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GRIDIRON WORKERS ARE PREPARING

The boys of the Merkel High School under the direction and boosting of Mr. Miller and the coaching of Bill Stevens have been doing some fine work for the past week. They are going at it with a determination to make the touchdowns in Merkel's favor. More than twenty boys are coming out for practice. The coach is sure that out of this number a winning team can be picked. The boys are in for clean athletics, are going to work for what they win, and believe they merit the support of the people of the town who believe that clean athletics is a wholesome thing for a strong, young American.

The boys are much indebted to the Merkel Motor Company in donating the use of their Fordson to put the football field in shape. The Fordson and that disc-harrow certainly did take to that ground and put it in fine shape "to fall on."
The city in clover will meet as its first opponent the bunch from Abilene High at Abilene on Sept 24th. From reports of the work of both teams, this first game promises to be an interesting one. Many Merkel boosters for the boys are already planning to accompany the team to Abilene.

The boys are also much indebted to the business men of the town who so generously came to the support of the team in subscribing to the fund to buy suits and other equipment. This is the kind of support that the boys appreciate, and that of the so-called booster who wishes to ruin the sport of athletics by gambling on the game is not needed. Some day this may bring the same fate to athletics that the same kind of action brought to the sport of horse racing.

REVIVAL PROGRESSING—MANY ADDED

The Revival at the Baptist church which began last Sunday and scheduled to continue up to and including next Sunday night September 19, is progressing nicely. Is well attended at the day services and by large crowds at the evening services, and each meeting is growing in interest; there being up to Wednesday night sixteen additions to the church.

Pastor Parrack, who is doing the preaching is delivering forcible and interesting gospel messages at each service, and there is every evidence that this will be among the most successful meetings of the year. The services for this, (Friday) morning, will be a special "Old Folks" service, and a large attendance with fine results is expected. Announcement will be made later as to when and where the baptismal services will be had.

Trent Bank Has Fine Statement

We take pleasure in calling your attention to the splendid financial statement published in this paper by the First State Bank of Trent. It will be noticed that the individual deposits in this statement are shown to be \$156,096.04, whereas their statement published from the call on Sept. 12 of last year shows that the individual deposits were only \$87,947.79. The statement would do credit to a bank located in a town much larger than is the city of Trent. A credit to the town, and shows that the bank is in the most capable hands.

MR. BROWN RETURNS FROM MARKET

E. N. Brown, manager for the Brown Dry Goods Company, returned Wednesday from the Eastern Markets, where he had been to re-plenish his large fall stock of merchandise in certain lines. He came back feeling optimistic over conditions as he found them, and especially as to crop conditions in the Merkel country. He says that from Calahan county east the cotton crop is very poor and in many places a total failure on account of the wet weather and ravages by the worms.

Farmers in Erath Are Moving West

Stevensville, Texas, Sept 15—Owing to the condition of the cotton prospect, caused by the ravages of the boll weevils and other field pests, scores of Erath farmers are leaving the county and going west to spend the season picking cotton and working in the feed harvest.

The farmers of this country and more especially the tenants, are discouraged, but the greater portion are holding "stiff upper lips" and making preparations to try it again. Before leaving they renew their rental contracts with their landlords for another year.

Bankers, merchants and business men in general are urging and encouraging the farmers to diversify their crops another year by planting a little cotton and more corn, potatoes and other crops that are less liable to be destroyed by pests. It is the general opinion Erath County will grow the largest diversified crops another year in its history.

Methodist Church Notice

Special services Sunday morning. On account of renewing our church on the inside. Come and see how nice it looks and take part in this rededicatory service Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We expect two hundred and fifty at Sunday School. The regular service Sunday night at 8 o'clock.
W. M. Murrell, Pastor

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject—The church and the Kingdom
Leader—Ruth Boden
Scripture reading—Psalm 19.
1. The Doctrine of the Kingdom
2. The Doctrine of the Kingdom
3. Elma Landrath
Mr. Jackson
4. Special Music...Lula Sharp
5. The Local Church. Miss Varlie Dye.
Conclusion..... Mr. Hancock

Old Timer Visits Here

Capt. J. T. Tucker, now of Pecos, but for many, many years a citizen of Merkel and Taylor county, was here this week to look after the splendid farming interest he maintains in the Mulberry Canyon community, and to incidentally meet and shake hands with his numerous friends.

Capt. Tucker, who is not only a pioneer in Taylor county, but a native Texan, who came to Taylor county and settled in the Mulberry Canyon in the year of 1879, forty-one years ago. Long before the T. and P. built out of Fort Worth even. During the days of Populist political popularity. He represented Taylor and three adjacent counties in the Texas Legislature.

Although a man 75 years of age, the Capt. is in fine health and is able to go about as he pleases.

Mrs. N. J. Armstrong mother of Dr. M. Armstrong, fell one day this week, and dislocated her left hip, but is resting fairly well for one her age at this time. We join many friends in the hopes that she will soon be well again.

COMPARING THE BANK DEPOSITS

As the best evidence of the fine conditions the fall season finds Merkel and the Merkel country, we site you to the bank statements of the two banks of this city as published in this issue, as compared to those published in September of last year. The deposits of the two banks as per the call by the government and state comptrollers for statements at the close of business on Sept 8, shows there is on deposit the high sum of \$1,115,361.17, as compared to the sum of \$642,194.53, when the call was made on the 26th of last September, and after nearly five hundred bales of cotton had been marketed here.

The above is indeed a great showing for our two banks, especially owing to the fact that this is strictly a farming country, and we doubt if this record can be beat. Now watch for their next published statement, for we predict they will be larger than the most optimistic citizen this country every had a few years ago. In fact, if the price of cotton should be what it should no one can hardly guess just how much money there will be in this county before the coming of the holidays.

TWO TONS MAIZE THIS YEARS CROP

Our good friend J. B. Foster who resides a few miles north of Merkel was in the city one day first of the week, and while he was just a bit blue over the prospects of his cotton crop, believing that the worms had damaged it considerably, he was proud of the fact that his feed crop was indeed fine, saying that he would likely get at least two tons of maize to the acre. That's some feed. And we kinda believe Mr. Foster will make many bales of cotton more than he can gather, with the force he has, which is only himself and son. But here's hoping he gets plenty of help. He has a good house for a family.

Presbyterian Services

We hope to see an unusually good attendance at Sunday School and church next Sunday. A special program is being arranged for the 11 a. m. service, to which all are invited. You will miss something worth while if you miss that. We want YOU to COME.

Commercial Motor Co. Change.

A deal was consummated this week whereby Messrs M. E. Canan and C. P. Hendricks, who for some time have been associated with the Beasley Bros. in the Truck and Automobile business, under the firm name of the Commercial Motor Company, have purchased the interest of said Messrs Beasley Brothers, and will continue the business as heretofore.

Mrs. R. M. Emby of Temple, sister of Mrs. W. O. Boney, is here for a visit to the latter. Also Mrs. J. J. Harkins, another sister of Mrs. Boney, who resides at Roscoe, was here first of the week.

