

## WOMAN IS CRUSHED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

A bad accident happened in this city last Monday morning in which a lady was very badly crushed when an automobile, driven by Mr. A. C. Boney ran upon the side walk pinning the lady against the iron pillar just in front of McCoy Meat Market and Mr Boney's Confectionary and Drug Store.

From what we learn of the matter, it seems that those having the matter of cleaning the streets of all debris and trash along the business section were ready to do some work just in front these business houses, and Mr. Boney who was not very familiar with driving cars went out in front of his store to move his son's car in order that the men could clean up along the curb and started the car which was a Dodge, and before he could stop it ran upon the side walk a few feet and then stopped within two feet from the front wall of the buildings, and it seems that about this time Mr. Mosley, advance man for the Brunk's comedians, and Mrs. Guard, a member of the show, were passing, and just as the lady stepped in front of the car Mr. Boney thinking he had the gear in reverse, turned on the gas with the intention of backing the car with the result that the car went against the front of the buildings crushing Mrs. Guard very badly. The injured lady was immediately removed to the office of Dr. R. I. Grimes and there given immediate attention. Later it was found that a surgical operation was needed and the patient was carried to Abilene, and at last reports was doing as well as could be expected, although still in a precarious condition.

While the whole town regrets very much the accident, no one regrets near so much as Mr. Boney, who is one of our best and most substantial citizens.

## LARGENT AND SON HEREFORD WINNERS

C. M. Largent returned first of the week from San Angelo where he had on exhibit some of his fine Hereford Cattle, which he shipped direct to San Angelo from Dallas, where at the State Fair he won valuable prizes.

And at San Angelo these fine cattle also carried away many prizes as follows:

For having the best senior and junior yearling bulls, senior bull calf, junior bull calf, the grand champion junior bull and grand champion of entire show.

### MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Hymn.  
Prayer.  
Scripture—Mrs C. B. Smith.  
Mexico—Leader, Mrs. Thos. Durham.  
Prayer.  
Vashi Industrial School, Leader, Mrs. Sanders.  
Prayer.  
Duett.  
Lesson on Prayer. — Mrs. Hutcheson.  
Christ's Method of Securing Workers.—Leader, Mrs Bond.  
Prayer.  
Offering.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
To be at the Home of Mrs. Geo. Brown, Monday 2:30 p. m. Nov. 8th.

FORD COUPE, good as new, a bargain. See McDonald Motor Co.

See the sample put out by our new cleaner. Anderson Gin. . . 5t2

You can get the Abilene Daily Reporter one year for \$4.65. You can get the Merkel Mail one year for \$1.50. That would make the two cost you separately \$6.15. But we will send them both to you now, for one year at \$5.15. You save a \$1.00 by taking them together. Better drop in and subscribe or renew now while the opportunity is at hand.

S. C. Gentry returned last week from a trip to Oklahoma where he had been to visit a brother and sister whom he had not seen for many years.

## MERKEL SCHOOL VOTES PRESIDENT

Tuesday afternoon the 10th and 11th grade History class held a Kangaroo general election in the history room. Before the election was held the stump speeches for the Democratic and Republican candidates were made to an excited audience of high school students. Mr. Kenneth Sharp acted as Speaker of the House and presided over the meeting. Myrtle Scott, Sewele Harwell and Alvis Wilkins spoke for Senator Harding; Bill Stevens, Mary Cleo Booth and John Woodard represented the Democratic nominee. The speeches were lively, pointed, and rendered in a pleasing manner. After the stump speeches were concluded the voters who hailed from Ohio, New York and California presented their poll tax receipts and voted and votes at the polls of their respected states. Miss Loyce Dry, notary Public signed affidavits for those who failed to bring their receipts. Loyce Dry, Wade Darsey, and Roy Largent held the election. J. J. Russell who marked the Bulletin board found that of the total of 31 votes polled, 25 were for Cox and 6 for Harding, we hope that the Kangaroo election may be an echo of the general election.

