are happy days for the young generation. They should be happy days for the fathers and mothers. Everyone is desirous of seeing this the best school term Merkel has ever experienced. Absolute co-operation upon the part of parents and faculty will be almost sure to accomplish this. The teachers we are told are each receiving more compensation this year than was given last year, infact are being paid a fair salary for their services, and the patrons are entitled to good, honest and efficient service. And when a teacher has rendered such service, he or she is entitled to the heartiest co-operation and loyal support from their patrons. Let's expect real school service from the lowest to the highest grade. Let's stand by each and every one and we can expect this service.

One fellow will say his cotton has actually been destroyed by the worms, another will say his has been damaged some, another will say he has found but few worms in his cotton. Some say they do not expect to see more than a bale to every six or eight acres, while others say there is sure to be from fourth to a half made over most of the country. We leave it for you to figure out, it's too much for us.

A few weeks ago there was lots of political talk on the streets of Merkel, but no comparison to amount of boll worm talk that can be heard each day now.

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Just So
I used to think I knew I knew,
But now, I must confess,
The more I know I know I know
I know I know the less.

Johnnie Too Inquisitive
The Minister was at dinner with the Chaffie family. Johnny spoke up and said: "Can a church whistle?" "Why do you ask, Jonny?" inquired the preacher kindly. "Because pa ows \$12 pew rent and he says he is going to let the church whistle for it." After the preacher had taken his departure there was a vocal solo by Jonny.

Standing By Her Tommy
Tommy's mother came to the rescue when he played truant, and wrote to the teacher: "Please, Miss Gardiner, excuse Tommy for his absence, and don't whip him when he ain't there."

Fully Explained
Teacher—Why does the girraff have such a long neck?
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Capt. G. W. Johnson was in Stanton recently on business.

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SAMUEL SMILEY'S SAYINGS

The "Retired Statsman" Answers Questions by His Anxious Friends.

I find in my mail the following questions from my former constituents bearing upon the national campaign:

Question. How do Cox and Harding compared with each other as candates?

Answer. Like a dinamo and a hammock.

Q. Will Harding stick to the front porch?

A. What difference will it make? He'll be stuck anyhow.

Q. What is a mandatory?

A. Boise Penrose. (You see a mandatory is somebody set up over the weak or the helpleess until they can get up out of the rocking chair.)

Q. What kind of a peace would we get by Harding's plan for a declaration of peace by congress?

A. One-half of one per cent.

Q. Where is "Trail's End"?

A. After March 24, 1920, it will be located at the White House.

Q. How did I like Franklin Roosevelt's speech?

A. It convinced me that the Roosevelt progressive spirit did not die with T. R. Particularly I liked that reference to Governor

"Cox as the engineer-candidate." It means a candidate who knows what he's doing and how to do it in other words, it means efficiency. Harding is an engineer-candidate, too—stationeer engineer.

Q. What did I think of Governor Coolidge's speech?

A. It was very convincing in one respect. If Governor Coolidge pays only \$34.50 a month rent, any landlord who would charge Senator Harding more than \$25 a month is a profiteer.

Q. Do I think the Republicans are consistent on the League of Nations?

A. "Big Injun" Bill Borah he wouldn't vote for the League of Nations if the saviour of mankind were to ask him. "Big Brother" Bill Taft says he is satisfied with the league covenant just as President Wilson brought it from Paris, and at last reports they were both for harding. Republican consistency on the league is a jewel—the kind you buy at the 5 and 10 cent stores.

Q. What do I think of the Republican plan for the campaign?

A. Recalling the election of Senator Newberry and the way the candidacies of general Wood and Governor Lowden were managed in the late primaries and mindful of what I hear concerning the campaign fund "allotments" it looks to me something

like the Ponzi plan with reverse English. —Samuel Smiley. —In our Exchange.

Of course the people are all right. I have never lost confidence in the great vox populi of my state, but somehow they always manage to vote in such a poliaical propcees the morning after an election.

Another thing about the transparent skirt is that it leaves poor hubbys pocketbook in about the same condition.

"You can't always read a woman's mind, but when ever one of the stout sisters sees another of the stout sisters walking down the street, you can string your money that she is wondering if she herself waddles like that.

The women were a long time getting the ballot, but we suppose that they will acknowledge that all along they have enjoyed the privilege of free speech.