Miss Lola Armstrong left Tuesday for Fort Worth where she will enter Texas Womens College for the ensuing term. Miss Lola is one of our finest girls, will be greatly missed by her host of friends.

MISS TRACY'S RECITAL GRAND TREAT

The recital given by Miss Lucy Tracy, teacher of Expression in our school, at the High School Auditorium on last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association, was attended by a large and appreciative audience. Her selection was "The Doll's House" in three acts, and not withstanding the fact that Merkel people have had the pleasure of hearing readers who bear national reputations, it was the unanimous opinion of every one present that this reading by Miss Tracy, a Merkel reared young lady, was by far the grandest they had ever heard any where.

And let us say here that, those of our citizenship who missed this entertainment, missed a rare treat indeed.

The sum of \$53.00 was the amount of the entrance fees for the evening, which was donated to the Parent-Teachers Association to be used in the interest of the school.

Mrs. M. A. Dowdy of Fort Worth, after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Matthews, left last night for her home.

FARMERS INSTITUTE TUESDAY SEPT. 21

To the Public:—Hon. Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture, assisted by T. G. Marks, of the State Department of Agriculture, will hold a Farmers Institute at the following places:
Hamlin, Sat. Sept 18th 3. p. m.
Merkel, Tues. Sept 21st 3 p. m.
Trent, Wed. Sept. 22nd 3. p. m.
Sylvester Thrs. Sept. 23d, 3 p. m.
Blackwell Fri. Sept. 24. 3. p. m.
Robert Lee, Sat. Sept 25. 3. p. m.
Miles, Mon. Sept. 27th. 2. p. m.
Winters Tues. Sept. 28th 3:30
Bradshaw, Wed. Sept. 29th 3. 00
Buffalo Gap, Thrs. Sept. 30 2:00
Foch, Friday Oct. 1st. 3. p. m.
Post, Sat. Oct. 2nd 3. p. m.
Cotton and cotton seed marketing and pricing will be discussed.

At a recent meeting of the State Farmers Institute a committee composed of forty-two farmers, one farmer each from forty-two counties well distributed over the State, found that it cost on an average of 46 cents per pound to produce the 1920 cotton crop, and recommend that farmers do not sell for less than 48 cents per pound middling basis; allowing a small profit of 2 cents per pound. The Institute also recommended \$50.00 per ton for cotton seed.

Come, join the movement for a profitable price. Get your neighbor to come. Victory or defeat for profitable prices depends upon your action, which shall it be? All agricultural organizations having the cause of agriculture at heart and want to see the farmers get justice should be present.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. Neil, Director of

NOTICE

Fordson Tractor Plowing Demonstration Friday and Saturday just North of the section house on Pike.

We want you to see and try out for your own satisfaction the most needed piece of machinery for the farm on the market today. Also the Oliver Chilled Automatic Trip Disc Plow, the Roderic Lean Disc Harrow and the Cultipacker.

Merkel Motor Co.
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AN ENVIABLE RECORD.

Judge John Reinhard of Boerne, Texas, who has recently made a visit to his son, John C. Reinhard, our enterprising photographer, gives us the following record of his official career in the County of Kendale. He was elected to the office of Sheriff in 1878 and held same for six years. In 1884 he was elected County Judge and held that office until 1888. In that year he was elected to the office of County and District Clerk and held same until 1918. This made an unbroken record of 40 years of official service to the people of Kendale County. He had opponents in the various races only about half of the time and always came out with a big majority. When he had rounded out 40 years of service he said "that's enough," that's the only reason he isn't in office today. Who can beat this record?.

REAL ESTATE DEALS

Through the Merkel Realty Company, J. M. Jordan purchased from Mr. West who lives in the White Church community, the latter's residence on the North side, and will soon move to same.

Mr. Price who lives near Tye, has purchased from Mr. W. C. Barton, the latter's residence in the south part of the city.

A Happy Surprise

Upon their return from church last Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford were indeed but happily surprised to find already prepared and set on the table a sumptuous dinner. The occasion was a surprise in honor of Mrs. Swafford's 64th birthday; hence the preparing and bringing in by their children of the delicious dinner. All their children living in Merkel as well as their son Sam, of Big Springs, were present, and which brought joy and pleasure to this splendid old couple, who have but recently re-moved to Merkel from Big Springs where resided the past year.

Building Two New Homes.

P. L. McClary local building contractor, was awarded the contract by Messrs Tom Largent and Jinks Winter, for the erection of two modern five-room bungalows, to be erected at once on a beautiful site near the Baptist church.

We understand the buildings will be for sale, but best of all their erection will help to solve the serious housing condition now existing in Merkel. May other gentlemen who have the means also build some new homes.

T. F. Harwell, one of the splendid farmers residing near Stith, was in the city yesterday, and while here dropped in and had us send the Mail to his former neighbor John W. Lyles who recently moved to Bells, Texas. Mr. Harwell reports the worms still working in his cotton, and fears as a result his crop will be quite short.

C. L. Eoff who farmed this year 12 miles north, when asked about his cotton stated that it was very fine so far, and that he would likely make as much cotton this year as last. In order that he might secure sufficient force to gather his cotton Mr. Eoff and family came to town and rented a home, giving their home in the country over to a family to gather his cotton.

Cotton Pickers

Wanted, cotton pickers at once, have house for them to go into. Will pay customary prices. See Dr. Armstrong.

TWO TEACHERS ARE ADDED TO FACULTY

To care for the big increase in the attendance in the Merkel School, it became necessary this week to add to the faculty another teacher for the Primary Department. Miss Mamie Ellis, who is later to teach where she formerly taught near Clyde, has taken charge of one section of the second grade. The second grade became so large that a division had to be made, Miss Ellis will help with this section until a permanent teacher for the room is found or until her school begins.

As many know, our Spanish teacher who was employed last spring, received a few days ago a U.S. Government appointment to teach in Panama. She sent in her resignation and left Saturday for Colon, Panama. Miss Bertha Davis arrived Wednesday of this week from Dallas to take charge of the Spanish classes. She was educated at Baylor University, and comes to us very highly recommended.

Another important addition made this week to the faculty was that of Mrs. L. B. Howard as teacher of music. Merkel is very fortunate in securing the services of so efficient a teacher for the music department of her high school.

The teachers are now able to care for the pupils of their rooms, tho some are still somewhat crowded, and more teaching force will be needed if there is any increase in the enrollment in their rooms. The parents should visit the school and see for themselves the work being done.

The open season for punkin pie is from October 1st until the supply is exhausted.

FIRST BALE COTTON RECEIVED FRIDAY

The beginning of the 1920 cotton season in the Merkel community was begun on last Friday, when Reese West who resides a few miles southeast, brought in the first bale. The bale was ginned by the J. D. Hamm gin, and was bought by G. M. Sharp, local groceryman and cotton buyer at 26 cents per pound. A premium of \$50.00, which had been collected by a couple of enterprising gentlemen from the business men, was given Mr. West.