Editor's note—But it only demonstrated the trend of the Political situation in grand old Texas. The nation seems over whelmingly Republican.

### BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a. m. with places for everybody.  
Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
B. Y. P. U. 4 p. m.  
Junior Union at Anex 4 p. m.  
Teachers training class, Monday 7 p. m.  
Ladies meeting Tuesday 2:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Let every one remember we are building the new church and every dollar that has been subscribed will be needed.

And let those who have made no subscription know that we need every dollar that we can get from them as we have not enough subscribed to pay the work that is being done.

May we all make a special effort to be able to present the building to the Lord free of debt as soon as it is finished.

We hope now to be able to begin worshipping in the new building by the first of the year so let us make a mighty pull to pay for it by that time.

A cordial welcome awaits you at any and all these services.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor

The friends of T. E. Compton are glad to know that he recently returned from a trip to Glen Rose and Mineral Wells, where he had been in the interest of his health. He is considerably improved we learn.

Columbia Records and Phonograph, at Merkel Drug Company.

## NEFF'S MAJORITY ESTIMATED 200,000

Dallas Nov. 3.—Pat M. Neff Democratic candidate for governor of Texas was elected to that office by the majority of more than 200,000 votes, according to figures compiled at headquarters here today.

Neff is leading John G. Culbertson, his Republican opponent by more than 75,000 votes, with less than one-half of the votes cast in Tuesday's election counted. Temple H. McGregor, candidate of the American Party, was running third, but his vote was comparatively light.

The closest contest reported in the state was that in fourteenth Texas district where Carlos Bee, Democratic, was opposed for a seat in congress by Judge Harry M. Wurzbach, Republican. Practically all doubt as to the election of Wurzbach was removed at noon Wednesday when incomplete returns from over the district indicated that the Republican's majority over his opponent would be in excess of 2,000 votes. Wurzbach is a native of San Antonio, a Spanish-American war veteran, and served two terms as judge of Guadalupe county.

The unofficial returns Wednesday evening indicated that proposed constitutional amendments on city tax rates and limiting the educational tax had been carried by large majorities, would empower the legislature to abolish the free system and fix salaries of the state, district, county precinct officers, was running about even.

Quay Hamblett of Breckenridge, was up the first of the week for a visit with home folks and friends. For some time Quay has been residing at Eastland, but has recently located at Breckenridge.

## NEWSPAPER BARGAIN IS NOW ON

Through special arrangements with the Abilene Morning Daily Reporter, we are able to offer you the Merkel Mail and Daily Reporter for the small sum of \$5.15. To subscribe for the Daily Reporter at their office you would pay \$4.65 for one year. To get the Merkel Mail one year you would pay \$1.50. But by this special arrangements we can send them both to you for one year for \$5.15.

The Reporter is a first class daily newspaper, carrying all the latest Associated Press News. It is the last off the press and reaches this section first. The Merkel Mail is your home paper and by this combination you will have all news worth while. Come in at once and renew or subscribe while this unusual bargain is on.

Federal Engineer White and a gentleman representing the Elrod Construction Company of Dallas in company with County Commissioner T. R. Lassiter, were here the first of the week to go over the highway built through this part of Taylor county by the Elrod Company.

Preston Guthrie and Jack Durham came in the last of last week from Midland College to spend a few days with parents and friends. They like the college fine and say they are doing well there.

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## HARDING WINS BY A LARGE MAJORITY

New York, Nov. 3.—As late returns came in today from all parts of the United States, piling up the Republican lead, the victory over the Democrats was increased to stupendous proportions.

Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge swept Tennessee, returns indicate, breaking the solid South.

Under the leadership of Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge, the Republicans carried at least thirty-two states, probably more.

The New York World, Democratic, and the chief press supporter of Cox, estimated there were thirty-seven States in the Republican column.

Harding will have at least 391 electoral votes, whereas only 266 were necessary to elect. The total may go above 400.

