

## BIG CITIZENS MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT

Through the Community Club there has been called a special meeting of ALL the citizens of Merkel, for the purpose of disposing of, changing the management or some disposition of the old Tabernacle property in this city. From what we can learn, it seems that a number of years ago, possibly before the building in this city of the splendid church buildings, the citizens, not having a place suitable for holding big meetings etc., contributed funds, bought and erected the tabernacle as above mentioned, and that same was deeded to three trustees, namely Mr. Geo F. West, J. T. Warren and another gentleman, who has long since moved away. The property is fast going to wreck and ruin for the want of attention in the way of upkeep and improvement, and Messrs Warren and West, as trustees, desire that the citizenship of the town and community by their endorsement at this mass meeting, instruct them as to their desire and manner of disposing of this property which in reality belongs to the community at large.

It seems to the Merkel Mail that as this property belongs to the town and community, it would be a fine thing for the matter to be straightened out, an effort made to improve in some manner. It would be much benefit to build on this a modern Community Club house, which could be used for other public meetings of a whole some nature.

## REVIVAL MEETING TO BEGIN SUNDAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Beginning Sunday and continuing two weeks there is to be a series of meeting services every day 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. We have invited one of the leading evangelists of Texas to be with us and are hoping he will be able to be here for the whole two weeks.

In any event we heartily invite all Christian people to come and help in the meeting. Of course we also invite those who aren't Christians to come to every service possible. Since we are to hold the meeting in the old church we will be crowded for room at some services but ushers will seat the lost man or woman that will come even if members of the church must stand or leave the auditorium. We are hoping that this will be a real harvest time. Much faithful sowing has been done in our Sunday School and with proper cooperation on the part of teachers this should be the time when many are brought to a full surrender to the Lord.

All the regular services Sunday with 350 as our goal for the Sunday School.

In connection with the B.Y.P.U. meeting Sunday afternoon there will be a class started in the B.Y.P.U. Manual this class to meet at 4:30 p.m. Taking this book will get you the B.Y.P.U. Diploma.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who will come and work and worship with us through the meeting. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Miss Minnie Ferguson visited friends in Abilene first of the week.

Those who did not attend the meeting last Friday night of the Merkel Community Club missed one of the most interesting, entertaining and educational programs ever put on in this city. The Community Club is for all the people of Merkel and the country surrounding, and it will be just what they make it. Give it your support and it will be a success.

Messrs Strutz and Houghton have this week opened a Tailor Shop up stairs over Woodroff-Bragg's. Read their advertisement in this issue.

## TWO OLD; TWO NEW ON SCHOOL BOARD

In the trustee election last Saturday Messrs R. O. Anderson and W. O. Boney were re-elected as members of the board and A. R. Booth and Thos. Durham were elected new members, taking the places of Messrs T. J. Toombs and W. D. Hutchenson, who for a number of years have been faithful and efficient members, and who asked that they be relieved of this duty again.

Mr. Anderson, as chairman of the board, and Mr. Boney as a member, have also been very capable and faithful, demonstrating their interest in desiring to promote the school's very best interest. Mr. Booth, who about a year ago, became a citizen of Merkel; coming here from Hawley, where he had been in business, and where he rendered efficient service on the school board of that city, will without question render valuable service on the board. The three members of the board who hold over until next year, were H. C. West, Walter Jackson and A. T. Sheppard, all of whom have proven their efficiency and ability by their faithful service.

Merkel is today enjoying a fine school term, but we predict that next year may witness even greater strides in educational lines.

## BIG GAS SHOWING AT THE STITH WELL

According to citizens and officials of the C. H. Oil and Development Company, the showing of gas at the Stith well has increased considerably this week. Infact it is said that the flow is so strong that a lighted match coming in contact above the well will cause a blaze to run almost to the top of the derrick.

Since the well was thoroughly cleaned last week of all obstacles, the work of under-reaming has been going on this week, and which it is thought will be finished so as to start the drill proper about the first of next week.

Perhaps there has not been a time when both drillers, managers and others interested, felt so optimistic over the possibilities of this test making a REAL OIL WELL. We are warned to watch out for the sensational any time the next few weeks. Let it come, the quicker the better.

We are informed that one night recently while a guest at the Collins House, one of this city's popular hotels, Mr. W. R. Bigham, was relieved of his pants and purse containing a small amount of money, by some one entering his room at about three o'clock in the morning.