A pach might be "a badge of honor," yet in this cruel old matter-of-fact world it is anything but "a letter of credit."

DOG SCARES BANK EMPLOYEES

The officers and emplyes of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in this city, were badly frightened one day this week just afternoon, when the big Airdale dog of Cashier Thompson bounded in at the front door as same was opened by a customer, and began having fits, showing symptoms of Raboes. The dog ran around over the entire building driving every one in the house to some place of safety, upon the tops of desks, bank fixtures etc, and was shot by Assistant Cashier Booth Warren.

Mr Thompson had raised the dog from a puppy, and he and Mrs. Thompson naturally had become quite attached to same, and while he regretted to loose her, he feels that the dog very likely had rabies, and of course there was nothing else to do but klli her. He also killed another dog which was at home, in order to be sure of no further danger. Other parties who have dogs should watch them very close for a while at least.

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LOST—A chain with Masonic Emblem. Finder return to L. R. Thompson at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

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<p>Friday, September 10 Admission 10-20c</p> <p>Bryant Washburn in "A Man with a Maid" in "Chicken in Turkey" Universal Comedians in "The Keyhole"</p>	<p>Sat. Sept. 11 Adm. 10-20c</p> <p>Vivian Rich in "Would You Forgive" in "A Country Hero" Mutt & Jeff in "Bowling Alley"</p>
<p>Mon., Sept. 13 Adm. 10-20c</p> <p>William Duncan in "The Silent Avenger No. 12" in "Boss of Copperhead" Rainbow Comedians in "Tazzy Janitors"</p>	<p>Wed. Sept. 15 Adm. 10-20c</p> <p>Alice Brady in "Sinners" in "Missed" Topics of the Day</p>
<p>Tues. Sept. 14 One Night Only</p> <p>Hobart Bosworth in "Behind the Door" Thomas Ince Production, from the Story of Gouverneur Morris Admission 10-20-30c A Paramount Special</p>	
<p>Thur. Sept. 16 Admission 10-20c</p> <p>Enid Bennett in "The Virtuous Thief" in THE GUMPS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMING — COMING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"</p>

RETURNS FROM THE FOREIGN COUNTRY

Continued from page one

tables are main source of nourishment. The well known "Kart-offel" or potato is the one headliner, morning, noon, and even under the night pillow according to Mr. Junger who returns very unkindly toward the "spud family".

One sad condition in Germany was lack of children's nourishment, he said. During June another 200,000 head of milk cows were delivered to France against Treaty arrangements and the Nation is suffering intensely for want of the precious fluid.

In the large cities the infants are dying in scores daily from real malnutrition.

Switzerland remains unchanged with its beautiful Alps sceneries and is visited by many thousands of tourists.

Bern the Capital city is a most inviting city and lying directly in the valley of the Bernese Oberland gives very inviting views of the beautiful Alps as they extend to the celebrated Tyrol.

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An hours ride to Interlaken is also very interesting especially the ascent to Mt. Pilatus, which is 18000 feet above sea and reached by a so called "Donkey wall" cog train which runs along the exact edge of the high mountain for which I would not suggest a "nervous ticket" said Mr. Junger.

In returning to New York with the latest Cunard Liner "Aquitania" Mr. Junger was pleased to note the Huge steamship had also only recently been converted to burn real Texas oil and the voyage from South Hampton England to New York was made in five days and 18 hours and 9 minutes, A distance of 3300 miles.

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P. L. McClary tf

Mr. Doyle Knight and Miss Florence McClung, both of McCauley, Texas, were happily united in marriage by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, Wednesday evening at the parsonage.

NOTICE

Those having old cotton in my yard after Sept. 15th. will be charged storage. J. M. Garrett. 1tp

TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to notify the public in general that, my lands are all properly posted according to law, and that any person found hunting, fishing, picnicing or otherwise trespassing upon same will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This means all. J. E. Boaze. 3tf

Mrs. Coyrtney Hunt of Haskell who has been visiting in New Orleans, returned via Merkel for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegy's. Mrs. Hunt left first of the week for her home accompanied by her daughter, Miss Madline, who spent the summer here.

FOR SALE

One New Ford, 1920 Buick, practically new Studebaker. See McDonald Motor Co. tf

Let Democracy Rule In Texas.