### Sweep House and Senate.

The Republicans will have big working majorities in both houses of Congress. They gained about twenty more seats in the House of Representatives and will have a majority of twelve to sixteen in the Senate.

A record Socialist vote was polled. There were indications that tabulation will show about 2,000,000 votes for Eugene Debs, but the Socialist leaders claim even more. The extent of their representation in the next national Congress is still problematical.

Arizona and New Mexico were still in doubt at last reports, but the Republicans were claiming the former.

Harding carried Ohio by more than 400,000.

Incomplete returns from Missouri indicated that former Speaker Champ Clark, one of the wheel horses of the Democratic party had been defeated.

## THERE IS TALK OF ANOTHER WELL

If there is any oil news of which our readers would be interested in the Merkel Mail knows nothing of it. We have been unable to learn any thing authentic about just what is being done at the Sears well. Rumor has it that since the well was shot some ten days ago, the oil showing has not been so good, and that it may be possible that the well will be given up. But as to whether there is any truth in the rumor we can't say.

There is also a rumor that the if the well is abandoned another test near this well will be started shortly. We are also informed that a gentleman representing the proper parties or company was here to-day and went out to the well to ascertain just what was best to do with the proposition.

### METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock Preaching at 11 a. m. And 7 p. m. with thirty minutes song service at the Evening hour. Wood Brothers will sing at both services.

If you are a new comer, visitor or stranger in our town come and worship with us.

W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

Mr and Mrs. Snow Frost of Eastland were the guests at the home of Mr and Mrs John Bell this week.

At a recent meeting of the City Council Judge N. D. Cobb was appointed City Attorney of Merkel. Judge Cobb is in every way highly capable and qualified to fill this position.

B. F. Smith a prominent citizen of Dalton, Georgia, accompanied by his wife and daughter, was here last of week, the guests of J. A. Cullum, president of the C. H. Oil & Development Company. Mr Smith is a stockholder in this company which is drilling the Stith Well, and like all other stockholders of that company, was well pleased with the progress of same, and feels confident that if there is oil to be found in this section this company will find it.

Good sample and turn out at Anderson Gin. . . . . 5t2

## STITH WELL IS DOWN 2,000 FEET

According to reliable information the Stith well has reached a depth of about 2,000 feet, and is expecting to set the eight inch casing next week.

We are also informed by the officials of the company that the log of the well has been most favorable, and that they have every reason to think they will bring in producing well. And if they have good luck it will not be long before the test will be finished.

### ODD FELLOWS HONOR SERVICE

The Odd Fellows at Blair, Texas will have an honor service, November, 11, 1920, at 7:30 p. m. This service is in compliance with a proclamation issued by Grand Master W. T. Savage of Dallas, and is for the purpose of permitting the old members of the order to be present and witness degree work and enjoy a real good meeting. This lodge will confer the Initiatory degree on this occasion.

All members of the lodge who have conveyances will bring some of the older brothers who have not been attending the meetings, as many of the heroes of our order, members of the "faithful few" have kept the fires of the order burning in the lodge room by their regular attendance and by their sublime devotion to its ideals of mutual helpfulness, and have now grown old and feeble and have not been able to attend our lodge meetings. It is these men that will attend this honor service and again enjoy the association of Odd Fellows.

All parties who have been members please come.  
T. H. Spears, Secretary.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Nov.—7, 1920. Leader—Joe Ridenbach.  
Subject—Peacemaker.  
Song—Prayer, Song  
1—19.  
Song.  
The way of the Peacemaker—Leader.  
Should all wrong be forgiven—Roy Tucker.  
How often should one forgive—Loyce Dry.  
Is it right to fight—Annie Beckley.  
How to become a Peacemaker—Guy Darsey.  
Business.  
Roll Call.  
League Benediction.