The second bale was brought in shortly after the first one, by W. H. Brookerson, of the Mt. Pleasant community, which was also ginned by Mr. Hamm, and purchased by A. C. Rose, of the Merkel Dry Goods Company at 26 1/2 cents per pound. A premium of \$35.00 was given on this bale, leaving a balance of the \$101.00 collected as premium for the first three bales, to go to the third man.

And as this is being written, (Wednesday afternoon) about ten bales had been received, seven of which came in today, and the price being paid was from 27 to 28 cents.

First Bale Last Year Aug. 29. This Year Sept. 10.

According to the files of the Merkel Mail the first bale of cotton brought in during the fall of last year, 1919, was brought in on August 29, and sold for 30 and a quarter cents per pound. A premium of \$21.25 was also given.

This year the first bale was brought in on Sept. 10, and sold at 26 cents per pound. And a premium of \$50.00 was given.



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R. L. BLAND Vice President
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F. Y. GAITHER Asst. Cashier

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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

Mrs. Dr. Cranford and daughter, Mrs. L. D. Gaither, visited in Abilene last week.

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

Ellis Warren was over last week shaking hands with his host of friends, and incidentally looking after business matters.

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. tf

J. M. Boney, with Western Union Telegraph Company as Foreman, was here first of the week for a visit to his parents and other relatives, and scores of friends.

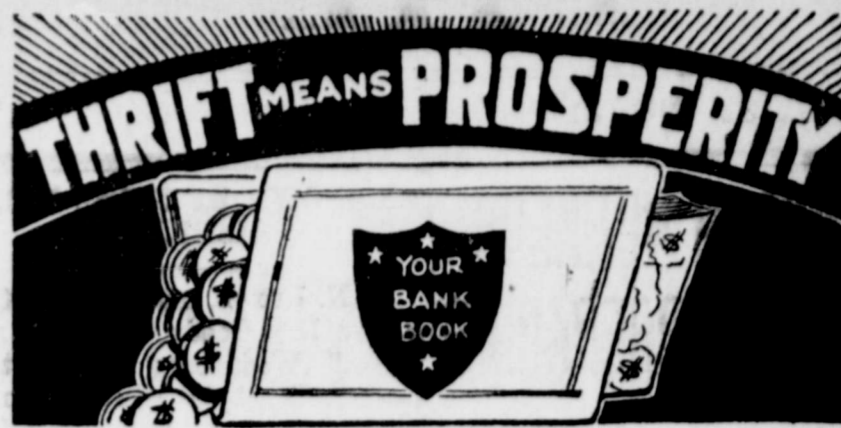
B. M. Tubbeville, a prominent citizen of Smithfield, Texas was here last week for a visit to the Moore boys and Mrs. T. J. Toombs. Mr. Tubbeville, who is now hale and hearty at 74 years and in company with Mr. G. W. Moore, made this office an appreciated call.

Mrs. Henry Marques and son Raymond stopped off here a few days the past week with R. A. Vick and family while enroute to their new home at Plainview, Texas.

T. P. Moore of Kinnedale, was here this week for a visit with the Moore boys south of town.

Man With Family
Would like to have man with family to work with cattle, at satisfactory salary. For further particulars see or write C. M. Largent, Merkel, Texas. 2t.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance



CONDENSED STATEMENT

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Sept. 8, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$480,288.88
U. S. Securities	15,896.49
Other Bonds and Warrants	1,571.60
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Five Per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EXCHANGE	104,096.58
Total	\$611,616.05

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	17,220.69
Circulation Account	6,200.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	523,195.36
Total	\$611,616.05



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.

EVER BILIOUS?

Charleston, Miss.—Mrs. R. V. Heins, of this place, says: "I have never had to use very much medicine, because if I felt headache, dizziness, or colds, bad taste in the mouth, which comes from torpid liver, I would take a dose or more of Black-Draught, and it would straighten me out and make me feel as good as new. We have used in our family for years

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

and it certainly is the best liver medicine I ever saw. It has not only saved me money, it has helped keep my system in shape, and has never weakened me as so many physics do. I recommend it to my friends and am glad to do so." Black-Draught is the old, reliable liver medicine which you have doubtless heard much about. When you feel badly all over, stomach not right, bad taste in your mouth, bilious, or have a headache, try Theford's Black-Draught. At all Druggists.

Always Insist on the Genuine!

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HOW SHALL I VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NOV. 2...

(E. B. Moore, Abilene Tex)

Every one who keeps up with state affairs knows that the voters of Texas will vote on a constitutional amendment on Nov. 2, but not everyone has as yet informed himself or herself as to what that amendment provides. It is known as the "Better Schools" Amendment and seeks to grant to every school district in the state to vote such tax for the support of the schools of that district as the voters of that district may desire. No other district can decide what tax your district will vote, but under this amendment, if carried, each district will vote such tax as it pleases.

At present this privilege is enjoyed by only about 50 cities of the state, but is denied to country districts and smaller

towns. Voting for this amendment will be a vote to let each district in the state have the same privilege if it wants to exercise it.

The time was not many years ago when Texas stood well up among the states of the Union as to its educational funds and its schools; but the other states have advanced and Texas has stood still, till now Texas stands nearly at the foot of the class—only three of the states of the Union being as low in school provisions as is Texas.

The teachers of our children are the poorest paid of the trades or professions, with perhaps only one exception. The Teachers of Texas last year, outside the cities, averaged less than \$700. for their year's work. They were employed for the busy season, and idle the balance of the year—so far as their profession goes. An average of less than \$60 a month. Is it any wonder

the better educated ones are leaving the teaching profession and going to other lines of work

This condition is little improved over what it was in Texas 25 years ago. Think how other wage price and conditions have advanced in that time, and then ask yourself if you think you are treating your children fair—if you are giving them a fair chance when you limit them to schools taught by poorly equipped teachers.

We seek the best conditions in every other way. The high-priced, fast-going auto has largely taken the place of the horse and buggy. We are spending thousands of dollars on roads (but not enough) where we used to spend little or nothing. Progress is the program everywhere more than in our schools, which have the training of the minds of our children.

Half the states in the Union place no limit on the taxes a dis-

trict may still vote for its school Texas is not one of those states, but still limits the tax any community may vote (except about 50 of its cities) to 50 cents on the \$100 of property value. This amendment is to let the districts vote such tax for schools as they may desire to do.

Vote for the "Better Schools" Amendment to the constitution on November 2.

Miss Bernice Rainbolt, who for some time has been employed at Eastland, has accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, entering upon her duties as Stenographer, Wednesday of this week. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is at home and will be here permanently now.

Sam Jones and wife of Amorrillo, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas Bright, of Trent.

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Protects you in case of BODILY INJURY OR DISEASE—Doubles the face of Policy in case of accidental death.

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PARKER SHARP, Agent

Merkel, Texas

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

The table and seats are built in a corner of the kitchen 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.