If it's Drugs you want you will find it at the Merkel Drug Co.

## THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

It isn't the cut of the clothes that you wear,  
Nor the stuff of which they are made,  
Though chosen with taste and fastiduous care;  
It isn't the price that you paid;  
It isn't the size of your pile in the bank,  
Nor the number of acres you own;  
It isn't a question of prestige or rank,  
Nor of sinew and muscle and bone;  
It isn't the servants that come at your call;  
It isn't the things that you possess.  
Whether many or little—or nothing at all,  
It's service that measuzes success.

It isn't a question of name, or of length  
Of an ancestral pedigree,  
Nor a question of mental vigor and strength,  
Nor a question of social degree;  
It isn't a question of city or town,  
Nor a question of doctrine or creed;  
It isn't a question of fame or renown,  
Nor a question of valorous deed;  
But he who makes somebody happy each day,  
And he who gives heed to distress,  
Will find satisfaction the richest of pay,  
For it's service that measuzes success.  
—Yarmouth (N.S.) Times.

## H. C. WEST ELECTED MAYOR OF MERKEL

In the election Tuesday of this week the following officers were elected: For Mayor, Henry C. West, one of the city's most popular and successful business men will preside as the head of the municipal affairs of Merkel. Mr. West, although a young man, is highly capable and amply qualified to render most efficient service in this capacity. He is progressive, wide awake, and we predict that during his term of office, which is for the next two years, the people of Merkel will as time goes and occasion demands, witness pleasing improvements in city affairs. As Aldermen, Messrs A. T. Sheppard and W. O. Boney were chosen. They too, are capable and successful in their undertakings; thorough going, progressive and yet conservative in their deliberations, all of which insure efficient service from them. For City Secretary, Captain G. W. Johnson, the man who drew up the plans for the incorporating of this city, and who for a number of years has rendered honest efficient and pleasing service as Secretary, was re-elected. The other members of the Board of City Aldermen are, H. L. Propst, T. G. Bragg and J. P. Sharp, whose record for faithful and efficient service is known by every house hold in the city.

Our retiring officers, Mayor Stallings, Aldermen G. W. Boyce and J. L. Harris, have for many years been capable, faithful and untiring in their efforts to make the City Government of Merkel just as good as it was possible for them under existing conditions to make it, retire with confidence and good will of all.

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAMME

- Leader—Emma Houston.
1. Introduction by Leader.
  2. Propagation of the Truths of the Kingdom by Walter Jackson
  3. Difficulties encountered by Mrs. Hancock.
  4. Growth of the Kingdom by Gerlie Howard.
  5. Special Song by Althea Boden
  6. Preciousness of membership in the Kingdom of God by Bill Swann.
  7. Final Adjustment by Ruth Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heeter left last week for their new home in Cleveland, Ohio, where the former will be engaged in the drilling of oil well there.

## TWO WEEKS REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Ira L. Parrack, of the Merkel Baptist Church in another column of this paper, announces that on next Sunday, April 10, a two weeks revival meeting will begin. He also announces that an invitation has been sent out to one of the leading Baptist Evangelists of this state to come and assist in the revival. It is hoped that he will come, but in case circumstances should prevent the Evangelist's coming, the meeting will go on just the same with the untiring and able pastor in charge.

Rev Parrack extends a cordial and urgent invitation to all Christian people to attend each and every service and lend a helping hand in every way possible.

There will be two services each day throughout the week; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and not only the Christian people are extended a welcome, but all people, the public in general.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We desire to express our thanks to the churches and pastors for the royal welcome extended us on last Sunday evening. We come to Merkel "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." In addition to the public service of the church, the personal problems of all, will have a large part of our thought and if we can be of help or assistance to any one at any time, we will deem it a favor if you will call on us.

At all the services of the church, a cordial invitation is extended to the people of Merkel and surrounding country, to worship with us. You will find a well organized Sunday School and an interesting class for everybody. Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services morning and night. May we have the pleasure of welcoming you at our service next Sunday. Fred S. Rogers, Minister.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We are hoping to have three hundred in Sunday School next Sunday morning. Preaching at 11 a.m. Subject "Dreams and Visions." On account of the meeting at Baptist church we will have no evening service. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. of

The families of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Lee Cox, J. M. Dry, Eli Case, J. S. Thomas, Rev. W. M. Murrell, Thos. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, Supt. Burgess, B. P. Middleton and Mrs. Harkrider, enjoyed an outing and fishing trip to Warren's Lake one evening this week, after the business closing hour.