### OYSTER SUPPER

Last Tuesday evening at 8:00 Mr. Loring Hamblett entertained his friends with an oyster Supper at the Busy Bee Cafe.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Hamblett were, Misses Reed, Jones, Wharton, Herring, Houston, Sutphen, and Deal; Messers West, Grimes, Britton, Baze, Brown, Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Winter.

## LET'S SHOW THEM OUR APPRECIATION

Beginning next Saturday the people of Merkel will have an opportunity to lend their assistance in a most worth cause. As is already known by those who have been reading the press of the country, there is being erected at Kerrville, Texas, an institution to be known as the American Legion Memorial Hospital, which when completed will be used for the benefit of tuberculosis ex-service men of the World-War, and was begun last year by the Benevolent War Risk Society, and is now being aided by the American Legion, an organization of our own soldier boys who took part in the great World-War.

The Governor of Texas has designated November 6th, which is next Saturday, as American Legion Memorial Tubercular Hospital Tag Day, and call upon the men and women of this state to lend their assistance to this most worthy cause.

And the local Post of the American Legion has arranged for a number of young ladies to be on the streets of Merkel and dispose of the tags for the purpose above.

We would call the attention of the public to the fact that when our boys were needed and enlisted to fight our country's battles in a foreign land, we to a man and woman applauded their bravery and patriotism. But when that war was ended, with many of them sleeping in Flanders field, many blind and crippled for life, and still others contracted that monster disease, tuberculosis, we quickly forgot their patriotism over which we made so much to do. But on this day we have an opportunity to in a measure atone for that indifference, and assist in this cause in any sum we may desire. Let's do it.

## BUSINESS BLOCK CHANGES HANDS

We understand that a deal was recently consummated whereby Mr. Clyde Sears purchased from Basley Brothers the block of business houses on Elm and Edwards, and which houses are occupied by the following firms. The Corner Haberdashery, the Economy, Liberty Hardware, Gem Confectionary, Gem Theatre, Rose's Barbershop, and Merkel Bakery.

We did not learn the consideration, but as this is one of the best and most valuable business blocks in the city, we are sure that thousands of dollars was involved in the transaction.

### COTTON MEETING.

Every man affected by the price of cotton and especially the farmers are requested to meet at the Tabernacle in Merkel at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. D D. Peevy, representative of the American Cotton Association will address the meeting. Something must be done to relieve the situation. Don't fail to be there. Adv. 1tpd.

### PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met Nov. 1 with Mrs. G. F. West with 13 members and four visitors present. After election of officers refreshments were served. Then they adjourned to meet Nov. 8th with Mrs. Witcher.

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 F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

"yes, I always thought that that was a life of pretense." and the first act is to join in the clamor with those who heartlessly condemn the erring one. No pity is shown as a rule, no thought is taken of those who must wear a crown of sorrow. The warmest hand of friendship, through the clear, calm days, is generally the one that turns cold the quickest and the lips that most of all should defend or keep quiet hasten to scatter the withering poison.

If we could look into the home that has been touched by a wayward step and feel something of the agony of the hearts of those who understand; if we could follow out the full consequence of a wrong deed, as it throws its shadow across golden locks and blue eyes—even into the innocence of a cradle of dimples and smiles of love—we would more carefully avoid pricking with thorns the tender, bleeding wounds found there.

If your child eats ravenously at times and at other times has no appetite at all, look out for worms. Whites Cream Vermifuge is the remedy to use. It clears them out. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov.

Pa was a good judge of most everything, but it did look like he at least kept back his best decisions for the selection of the jeans that went into the Fourth of July breeches for us boys. The color was nearly red and the old town wat, who loved to poke thinks at us anyway, would laugh about how many pair of these red breeches he could count hanging around a watermelon wagon at the same time.—Exchange.