The bitter campaign in the history of Texas has just closed. Feeling in Texas is still high, perhaps. Such bitterness is hard to overcome. Therefore it will take cool-headed thinking and planning to re-align the opposing forces so that a solid front may be presented in November.

The American party and the Republicans could win the November election. Will political leaders of the Democratic party in Texas sense the danger and stop it?

No Democrat, regardless of how he voted in the recent primaries, is a good Democrat if he allows the bitterness engendered in the recent contest to control his actions in the forth-coming election. The good loser is the best Democrat. Little attention should be paid now to the recent campaign. It should be forgotten and every loyal and true follower of the Democratic banner should fall in line and support the nominee.

Democrats must line up against American party, Republican of what not. Forget it voter. Pat Neff is the man now, and if you are a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat you will support him against all comers and all parties. Let Democracy and the Democrats rule in Texas.—Sweetwater Daily Reporter.

Unequal Loss

Frederick was sitting on the curb crying when Billy came along and ask him what was the matter.

"Oh, I feel bad cause Major's dead—my nice old collie," sobbed Frederick.

"Shucks," said Billy, "my grandmother's been dead a week and you dont catch me crying."

Frederick gave his eyes and nose a wipe with his hand, and, looking up at Billy, sobbed, despairingly:

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CALE HENRY
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Thrilling story of Adventure

Tuesday—

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Repudiate the Nickles Bid

The Bailey people in Waxahachie say they will not permit Luther Nickles or anyone else to construe the test for them. They claim to have taken it in good faith and they propose to redeem it by going to the polls and voting for Pat Neff in November.—Waxahachie Light. Tom Whipple of Waxahachie and Judge R. L. Stennis of Dallas, two Bailey speakers, have repudiated the Nickles bid for them to stay out of the November election.

Owners of horses and blooded stock are large users of Liquid Borozone. It heals wounds, festering sores, barbed wire cuts by a mild power that leaves no disfiguring scars. Price 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

The Texas farmer ought to know that it is the Republicans who are forcing down the price of cotton. Republicans are always the enemies of the common people. They are likewise the cause of too much rain in this part of Texas, the bubonic plague, mosquitoes and the rheumatism. Never vote for a Republican.—Ex.

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W. H. Warren of Greenville, Texas, was here last week for a visit with his brother-in-law, W. D. Hutcheson and family.

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Mrs. Been and daughter, little Miss Juanita, returned last week from a pleasant visit to relatives in East Texas.

John Boden formerly a citizen

of Merkel, but now a citizen of St. Louis, so we are informed, is here for a visit with friends and relatives.

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After the roll call, the minutes of the last meeting was read and adopted.

There being no unfinished business, new business was taken up and under this head came the election of officers for the coming year. Our former Pres. Mrs. Hutcheson was unanimously chosen as our president the coming year.

Mrs. Henson was chosen secretary and Mrs. Durham as Press reporter. Mrs. Martin was again selected as the teacher of the class with Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Thompson as assistants. The question of a year book was then discussed, but was decided by the class to have the president appoint a program committee for each month. The President immediately appointed Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Martin to arrange a program for the next meeting.

An invitation was then given to every one present to pay dues but the treasurer didn't happen to receive more than she could carry away easily.

This closed the business for the afternoon then came the social hour which we surely did enjoy. We were treated to a number of excellent piano selections.

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We must also assume that they are business men who know they can't afford to let their pumps cheat them at their present narrow margin on gasoline. They must make sure or go bankrupt.

And yet they know that, as any cranking pump wears, its pumping capacity per stroke grows less. What are they going to do about it? Just what they are doing—closing their eyes to conditions.

But we said "nearly all," for testimony of State and Local Inspectors of Weights and Measures, before the Bureau of Standards at Washington has shown that there were some owners of Blind Pumps who didn't even wait for the natural wear of their pumps to give short measure, but from the start fixed their pumps so that they delivered from a pint to a quart short per gallon.

FOR A SQUARE DEAL, PATRONIZE ONLY

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They can't cheat and they can't be cheated. For your 5 gallons of "gas" (or any fraction) is pumped into a big clear glass container before your eyes—then allowed to flow into your tank. You see both the quality and the condition of the gasoline.

It's a one-operation pump. Won't operate till the sliding cylindrical doors are locked wide open: So you look clear through the glass cylinder as it is filling.

Won't discharge till the pump stops and the inlet valve is closed.