PHONE 74

L. D. Levy Local Mgr.

ALL WOOL—BUT SHODDY

If you go to a store to buy a suit of clothes and the merchant brings one out for your inspection and tells you it is all "all wool" the chances are he is telling you the truth, but in the slang of the day, "It does not mean anything." Your suit may be "all wool" and still be made of "shoddy."

With the beginning of the great war, conservation and substitution were preached through out the land, and in meeting the crisis, Americans gladly made sacrifices both as to food and to clothing. It seems now that the lessons so necessary in time of war, are being adapted by the junk man and the profiteer. Millions of old, all wool uniforms have been bought up by junk men and ground into material to be used in the manufacture of "all wool" clothing. In the meantime the price of junk has advanced until, according to Waldemar Kaempfert, in McClure's there are over 300 junkmen millionaires in the United States. The demand for all wool shoddy is increasing while the warehouses of the country are packed with virgin wool and the market below the cost of production.

It is time that both producers and consumers should demand that manufacturers and merchants correctly label their merchandise so that the purchaser may know whether he is getting all wool shoddy or virgin wool. It is time that the rag pickers be relegated to his old position in society and the grower and producer of honest goods be given a place in the sunlight.—Farm and Ranch.

A New Meat Market.

Mr. McCoy, a local cattle dealer, has recently opened on Front Street a nice up-to-date Meat Market, announcement of which may be found in this paper.

Mr. McCoy states that he expects to handle nothing but the best of beef and pork and other meats in season, which gives Merkel two splendid Meat Markets.

--- NEW --- Meat Market

We have just opened in the Boney building on Front Street a First-Class Meat Market and will have on hand at all times, the best

BEEF, PORK AND OTHER FRESH MEAT

obtainable, and will appreciate a share of your patronage in our line.

As a token of our appreciation of a share of your business, we intend to sell our meat in a way that will Bring Down High Cost of Living.

Everything is strictly Sanitary and Clean. Come in and try some of our juicy steaks and be convinced that it will pay you to buy your meat from us.

We make a Specialty of
Pure Pork Sausage

McCoy's Meat Market

BEING MUTUALLY HELPFUL

As business men in the cities, through their trade publications or while at their clubs, discuss the problems of the business world, and assist each other over difficult places, so should the farmer and the stockman be of mutual assistance to each other. No single class of business men have more problems to solve and no single line requires a greater amount of intelligent application. Intelligent discussion of the various phases of farm life; of home life; of successes and of failures will bring answers to many difficult questions which have been troubling you.

Make the Farm and Ranch your trade paper. Its columns are always open to you. If you have been successful along any

one or more lines and have discovered new methods of increasing production, give the results of your work through these columns to others. If you have made a failure where others have been successful, tell some other farmer or stockman about it. Farm and Ranch may be able to help you, or some other farmer can show you where you made your mistake. What is being done to community work in your neighborhood? Have you discovered new methods of marketing farm produce? Have you any helpful suggestions in connection with the betterment of the farm home? These and numerous other subjects offer an unlimited field for mutual exchange of experiences. Help the Farm and Ranch to help the farmer. It is your paper.—Farm and Ranch.

LONE STAR PLANTING SEED FOR 1921

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1920

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I planted Lone Star Cotton seed, furnished by Cage Seed Company, on 1,000 acres this season, 1920. It is a deep rooted, heavy fruiting cotton and I like it better than any cotton I have ever planted. On all sales to date, I have received 1½ cents per pound premium above my neighbor's in the same sale, to the same man, on the same day. This premium was given me on the length and quality of the Staple. I shall plant my entire crop for 1921 in Lone Star, which verifies the truth of the above statement.

W. L. Fallwell

Lone Star Seed sold by
McDonald & Anderson, Merkel, Texas
B. C. Moore, Trent, Texas

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.

Display de Luxe at The Haberdashery

We have just received a large shipment of genuine Velour Hats in a great variety of styles and colors.

Also complete line of new
Fall Suits, Shirts, Pants,
Shoes, Hose and Neckwear

Extra special values in Silk Shirts
and knitted underwear

We will make reductions on our entire stock next Saturday. Come in and inspect our stock before buying your fall needs.

CORNER HABERDASHERY

Three doors West of Economy Store

Splendid Showing of Beautiful Furs

An alluring presentation of new modes in capes, wraps, small furs is here for your inspection. Every fashionable fur featured and the selection is so varied that every preference may be gratified.

WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SUITS

Each with its touch of individuality.

This early showing features a goodly collection of handsome suits which typify the smartest styles, choicest fabrics, and finest tailoring, and every day adds new arrivals to swell our showing. Of special interest are the new style lines, new trimmings and new materials.

CHARMINGLY STYLED DRESSES FOR ALL OCCASIONS

This is not to be exclusively a suit season. One piece dresses are attracting equal attention, and the modes displayed are positively wonderful. Individuality of style and careful workmanship are features of all the dresses we are offering.

Full line of up to-date piece goods and ladies ready to wear. Special inducements Saturday. Make your shopping worth while.

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For more than a week now the sun has been shining and the boll worm talk is abating fast.

That the boll worm has done considerable damage to many farmers crop there is no doubt, but it is more likely the crops were damaged more by the excessive wet weather than by the worms.

Cotton is opening fast and the cry of pickers is soon to be heard. Some people might have been better off today had they put in more time hunting pickers than trying to show the balance of the world that their crop had been ruined by worms.

As further evidence that the fall season is now upon us, one has only to take a peep in at the different Dry Goods stores of Merkel, where they may find the

largest and most complete stock of fall and winter goods ever brought to this city. In fact our merchants are a live, progressive and up to-date bunch of merchants, who continually try to keep in stock the thing their customers desire and want. Of course most all dry goods are high yet, but we venture that one can buy goods cheaper in Merkel than they can buy them from any mail order house, when quality is considered. Let's keep money at home by patronizing home industry.

"The present age suffers from nothing more distinctly than a great and general craze to make everything in life amusing," says the Houston Chronicle. "It has entered the school and the workshop, as well as some other places. We may yet see a jury render its verdict in ragtime. Of course, it is only natural for people to like entertainment, but is it natural for them to regard entertainment as the most worthy object to be sought, or escapable of producing the highest type of pleas-

ure? There are some things in life, and essential to life, that can never be made amusing. There are some joys in life, and with out which life would lose much of its grip, that have practically no relation to amusement. Millions have enjoyed "The Old Oaken Bucket", and Suwannee River", but no one has been amused by them. We have heard alleged musicians rag both in these later days of jazz and high jinx. A few may have been amused, but no one enjoyed it. Joy goes deeper than a giggle

or a guffaw. No one can appreciate what it means without having cried with it. There is nothing wrong or undesirable in amusement, but it represents little more than a soft, superficial side. Some thing in life must be taken seriously, and lose their joy-producing power unless they are taken seriously. There is little occasion for laughter in a corn patch, but there is a lot of good, wholesome satisfaction in marketing the crop. It would be very difficult, we imagine, to convert the

multiplication tables into a source of merriament, but there is some real, honest-to-goodness delight in being able to show the grocer where he has made a mistake in his bill. What is equal to the transfiguration of a mothers face when she hears the cry of her first born, yet how could it be what it is with pain and anguish? The pleasure of seeing others do something is often agreeable, but always passing. The pleasure of doing things for ones self, even though it involves sweat and suffering, is the only real kind. There is a time for play and a time for work. When we mix the two too freely, we get a neutralized, colorless compound."