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### BIDS WANTED

Bids will be received until noon, December 1, 1920 for the sale of the building occupied by the Merkel Baptist Church. Bids will also be received for site separate or with building. A certified check for \$400.00 must accompany each bid. If bid is accepted check will be retained as earnest money. Property will be delivered to successful bidder on January 2. All furniture and fixtures reserved. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Mail bids to Walter Jackson, Chairman of the committee. 5t4

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#### "To Err Is Human"

It must take a queer kind of a heart to rejoice over the downfall of a human being. One of the saddest things in this world is to see a man or a woman who has had the confidence of the people suddenly deprived, of it. Nothing earthly, that we know of, has a higher value than character, and when some great misfortune sweeps that from beneath a friend, a neighbor or a citizen, it is a distinct loss to the whole community.

A man may go so far wrong that we cannot excuse him, or a woman might by her deeds drift beyond the reach of our respect. But we must remember "to err is human;" we must recognize that regardless of the elements out of which mankind is created and given a place only a little lower than the angels, there are weaknesses in the composition that alas! now and then cannot resist the terrific influence of evil.

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The lawyer had adopted a rather unpleasant tone in questioning the witness, who, however, kept his temper.  
"Have you been in this court before?"  
"No Sir."  
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"Yes Sir."  
"Your face looks very familiar—very familiar. Where have I seen it before?"  
"I used to be bartender in the saloon that was just across the street."

**The Responsible Party**  
Little Wille hung around school after hours one day in an unaccountable manner. So the teacher said to him:  
"Willie, why don't you go on home?"  
"I don't want to go home," said Willie suddenly.  
"You don't. Why not?"  
"Because there's another new baby at our house."  
"Another new baby! And is that anything to sulk about? For Shame Willie! You ought to be glad that—"  
"Well, I ain't glad," roared Willie. "Pop'll blame me. I know it. He blames me for everything."

**MAN AND HIS JOB**  
From Massachusetts comes the news, "The labor market's glutted," and many workers have the blues who lately pawned and strutted. Then toilers were in such demand that they could name their wages; there never was a snap so grand in all the bygone ages. A silken shirt that cost much kale adorned the haughty tinner, and in a diamond studded pail he packed his princely dinner. The Blacksmith's wife, in royal furs, went gadding here and yonder; a stately limousine was hers, which made the banker ponder. It couldn't last, this sort of thing, it jarred all sense and reason; a janitor may ape a

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"Because there's another new baby at our house."  
"Another new baby! And is that anything to sulkk about? For Shame Willie! You ought to be glad that—"  
"Well, I ain't glad," roared Willie. "Pop'll blame me. I know it. He blames me for everything."

### MAN AND HIS JOB

From Massachusetts comes the news, "The labor market's glutted," and many workers have the blues who lately pawned and strutted. Then toilers were in such demand that they could name their wages; there never was a snap so grand in all the bygone ages. A silken shirt that cost much kale adorned the haughty tinner, and in a diamond studded pail he packed his princely dinner. The Blacksmith's wife, in royal furs, went gadding here and yonder; a stately limousine was hers, which made the banker ponder. It couldn't last, this sort of thing, it jarred all sense and reason; a janitor may ape a

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But lest some one imagine we are critical at the expense of the ladies—lord love 'em—we hasten to the details of what the mere men spent for luxuries. In this list we find a trifle of eight hundred millions for cigarettes, five hundred and fifty millions for cigars, two hundred and fifty millions for drinks of the soft variety, not to mention other sorts. The menfolk also ate

daisy-strewn abode; and so the little ills of life don't fret my ancient heart; night cometh, with the end of strife and every string and smart. It isn't worth my while to weep or sing a doleful tune; for all life's troubles end in sleep, and sleep's the greatest boon. It isn't worth my while to hate the man who does me wrong; far better keep my smile on straight, and chirp my cheerup song. It isn't worth my while to swat the man who punches me; far better keep my timbrel hot beneath the sunset tree. My autumn day will quickly pass, the sun's low down the sky, and stormy passions cut no grass when it is time to die. And hates and grudges look so