You see what you get, and gett ALL you see. For Victory Visible Service and a square deal, call on

WOODRUM & GOLIGHTLY

Resolutions On The Death of H. W. Derstine.

At a stated meeting of Merkel, Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. held on the 28th day of August, A. D. 1920, the following resolutions were adopted.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. & A. M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother H. W. Derstine, beg to submit the following.

Whereas, on the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1920, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother, H. W. Derstine and to transplant him as a member to that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and Whereas, brother Derstine was a charter member of this lodge, and held a continuous membership with us for thirty year, and at all times loyal to the A. F. and A. M. that in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principals of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of these great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God and Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother, or friend, to aid him at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Be it further, resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed to The Merkel Mail for publication and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

N. D. Cobb
 Joe Holmes
 J. L. Harris.

FOR SALE

One New Ford, 1920 Buick, practically new Studebaker. See McDonald Motor Co. tf

Alice Bigham of Abilene, was the guest of Miss Hazel Harkrider this week.

FOR SALE

One seven-room house and six lots. One seven-room house and two lots. One Store building to rent. Call on W. P. Duckett at store or residence. tf

A cross, sickly baby suffering from digestive trouble and looseness of the bowels needs McGee's Elixir. It checks the bowels, eases the stomach and restores healthy conditions. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.



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.

Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites.

In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 50 cents bottle. Large size \$1.00. JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

EVANS-BROWN WEDDING

The marriage Tuesday morning September 7th, of Miss Geneva Edith Brown of this city to Mr. Melvin J. Evans, of Brooklyn, New York, at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown, was among the most surprising but happy events taking place in this city for some time. The occasion was a very quiet affair, there being only intimate friends and relatives present. Rev. E. E. Dawson, pastor of the First Baptist church, Coleman, Texas, formerly pastor of the Baptist church of Merkel, performed the ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple accompanied by a few relatives and close friends, rushed to an awaiting car amid showers of rice, and drove to Abilene, there they took the "Sunshine Special" for their future home in New York. But a host of friends followed, and placed cards of "Newly Weds", "Just Married, Begosh" etc., on their car and in the Pullman. Also the old shoes, lemons, rice etc, for "good luck" were much in evidence.

The bride is one of Merkel's most cultured, popular and lovely young ladies, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown, Mr. Brown being one of our popular and well known business men, and the Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in extending heartiest congratulations to the happy couple. Miss Brown received her high school education at Cleburn, being a 1917 graduate.

She attended Simmons College in Abilene in 1918 and Baylor College at Belton, in 1919, and this last spring was awarded the medal for having made the greatest progress in voice in the shortest length of time.

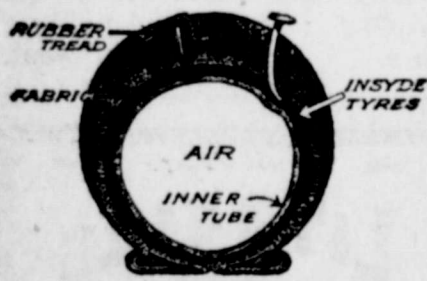
We are informed that the groom, was formerly a well known and popular young business man of Cleburne, where the romance which ended so happily here was begun, and who is now assistant manager for the Doehler Die-Casting Company of Brooklyn, New York, Toledo and Chicago, with headquarters at Brooklyn. The happy couple will be at home after Oct. 1st at 175 Eighth Ave., Brooklyn.

We also learn that Mrs. Evans will attend Columbia University this year, receiving her diploma next spring.

REESE - BRYANT NUPTIALS

At eight o'clock on Thursday Night Sept. 3, Miss Inez Bryant and Edward Reese were quietly Married in the presence of a few friends and relatives by Mr. W. Wheeler Justice of the Peace.

The bride is the charming young daughter of Mrs. J. R. Weathersby, having moved here only a short time ago from



Insyde tyres, inner armour for auto tires doubles mileage, prevents blowouts and punctures, vulcanizes to casing. Sold by W. E. Duckett, Merkel Texas 10tf

ON A CASH BASIS

Owing to the continued rise in the price of Oils and Gasoline we the undersigned dealers in Merkel will sell these two articles on and after September 12, 1920, for CASH ONLY.