A BACHELOR'S PRAYER

Backward, turn backward, O
Time, in your flight!
Give us a maiden with skirts not
so tight;
Give us a girl whose charmes,
many or few,
Are not exposed by much peek-
a-boo
Give us a maiden, no matter
what age
Who won't use the street for a
vaudeville stage;
Give us a girl not so sharp in
view;
Dress her in skirts the sun won't
shine through.
Then give us the dances of
days long goneby;
With plenty of clothes and steps
not so high;
Ooust turkey-trot capers and
buttermilk glides,
The hurdy-gurdy twist and the
wagle-tail slide;
Then let us feast our tired optics
once more,
On a genuine woman as sweet as
of yore.
Yes, Time, please turn backward
and grant our request
For God's richest blessing—but
not one undressed.
—The Wyoming Mountineer.

B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from his visit to relatives in Llano county.

COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

<p>Friday, September 17 Douglas Fairbanks in "Picture in the Papers" Universal Comedians in "Cards & Cupid"</p>	<p>Admission 10-20c George Ovey in "Ladies Must Dance" Universal Comedians in "Cards & Cupid"</p>	<p>Sat. Sept. 18 William Russell in "Leave it to Me" Mutt & Jeff in "Nothing but girls"</p>	<p>Adm. 10-20c Charlie Chaplin in "The Pawn Shop"</p>
<p>Mon., Sept. 20 William Duncan in "The Silent Avenger No. 13" Universal-Animal Comedy</p>	<p>Adm. 10-20c Hoot Gibson in "Fighting Pals"</p>	<p>Tues. Sept. 21 Dorris Keane in "Romance"</p>	<p>Adm. 10-20c Mack Swain in "Bungled Bungalows" Pathe Review</p>
<p>Wed. Sept. 22 Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm" An Arcraft Special, from the play by Kate Douglas Wiggin Admission 10-20-30c Miss Pickford's Best Picture</p>			
<p>Thur. Sept. 23 Madelain Traverse in "The Spirit of Good"</p>	<p>Admission 10-20c Carter De Haven in "Fly in Ointment" The Gumps</p>	<p>COMING — — COMING "The Luck of the Irish" A Real Art Special, with an all-star cast</p>	

CLASSIFIED ADS

HONEY—Made by OLD Style Bees, at W. F. Hamblett. 1t.

FOR SALE—A good second hand delivery wagon. See Mrs. W.A. McSpadden, at The Merkel Power Company. 10tf.

FOR SALE—New Dodge touring car. Dr. Gambill. 17t2p.

FOR SALE—Span of mules, wagon and harness. J. R. Baze. 17tf.

FOUND—Between Merkel and Trent a suit case composed of men's clothing. Owner can have same by paying for this add. W. J. Beckham, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—A well located farm three miles East of Merkel (The Petty Estate) Good School and Church close. The Clyde Fruit Farm is also for sale too at a price to sell it. If you want a nice home you better get busy at once. For information see W. E. Petty, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—A nice line of fresh California Fruits and vegetables Staple and Fancy Groceries. We Deliver to any part of the city bills that are too heavy to carry. W. W. Wood, Phone 230. tf

FOR RENT—One or two rooms, either furnished or unfurnished. Mrs. Annis. 1t.

Some people always look upon the dark side of every question that comes up—unless they can see \$2.00 to themselves to where they are asked to put one in.

FOR SALE—Four-room and shed room house to sell. Must be moved away. Very reasonable. See Merkel Realty Co. at once.

CORD WOOD—I have some good cord wood for sale. See R.L. Bland. 22t.

LISTEN!

We would like to have your Eggs, Butter and Chickens. Be sure and get our prices before you sell. W. W. Wood, Staple and Fancy Groceries; Feed and Grain. Phone 230. tf

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

The greatest enemy of child life is the tape worm. It destroys health and vitality. The greatest enemy of the tape worm is White's Cream Vermifuge. One or two doses does the work. Price 35¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

If You Are Going To Need Clothing, Shoes, Hats Dry Goods, or Anything

Expected to be found in a first-class Dry Goods Store you'll be sure to find just what you are needing here. We have new Fall Suits and Overcoats, Hats and Shoes for the men and boys in styles and prices that are sure to appeal to the most discriminating buyer.

For the ladies we have spared no trouble or expense in selecting a stock of merchandise that we feel our many customers will truly appreciate, both for the quality of the goods and the extremely low prices. You will find our Piece Goods Department complete at all times. Tricotine, Tricolette, Serges, Wool Plaids and Coat materials are here in all the bright new colors. Our Staple Department is always our big drawing card. Big assortment of Outings, Gingham, Domestic, Canton Flannel, Sheeting and Cheviots.

Clothing Clothing

Suits and Overcoats for young men and men who stay young.

Shoes Shoes

Shoes for the whole family—at a price you want to pay

Men's Work Clothing

Heavy blue overalls \$2.50
Heavy Khaki pants \$2.50
McDonald work shirt \$2.00
Khaki work shirt \$1.50



Ladies Coats and Suits

The very latest styles and materials. Reasonably Priced.

Specials Specials

One lot gingham 25c
Full 36-inch bleached domestic 35c
No. one 8-oz. duck per yard 30c

MILLINERY

The latest styles in early fall and winter HATS

Merkel Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Big Cash Store

EXPECTING another car hulls this week. Better get them off the car. T. J. L. Swafford. 1t.

NEW HAY—Will have plenty new johnson grass next few days—by the bale or by the ton. T. J. L. Swafford. 2t

FOR RENT—Four Light house-keeping rooms. Phone 114. 1tp

FOR SALE—320 acres, three miles west of Merkel on pike; 200 acres in cultivation; 2 houses; not leased; one-half of oil rights with land. Price \$60. per acre until Oct. 15th. Terms. See Dr. Miller. tf

W. J. Cox of Lamessa, was here last Sunday the guest of his brother Lee Cox and family. The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

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. 3t3

C. L. Duetchman one of the splendid citizens residing in the Noodle community, who recently purchased a nice home in Merkel, has moved to same with his family. He moved here in order that his children might have the opportunity of attending our splendid school.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg were in Westbrook Wednesday on business.

NAME IT AND TAKE IT

It was evening and the rising sun.
Was setting in the west.
The little fishes in the trees.
Were cuddled in their nests.

It was midnight on the ocean,
Not a street car was in sight.
The sun was shining brightly
And it rained all day and all night.

It was summer day in winter,
The snow was raining down;
A bare-footed girl, with shoes on
Was sitting on the ground.
The clouds were hiding from the stars,
The moon was shining bright.
And everything that you could see
Was hidden out of sight.