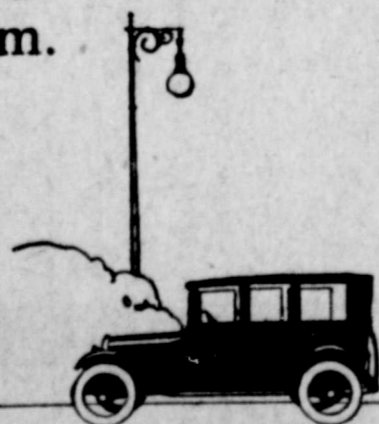
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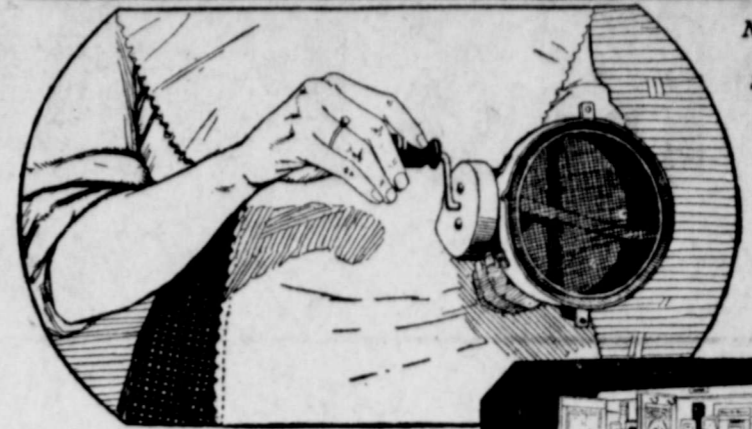
By Hazel Harkrider  
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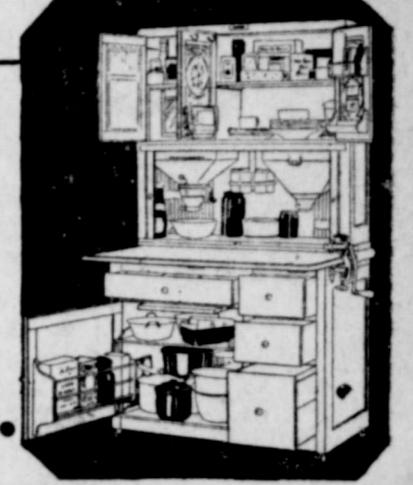


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Miss Smith to a Junior in English, "Is that theme original?" Junior—I guess not, I wrote it myself.

Lost: Somewhere between the first of school and now; some lessons and some department. Finder please be in a hurry to bring to "Us Detained Bunch" and receive your exceeding great reward.

When—Nov. 2  
What—The School Amendment.

How—Will school be benefited by your vote?

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Laundry—\$5.00  
Total—\$45.00

Do you know? Why you celebrated Halloween Friday, Saturday or Sunday night?

We wonder why some people instigate a gas attack in the form of Jockey perfume.

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Mr Virlee Doan motored to Merkel Friday on business.

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Miss Mathews and were married.

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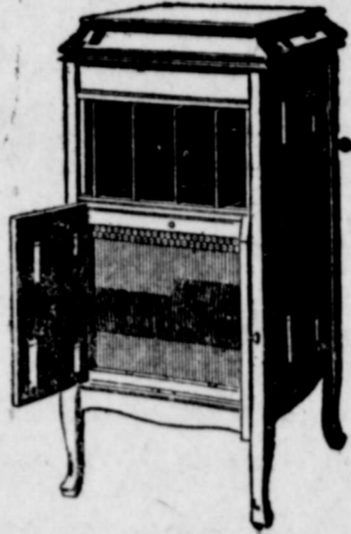
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Phone No. 105

war such wages only increased a movement already under way.

We live in a time which has developed a distaste for country life and the work of the farm, and very decided relish for greater excitement and amusement opportunities of the city. This has taken the place in a period in which there has been introduced into the country life conveniences and attractions it never possessed before.