When Gasoline was 10 cents per gallon there was a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It is now 33 cents per gallon and there is still only a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It has gotten so high, and seems to be going higher, that it takes too much money to handle it for the small margin and then make a charge and collection of same.

So we kindly ask our friends and patrons to be governed accordingly, and not ask us to charge Gasoline and Oil on and after September 12.

Woodrum & Golightly's Filling Station
Commercial Motor Company
Merkel Motor Company
McFarland Garage
Merkel Garage

MISS TRACY'S READING TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY IGHT

We are requested to announce that on next Friday night Miss Lucy Tracy, Expression teacher in the Merkel Public Schools, will give her reading, "The Doll House", at the High School Auditorium to-nigha, (Friday).

Admission to this splendid entertainment will be 25 and 50 cents, and the proceeds will go to the Parent-Teachers Association. Buy a ticket now, you will always be glad of it.

Messrs Jack Durham and Preston Guthrie left last Saturday, for Midland, where they went to enter Midland College, one of the best Junior Colleges in this part of the country. The writer had occasion to visit Midland recently and it is our pleasure to state that we found this College to be well equipped and supplied with a strong faculty of educators, and last but not least, backed by every citizen of Midland and the Midland country. We found that city to be strictly modern and uptodate, inhabited by the highest class of citizenship. And enjoyed most of a day spent there with Hon. C. C. Watson, the talented and clever Editor of the Midland Reporter, one of the best patronized and best edited weekly newspapers in the state.

Married in Abilene.

John L. Cargill and Miss May Reynolds, both of Merkel, were married Monday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock in the office of Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford at the County Court House. The couple left at once for Merkel where they will make their home.—Reporter.

Will Move Here From Abilene.

Mr. S. G. Houston, splendid and influential citizen of Abilene, has purchased the home Mr. C. T. Mereshon, in the west part of the city, and will soon move with his family to same. We are glad to have these splendid people among us.

We are here to stay, not only a temporary vocation. And we always strive to please you. Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailoring Company, Phone 180. 10tf.

J. H. Craig and wife returned first of the week from an extended visit to the former's home in the state of Alabama. Mr. Craig reports a very enjoyable time while there, but says West Texas and Merkel looks good to him

Dont fail to see our mattress bargain window. Barrow Furniture Company. 1tc

Mrs. O. W. Dolahite of Abilene was here this week for a visit to her brother H. D. Simpson and wife.

Just received a car of Johnson Grass Hay. At the barn located just west of the Merkel Lumber Company, on Kent Street. T. J. L. Swafford. 1t.

B. C. Gaither left last week for Llano, where he will spend some time with friends and relatives.

See me for a real bargain. Nice residence one-half block of Christian Church. Davis Beasley 1tc

Abilene.

The groom is a prominent young business man of Trent, but both have a host of friends here who wish them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese left immediately for Abilene and other points before going to Trent to make their home.

When your clothes need cleaning, pressing, repairing or altering, bring them to me. Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailoring Co., Phone 180. 10tf

I. D. Walton returned first of the week from an extended visit to relatives at Goree, Texas.

WHITE-FOWLER WEDDING

Rev. W. M. Murrell pastor of the Methodist church of this city in his usual pleasing and appropriate manner pronounced the words which made man and wife Mr. William White and Miss Ada Fowler, the ceremony taking place at the parsonage in this city on last Thursday morning.

We understand the groom is from East Texas and the bride resided a short distance from the city. Hearty congratulations are extended the happy couple.

If you would like to buy a mattress at a real bargain just come to Barrows this week. 1t.

G. L. Baker and wife of six miles northeast was in the city yesterday the guests of their daughter, Mrs Brooks Patterson. Mr. Baker stated that the worms were damaging the cotton pretty badly, and that in his estimation it was hard to estimate just what the outcome would be. He reports fine feed crops at this time.

Come in and look over our new fall line of Samples. We have four of the best lines on the market. And you cannot get a better selection or better prices elsewhere. So come in now, and see them. Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailor or Shop. Phone 180. 1tf

Cemetery Association Needs Funds

We are requested to announce that in order to keep the cemetery in the proper condition during the balance of the year additional funds are now needed. This is no doubt caused by the continued wet weather, and all who will are requested to hand in their donations to any member of the committee having this work in charge, which is Mrs. R. O. Anderson, T. L. Grimes, Claud Comegy's and R. L. Bland.

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