While the organ peeled potatoes
Lard was rendered by the choir.
While the sexton rang the dishrag
Someone set the church on fire.

"Holy smoke," the people shouted,
In the rain he lost his hair.
Now his head resembles heaven
For there is no parting there.
—Exchange.

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. tf

S. L. Grayson and family returned first of the week from a trip to Clyde, where they visited friends and relatives, and had the pleasure of getting a nice lot of fine fruits, for which the Clyde community is noted.

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. tf

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REGULAR DINNERS

In order that we may better serve our ever increasing patronage and anticipating the coming fall business, which is now just starting, we will serve each day,

Regular Dinners
with drinks
at only
50c
per meal

And remember that we are open both Day and Night, ready to serve you in anyway you like. We also invite you to inspect our place from the Front door to the Back.

METROPOLITAN CAFE

Hancock & Burns, Props.

10c GEM THEATRE 20c

Where the Pictures are the Best. A trial will convince you. Who's been your friend? Think it over. You be the Judge.

Program for Week, Beginning Friday Sept. 17

Friday—
GERALDINE FARRAR
in "The Stronger Vow"
It's a Goldwyn Feature
EXTRA—A Comedy

Monday—
TEXAS QUINAN Queen of the West
in "The Lady of The Law"
Also a drama of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police and a Comedy

Wednesday—
HARRY MEYERS
in "The Trails End" a Western Drama
BILLIE WEST in "The Movies"
2-reel Comedy

Saturday—
NEAL HART
in "The Six mile House"
a western drama
GALE HENRY in "Kids"
A Roaring 2-reel Comedy
"Trailed by Three"
Thrilling story of Adventure

Tuesday—
MADGE KENNEDY
in "Strictly Confidential"
It's a Goldwyn Feature
EXTRA—
Snub Pollard in a Pathe Comedy

Thursday—
WILLIAM RUSSELL
in "Six Feet Four" a thrilling drama of the west in the early days.
A Pathe Special in 6 parts
EXTRA—A Comedy.

We Appreciate Your Patrons

ENFORCING PROHIBITION

The latest expression from the commissioners in charge of the work of enforcing prohibition is to the effect that much more money will have to be appropriated to employ many more men, and the admission is made that collusion exists in numerous cases between prohibition agents and illicit dealers in booze, a condition said to obtain in a number of the larger cities, where liquor is still sold more or less openly.

In the state of Washington it is charged by the state enforcement officer that in one county there are 3000 stills, in another 1500 and yet in another 500, and it appears that these illicit sources of "white mule" are equally numerous in other parts of the country, with thousands of men engaged in the traffic in one way or another.

These facts might tend to discourage the people who believe in the enforcement of law and who are opposed to the liquor traffic but for the fact that the visible and acknowledged benefits of prohibition have been so many as to offset the lack of complete enforcement of the law. There are fewer men in jails, there are fewer dives where crime breeds, there is more money in the banks and more comfort in the homes of the country than when we had saloons, and there are many less examples of drunkenness and of the things drunkenness leads to.

It probably may never be possible to make the land "bone dry". There will always be men who will violate the prohibition laws just as there are always men who will violate other laws. But even so, prohibition is a blessing, and there will never be enough illicit booze to seriously menace the moral fabric of the nation.— Ex.

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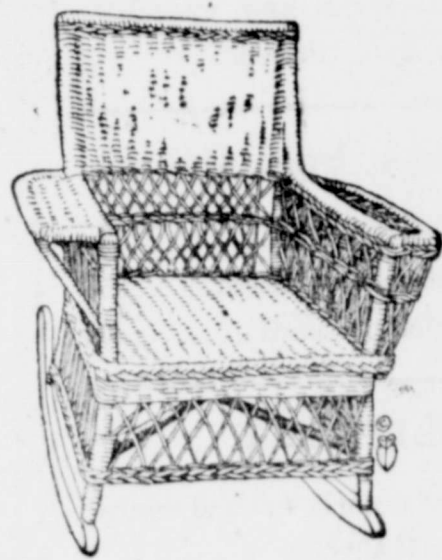
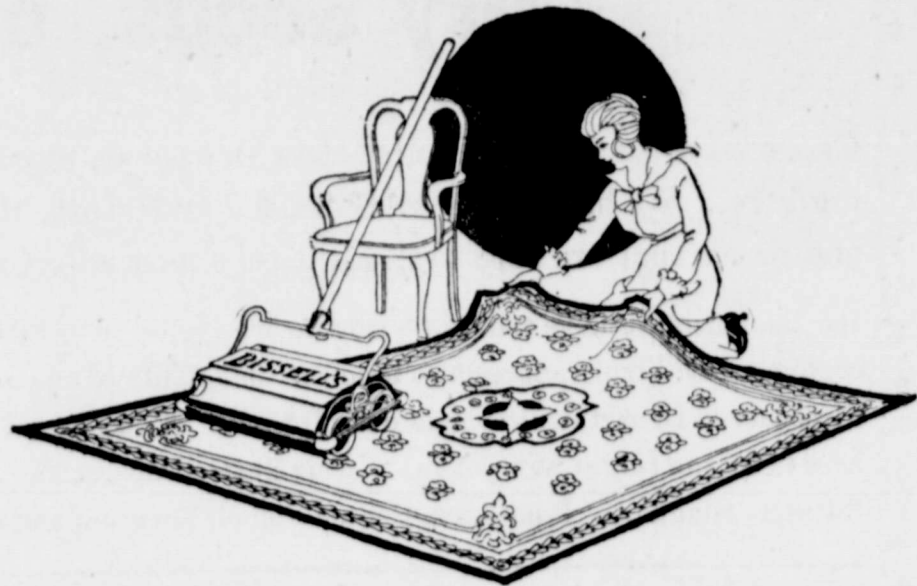
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Big Bargains in Furniture!

This store is arranging to do some record breaking in value giving. All summer we have been preparing for the fall and winter business and with pride we can state that we are now ready to meet your demands for almost everything in home furnishings at prices much below what you have been paying.

RUGS UNDER-PRICED

Our buying connections are such as to enable us to offer room size and small rugs at prices that are prohibitive to the average dealer. Our showing at this time is very good, and whether you wish to buy now or not we would be glad to have you see them.



ROCKERS---ALL KINDS

A moment's investigation and you will see more value for the prices in our line of medium and fine rockers than you have seen for many months, and you will also be presented with the same schedule of low prices in every section of the store.

A Landslide in The Prices of Mattresses

We have almost an unlimited resouere of the best mattresses in all the land, from Sealey's best to any price, but the record-breaking value is that we are selling our big fluffy all cotton and linter roll edge mattresses covered with good strong art ticking for only \$8.50. There are no restrictions. We will sell you one, or we will sell you one hundred—all at the same price.

J. T. DARSEY & COMPANY

Carey's Blue Ribbon Paint

Nails, Screen Wire



When you have a problem in our line, large or small, bring it to us.

We will give the matter our personal attention and thought just the same as though the problem were our own.