Life is no longer one round of drudgery, either for the farmer or his wife. It would hardly be feasible to have a moving picture establishment at every crossroads, nor is it necessary, since with the automobile the nearby town may be reached in a few moments. We do need, however, a process of education which will show that farming is a prosperous calling and that farm life is attractive—Ex.

\$85.00 to \$250.00

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"Just to show the world what a Collingsworth county farmer can do in the way of diversification, we mention the varieties shown by A. S. J. Lockhart at the county fair, and won first prize in the individual contest; Honey, navy beans, sweet beans, butter beans, Mexican beans, purple bull beans, black-eyed peas, tomatoes, yellow Heath cling peaches, November okra, lily grass, pumpkin, Porto Rico sweet potatoes, June Corn Iowa white corn, cotton turnips, sweet clover, home raised bouquet of flowers, dry weather beans, bunch butter beans, Alabama sweet watermelon, Sudan grass, mammoth sorghum, Prairie lily hay, fall grapes, canned California style, yellow October peach white candy, yellow October peach, Mamie Lee Ross candy

INDUNDATION or IMMIGRATION—WHICH?

Dr. Charles Aubry Eaton has an interesting story in the current number of the Leslie's Weekly. It follows:

It is reported that 267,000 applications for pass ports to America, mostly by Jews, have been made in Poland alone, while more than 3,000,000 Poles want to come over.

Between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 Italians are seeking domicile here, and millions will come from Germany as soon as the barriers are lifted.

Fifty thousand refugees are reported waiting at Danzig alone for transportation to America. Steamship lines are reported to have every foot of available

space booked up for a year ahead. When the red terror is broken in Russia a flood of starving slaves will pour out to America. We are as unprepared for this peaceful invasion as we were for war in 1914.

Immigration is the most important fact which our nation has to deal with in the next four years. Unless we wake up and make some adequate preparation to take care of this on coming flood, we shall be swamped socially economically, politically.

The question is not now what we shall do with the immigrant, but what the immigrant will do with us.

Immigrants are coming to the number of 25,000 every week. Millions of Europeans hope to get to this land of the free in the

very near future. This is another side to the story.

The most significant feature of the new census is that for the first time in the nation's history less than half of the population lives in the country. Preliminary tabulations show 54,816,209 persons living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and 50,866,899 in rural territory.

Nearly one-tenth of the population lives in the three largest cities—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. Farm statistics tell the same story. In the decade ending in 1910 the number of farms increased by 10.9 per cent. In the present decade the increase has only been 1.5 per cent. Abnormal factory wages do not altogether explain the abandonment of the farm. Beginning with the

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After next March 4th we will have at least four years of Republican dominion in national affairs. It may not be as some of in the south would like, but every good citizen should lend a helping hand assisting them to keep this good old U. S. A. the best country on the earth in which men may dwell and worship God as their conscience may dictate.

If the bowels do not act regularly, assist them with an occasional dose of Herbine. It is a fine bowel tonic and laxative. Price 60 cents. sold by Sanders Drug store. Nov.

We are indeed glad to report Mrs. W. A. Thornton, who has been quite ill for some time, as being much improved at this time.

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The Epworth League has changed it's meeting hour from six to five o'clock each Sunday evening.

Good sample and turn out at Anderson Gin. 5t2

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. by druggists.

peaches, maize, 12 heads to stalk Kentucky Blue grain corn, sweet potatoes, squashes, pie melons, okra seed, loco seed, with rattlesnake rattles on op, blood turnip beet, kaffir, Mammoth Tom Watson watermelon, cantaloupe

peach. Also had on exhibition a pitcher forty-nine years old. He sold his large pumpkin for \$3.00 Some price for a pumpkin eh? Well, it was some pumpkin."—Record.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance



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The tire you buy has to justify your expenditure by quality and performance.