B. C. Gaither will leave next week for an extended visit to relatives in Tennessee. We join his many friends here in wishing for him a pleasant trip and a safe return among us.

## BALL TEAM ORGANIZED; MEET AGAIN

On last Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, a number of local base ball fans, citizens and business men, met at the H. M. Rose Barber Shop for the purpose of organizing a ball team for Merkel for the season now at hand. After some enthusiastic remarks by several present it was decided that the club be organized as follows: Booth Warren, Manager; Roy Adams, Captain; John Sears, Treasurer.

We are also requested to announce that on next Tuesday evening the club will meet at the Cizy Theatre for the purpose of perfecting the organization more thoroughly, and at this meeting the boys sincerely urge that the business men and citizens generally come out and assist them in getting organized and started out properly.

There will be a special program by the Merkel Orchestra as well as other features of entertainment, and everybody, both ladies and gentlemen, are cordially invited to be present. All free, no admission charges.

## PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR IS WELCOMED

On account of the fact that it was to be the first Sunday service for Rev. Fred S. Rogers, the new pastor for the Presbyterian church, the Baptist and Methodist churches called off their evening services and the membership joined the presbyterian congregation in extending to their new pastor, a big, rousing, royal welcome to our city. An interesting program had been arranged and was carried out most admirably, after which the entire congregation enjoyed a very fine sermon by Bro. Rogers.

Rev. Rogers is a young man, full of life, vision and ability, and will without doubt add much to the Christian work in this city. We join all Merkel in extending to him and his family a most hearty welcome to our city.

## PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday, April 5 with Mrs. Smith. There were 14 members, one new member and 4 visitors present. After the business meeting we spent a very pleasant social hour. The hostess served a plate of Delicious Salad with wafers, Bananas and cream with Angel Food cake. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Harry Barnett.

P. L. McClary returned last week from Ivan, where he has been for some time contracting in the building line.

Plenty of Black Smith Coal at

## MERKEL MAN ON COLLEGE BOA.

In the final round-up on Monday of this week the citizens of Abilene went "over the top" in their effort to raise the required sum of \$350,000 necessary to secure for that city the establishment there of a great Methodist college. The gift was \$200,000 cash and a \$50,000 site from the Methodist of Abilene and \$100,000 cash gift from the business men and citizens of Abilene. And right here, we wish to emphasize the fact that, the securing of this college for Abilene will not only be a great institution for that city, which will add greatly to the upbuilding of same, but will add very much toward the development of this great western country.

In the establishment of this school we are proud to have the pleasure of stating that, while we are sure Merkel Methodist have not done much in the matter as they were expected to do and could have done, but we are very proud of the fact that there are those within our community who by their donations have shown their patriotism, generosity and interest in assisting in the movement for more and larger educational institutions in this great western part of the state.

Among the larger contributions from Merkel, we notice the names of Pastor Murrell of the local church, L. R. Thompson, of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, T. A. Beideman, H. A. Sanders, and the Ladies Missionary Society pledged themselves for the large sum of \$300.00.

We are also glad to state that a Merkel citizen, in the person of L. R. Thompson, has been chosen as a member of the board of directors, for this college and which honor we are sure is well bestowed, as Mr. Thompson is highly qualified for the position both from a business and educational standpoint; having been a number of years one of the most successful school superintendents of the larger schools in the state of Missouri and most successful as a banker and business man. He is also deeply interested in education of the better class from the rural schools of the community to that of all our universities. We are proud of the fact that Merkel is to have this member on the Executive board and congratulate the Methodist people in the wise selection of Mr. Thompson as that member.

## PRAYERMEETING ATTENDANCE GROWING

The prayermeeting service of the Methodist church on Wednesday night of this week, conducted by the members of the Business Men's Class, with L. R. Thompson as Leader, and as a result of the effective work by the members of this class the attendance was more than 150.

For some time interest has been growing in the prayermeeting services, and it is hoped and urged that after the close of a Baptist meeting which will continue for the next two (during which time there will be no prayermeeting at the Methodist church) bership at large will attend, for it is through such service that all Christians are able to grow in faith strength. Reporter.