We realize that we must render a superior grade of lumber service, save you money and add to your convenience and profits, if we are to merit your trade.



One car of Life-Time Red Cedar Post.
Car Red Fence — Car Cypress Shingles

Lime, Brick and Cement

Window Glass

C. P. Church one of the progressive and well to do farmers residing in the Shiloh community, was here Wednesday morning, and had with him two stalks of cotton literally loaded down with bolls. One was of the Mebane variety and the other what is known as the Boykin cotton. Mr. Church is somewhat partial to Boykin, as he believes it the best producer and by far the easiest to gather. He has promised us a report at the end of the season as to just how the two kinds of cotton comes out.

NO. 7491
Report of the Condition of
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
AT MERKEL
In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Sept. 8, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$480,288.88
Overdrafts, secured, \$849.41; Unsecured \$143.20	992.61
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Owned and unpledged	6,146.49
Total bonds, Securities etc., other than U. S.	15,896.49
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,571.60
Furniture and Fixtures	1,950.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,500.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	44,273.42
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	58,399.25
Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17	22.90
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	\$58,422.15
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	408.40
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	312.50
	361.24
Total	\$611,977.29

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$17,260.20
Less current current expenses, interest and taxes paid	5,039.51
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	12,220.69
Circulating notes outstanding	5,000.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	6,200.00
Total of items 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33	5,690.69
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	473,434.58
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	6,180.00
Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve,	
Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	\$479,614.58
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	31,559.00
Postal savings deposits	1,081.09
Other time Deposits	5,250.00
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 40, 41, 42 and 43	\$87,890.09
Liabilities other than those above stated	361.24
Total	\$611,977.29

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Sept., 1920.
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
BOOTH WARREN, Directors

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—D-e-n-t-i-s-t—

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Merkel, Texas

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Merkel —:— Texas

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Notary Public.
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Merkel —:— Texas

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Merkel Office in rear Farmers
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New Secretarial Course prepared by business men, guarantees position and saves three months' time. Give NOW for price of Shorthand alone, making bookkeeping FREE. Other special rates now. Ask for Offer 5. BRADSHAW'S BUSINESS COLLEGE, ABILENE, TEX.

The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 8th day of Sept., 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Sept., 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$639,350.88
Loans, real estate	13,500.00
Bonds and Stocks W. S. Stamps	7,110.05
Real Estate (banking house)	7,850.00
Other Real Estate	
Furniture and Fixtures	5,300.00
Due from Approved Res. Agts., net	
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	96,817.16
Cash Items	
Currents	
Specie	
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	3,999.37
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	79.42
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	58,233.39
Other Resources	
Total	\$832,130.27
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	15,162.96
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	7,408.04
Individual Deposits sub. to check	641,926.59
Time Certificates of Deposit	65,066.88
Cashier's checks	1,792.35
Dividend Unpaid	
Other liabilities, Reserved for taxes	762.16
Total	\$832,130.27

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, T. J. Toombs, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
T. J. Toombs, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Sept. A. D. 1920. W. P. Mahaffey
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
John Sears {
R. L. Bland { Directors
M. Armstrong {

One half of this world just thinks it knows ALL about the actions and conduct of the other


Mrs. Bill Brown, has resigned her position with the Merkel Dry Goods Company, after many years of splendid service with this popular firm.

A lazy no-account feeling with yawning and sleepiness in the day time is caused by a torpid liver and disordered bowels. Herbine is a splendid remedy for such ailments. It cleans the system and restores vim and activity. Price, 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept

W. C. Hill, one of the Merkel Mail readers who resides about twenty miles north of here and near Sylvester, was here Wednesday enroute home from a visit to his brother at Gorman, Texas. He says that the cotton crop in Eastland Comanche and Erath counties, has been totally destroyed by the boll worms and boll weevils. In many instances he says there will be a sack drawn through some fields.

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.

Always a complete stock of electrical sundries. Anything from a fuse plug on up.
West Company



LITTELL'S
LIQUID
SULPHUR
COMPOUND

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.

The New Triplex Spring Overland

Keeping Up Its Reputation For Keeping Down The Up-keep!

The burning question today is Gasoline. Obviously, the price will come down when more oil comes up. But that will be only a respite, not a cure.

The fact is, the time has arrived to increase the radius of motor mileage independent of the gas tank. The Overland designers reached that conclusion four years ago. That was not difficult. But the solution was. We will tell you why.

Anyone with a smattering of mechanical knowledge knows that to reduce the weight of a car is to reduce the cost of maintenance.

But, ordinarily, to reduce the weight of a car is to sacrifice the comfort of riding in it; and comfort weighs just as much as economy on a motor ride.

The problem was to combine lightweight economy with heavyweight comfort.

Expert engineering knowledge said it couldn't be done.

That was the tradition that a generation of automobile designers had set up.

And that is the tradition that the Overland designers have upset.

After four years of unrelenting effort, involving millions of dollars in experimentation, and millions more in readjusting the thousandfold activities of the Overland plants to the fundamental change in Overland plans, the most perplexing of automobile problems is solved.

Fleet as a cruiser in her light-alloy steels, and suspended securely on the new Triplex Spring—

The Overland is literally a revelation in comfort and a revolution in economy!

You don't know what either comfort or economy is in a lightweight car, till you have ridden in the new Suspension Triplex Spring Overland!

For this is the first time in the history of motoring that economy and comfort have taken the road together!

The Overland Sedan has an average of 25 miles in 97 cities. That is the reason and this is the season for an Overland Sedan.

Overland
The Economy SEDAN

Bland & Horton
Local Agents

The man who marries a good woman and accepts her as the lord made her should live happily with her. But it's the pestiferous fool who can never be happy till he understands her, (and which he seldom does) that makes a mess of life.

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.

The plump girls may not figure brilliantly at the fashion shows, but they get thier names in the marriage licence columns oftener than their bony sisters.

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 for same.

We kindly ask our friends and patrons to be governed accordingly and not ask us to charge Gasoline and Oil in the future.

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

First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 8th day of Sept., 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 17th day of Sept., 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$116,999.54
Overdrafts	419.81
Bonds and Stocks	4,350.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	23,943.36
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	256.72
Cash Items	736.61
Currents	2,875.00
Specie	518.21
Int. and Asst. Dep. Gty. Fund	1,284.19
Other Resources and Bills of Ex.	32,848.28
Total	\$194,538.54
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,300.00
Undivided profits, net	1,819.99
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	156,096.04
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,000.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits	
Cashier's Checks	472.51
Total	\$194,538.54

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, E. Kegans as president, and Homer Easterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
E. Kegans President,
Homer Easterwood, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Sept. A. D., 1920.
(SEAL) L. E. ADRIAN
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
W. E. Hamner {
J. S. Swann { Directors
R. O. Anderson {

Henry J. Askew who for many months has been the courteous and efficient bookkeeper at the Merkel Lumber Company left Wednesday for Stamford, where he will represent the Commercial Motor Company of this city in the way of selling Trucks and cars. Mr. Askew by his affable disposition, honest and up-right dealings has won the friendship and admiration of all with whom he has become acquainted. The Mail wishes for him that splendid degree of success to which he is so richly entitled.