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# Merkel Bakery and Candy Shop's Holiday Announcement

## OUR FIFTH YEAR IN MERKEL

Our Xmas special is our Fruit Cake, which we will make soon. Order now and we will lay away the best part of your Xmas dinner. We will have plenty of home-made candies for the kiddies stocking, and many other good things to eat now and through the holidays. Come look our Bakery and Candy Shop through. Our Bread, Cakes and Candy are made with Electric machines. Our output is far above the demand for our goods.

Agents for Universal Talking Machines---an appropriate Xmas Gift

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### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Last Saturday evening the Epworth League was very royally entertained at the home of Miss Lilia McDonald.

That being very near the time all folks forget their dig and make merry. Miss McDonald had the house decorated with money with the spirit of the time. Spooks, Goblins, Witches, Cats and Devils infested the place.

After quite a number of the pale and silent ones had gathered we were called into line and given a word to spell. If we were successful, we were sent to Heaven where an angel served us with punch. While if we failed, we got a trip to Hell and were served with chili by a Devil. After having tried both many times many said that they preferred---Chili.

After bobbing for apples and many other amusing games had been indulged in we decided that we would either have to discontinue our merry-making and go home or be "pinched" for desecrating the Sabbath.

We chose the lesser of the two evils and went home.

### REDUCED PRICES

Below we list a few items that we shall sell, while they last, at greatly reduced prices. Every item is a staple article and will add to the conveniences and the pleasure of your car.

Thomas Ford Timer Elevators for ..... \$5.25  
Perry Ford Steering Wheel Lock for ..... 5.25  
Hand Warning Horn, Less Bracket ..... 2.50  
Bracket Type Headlight... 2.50  
Stewart Motor Driven Horn, 12 volt ..... 4.50  
Bailey Differential Ball Thrust for ..... 2.50  
Ford Master Vibrator ..... 2.00  
Radiator Ornaments ..... .75  
Ford Fabric Fan Belts ..... .15  
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WEST COMPANY

Rusty nail wounds, festering sores, burns and scalds heal rapidly when Liquid Borzone is applied. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price, 30, 60, and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov.

**If You Have a Printing Want**  
WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS  
Putting out good printing is our business, and when we say good printing we don't mean fair, but the best obtainable. If you are "from Missouri" give us a trial and we will  
**Show You**

**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**

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

On last Saturday night about twenty girls answered "Spook" invitations to meet at Dorris Durham's gate at eight.

From the gate they were ushered into the house by two shades of ghosts. One by one they were brought before the old witch and were told to kneel. After their fortunes had been disclosed to them a bag of popcorn was given them.

Immediately following the fortune telling all were requested to unmask. Then fun and frivolity began.

All were shown into a room dimly lighted where Jack-O-Lanterns and apples bobbed one in the face every time one turned around.

Then followed games as, Magic Music, Picture Sale, Ghost Stories, including a real ghost serenade led by the witch.

About eleven o'clock the guests were shown in the dining room which was beautifully decorated. In the center of the table was a huge Jack-O-Lantern peering impishly at all present. Small black cats marked the places.

Pumpkin pie and Jack-O-Lantern sandwiches were served with large red stick candy used as after-mints.

Following this the guests left to go "Spooking", each assuring their hostess of a wonderful time.

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The best quality of work at prices that are RIGHT

Now the pressure has been lifted and the agony is over, now that "the country has been saved," if all the Americans of all factions will get down to business and work hard, it will be easy to carry the load piled upon the backs of the people during the war and dissolve the so-called problems that are a heritage of war. There is only one way to create legitimate wealth: Work and save—Record.

Ablene Daily Reporter 12 months with the Merkel Mail one year for only \$5.15

W. R. Atkins of Telephone Texas is here for a visit to his sister Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Columbia Records and Phonograph, at Merkel Drug Company.

J. N. Shelton left this week for Waco, where he will visit friends and relatives and incidentally attend the Waco Cotton Palace.

We are requested to change the address of A. R. Cox from Merkel to Franklin, Texas.

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