For skin eruptions, rash chafed skin, prickley heat, chigger bites and stings of poisonous insects, Ballard's Snow Liniment is an effective application. It heals quickly. Three sizes, 30c 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Sept.

No doubt the boll worms have damaged very badly many crops throughout this vicinity, but after all considering the fact that almost every farmer in this territory made a fine crop last year, and the further fact that most farmers will make lots of cotton this year any way, and besides great crops of feed stuff is now almost a certainty; grass could not be expected to be better. So after all we predict that if reasonable prices can be obtained for the different crops this fall; the end of the season will witness more prosperity among our people, than a few years ago many of them ever dreamed would come to them within a life time. Infact many farmers in this country made more clear money farming last year than they ever expected to have in their whole life. We hope they do it again this year—because if they do, we stand a chance of getting a part of it—A small part.

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.

A. B. Fitzgerald one of the prosperous farmers of the Mulberry Canyon community, was in the city last Friday and while here presented the force with two of the finest and largest Kershaws we ever saw anywhere. He also reported his cotton and feed very good.

We carry a full stock of inexpensive items that will enhance the value and add to the convenience of your automobile. If it's automobile supplies—we have it. See us first. West Company.

S. C. S. Ellis, and wife of Stephens County, were here last week the guest of their daughter, Mrs. T. A. Beidleman, and family.

Coat Suits, Coats Dresses

of exclusive fashioning and expert workmanship. Fabrics of Velour, Broadcloth, Tricolette, Tricotine, Serges, Boliven, Silvertone, Plushes, etc.

New Skirts—New Blouses

A wonderful showing of Accordion Pleated Skirts with the right blouse for each skirt.



New Millinery

As the season advances we are adding many new numbers to our already attractive stock

The Late Styles

In women's footwear are built for greater comfort and yet retain that neatness so essential to the appearance of the well dressed woman.

We have put in the well known Julian KoKenge Shoes for women and girls and make a friend every time we sell a pair

WOODROOF-BRAGG CO.

The Place Most People Trade

Geo. Byrom, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCright visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Sunday.

Messrs Elmer Davis, Ed Jones and Willard Thompson spent Saturday night in Merkel.

Crowd of the Golan young folks attended prayer meeting at Newman Sunday night.

Miss Ouida Jones returned Saturday, from where she has been visiting friends and relatives at Stamford, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamdlier of Shiloh, visited A. J. Cook and family last Sunday.

Miss Coreen Stone was the guest of Bettie Byrom Sunday.

J. T. Williams was the guest of the Byrom family, Sunday

"May Flower"

FACTS, FUN, FOOLISHNESS

Now and then a man goes home and gets such welcome that he feels like a conquering hero who has returned from battle. But when he finds out that the dress she wants will cost him a hundred and thirty-five bucks his bump of egotism is jolted off his dome.

Man has accomplished wonders in the way of making talking machines, but he furnished the rib in the Garden of Eden out of which the most perfect one yet was made.

Things Men Don't Do:

Make a run on the church.

Go to a marble yard for bargains.

Win in an argument with women.

Follow our advice.

* A scientist says that a bad temper destroys the growth of your hair. Yes, no doubt if it is your wife that has the bad temper.

Perhaps most things have been regulated about right, but there will always be more or less trouble due to the fact that most girls learn how to love before they learn how to make biscuits.

Any well-balanced statesman can keep his country out of war, but it takes a mighty shrewd citizen to keep his pantry in beans.

Of course a person wants to be optimistic if possible, but it does look like to us that milk is

Special Special Special

Our SPECIAL DISCOUNT of 25 per cent on MATTRESSES will continue one more week, and in addition to the above discount we will sell 10 45-lb cotton mattresses, regular price \$15. for only \$10.00. 3 45-lb EXTRA GOOD cotton mattresses regular price \$22.50 for \$14.75. 5 45-lb GOOD QUALITY cotton mattresses regular price \$20. for \$13.50.

The above prices are genuine, and the reduction we have made means that much actually saved. Come in and investigate the mattresses, and the price and decide for yourself whether or not you can save money on mattresses.

Barrow Furniture Co.

BUY COAL NOW

AND SAVE MONEY

For immediate delivery we have some good Coal such as:

New Mexico--Dawson Fancy Egg
Domino Grate and Swastika Fuel.

All Deliveries are strictly CASH ON DELIVERY

H. M. ROSE & SON

Phone 48

GOLAN NEWS

Health of the community is very good at this writing. Most of the men are looking kinder blue on account of boll worms being in their cotton.

The singing at Golan was well attended by the Golan, and New man communities, Sunday evening.

Misses Edna and Ella Cox and Viola Cook, Ruth Thompson, Gertrude Byrom, and Jimmie Cox were guests of Misses Edith, Elvira and Anda Hudspeth, Sunday.

G. M. Byrom left Saturday for Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. F. Cox is in the Sanitarium at Abilene.

Messrs Eugene and Clyde Williams and sister, Miss Vida and Dixie and Duncan and Velma Hill and Edith Thompson, visited Val and Bettie Byrom last Sunday.

The Sunday School is about to go dead at this place.

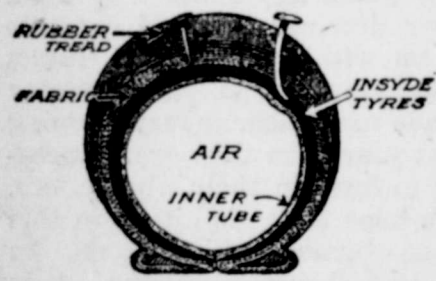
Mr. and Mrs. F Jeffrey and daughter, Miss Berdie, left Friday for Corpus Christia, where they will spend the winter.

A big boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Med Heron, Saturday, which adds much joy to the household.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Duncan are making preparation to move to themselves, the same being married last Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and children and Wallace and Darrvin, and Miss Vera Lawlis, were guests of Mrs. Cora Lawlis last Sunday

Orville Cox took dinner with



Insyde tyres, inner armour for auto tires doubles mileage, prevents blowouts and punctures, vulcanizes to casing. Sold by W. E. Duckert, Merkel Texas 101f

INDIVIDUALITY

Portraits that bring out character and personality as well as likeness are the kind that your friends want and appreciate. Our photographs embody these qualities.

THE BEST TIME FOR SITTINGS MADE BY APPOINTMENT.

Special appointments made during week for Sundays

"Photographs of the Better Kind"

THE COZY STUDIO

PHONE 314

JNO. C. REINHARD, MGR.

LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars." Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to **ADVERTISE in THIS PAPER**

Merkel Drug Company

Drugs
Sundries
Cigars
Drinks
Lowneys Candy
Jewelry
Cut Glass

Columbia Graphophones

— AND —

Pathe Phonographs

A Full Line of Needles

Phone 105

Our Prescription Department is complete and your prescriptions will be filled by Registered Pharmasist