Mrs. H. Peterson of was shopping in Merkel and while in the in and had the N to her address

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- W. L. DILTZ, Jr. .... Assistant Cashier

## WHAT TO DO

To the young who stand, as it were, on the threshold of the great workhouse of the world, preparing to take part in it, it becomes a serious and urgent consideration what part they are to take in it. After the formation of Christian principles the choice of a profession is the most serious consideration that can engage their attention.

Perhaps the first step in the consideration is to realize the necessity of having definite work to do, and the real worth, and, if we may say so, sacredness of all honest work. There are a few men who escape the necessity of adopting some calling or profession; and there are fewer still who, if they rightly understand their own interest and happiness, who ever think of such an escape. For, according to the law of work, of which we have already spoken, life finds it most enjoyable in regular alternations of employments and leisure. Without employment it becomes a tedium, and men are forced to make work for themselves. They turn their very pleasure into toil, and undertake, from the mere want of something to do, the most laborious and exhausting pastimes. To any healthy nature, idleness is an intolerable burden, and its enforced endurance a more painful penance than the hardest labors.

It is not easy, however, for the young to realize this. "Play" has been such a charm to their school time fancy, that they sometimes dream that they would like life to be all play.

Young men who are, so to speak, born to work, to whom life leaves no chance of idleness, are perhaps the most fortunate. They take up the yoke in their youth. They set their face to duty from the first; and if life should prove a burden, their backs become inured to it, so that they bear the weight more easily than others do pleasures and vanities.

In our modern life, this is a largely increasing class. As the relations of society become more complicated, and its needs more enlarged, refined, and expensive, the duty of work, of every man to his own work, becomes more urgent and universal. There is no room left for the idle. There are certainly no rewards to them. Society expects every man to do his duty; and its revenge is very swift when its claims are neglected or its expectations disappointed.

Trulock says: "The grocer is equally honorable with the Lawyer, and the tailor with the soldier. It is just as really becoming of a gentleman—if we could purge our minds of traditional delusions which will not stand a moment impartial examination—to work in the shops, or upon the farms, as to sit at a desk, or indite a law paper or write an article. The only work that is more honorable, is work of higher skill and more meritorious excellence. It is the quality of the work, and not the name or nature of the work, that is the source of all real honor and respect.

A soul immortal, spending all her fires, wasting her strength in strenuous idleness, thrown into tumult, raptured, or alarmed. At aught this scene can threaten or indulge, resembles ocean into tempest wrought to waft a feather, or to drown a fly.

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## HOGS AND—HOGS

Hogs are of many kinds, different in colors, sexes, sensibilities and insensibilities. And like the Biblical declaration concerning the poor, "Ye have with you always." There's the road hog who refuses to give any part of the highway, and the end seat hog who takes the end of the seat in theatre and church and makes those coming in later brush past him to get a seat. Then there is the post-office hog who gets his (and "he" isn't always of the masculine gender either,) mail and stands in front of the box to read while others, waiting to get to their boxes, have to look on and wait; who insists, when he finds the windows closed while the postmaster and his assistants are struggling to get the freshly arrived mail distributed, that the window be opened and he be given his parcel post package, or after closing hour demands that the postmaster open the windows and him a postage stamp.

Yes, the woods are full of not all of them of the four-legged variety. May his tribe decrease.—Alpine Avalanche.

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## ON THE UPGRADE

In summing up his weekly review, Theodore H. Price says: "In one of his books, the late Max O'Rell remarked that 'blessed is the country that has no news,' and the assurance that I feel good times ahead is largely due to the absence of important news. The weak spots have all been uncovered. The financial invalids are occupying beds in the hospitals and are being carefully nursed back to health by bankers' committees, and most of our people, forgetting those things that are behind, are reaching forth unto those things that are before with hope and a willingness to work that must soon bring prosperity unless the experience of the ages is to be reversed."

It is a fitting post-Easter message. To the man who is looking forward "with hope and a willingness to work" it will come as a cheering message. Unswerving faith, persistent hope and patient work will bring us out of our troubles. We know the worst now, and have discounted it. Things are getting a little better. They will continue to get better and will become better still if we keep at work in the right spirit. Let's forget all about the frenzied spree of a year ago and begin to compare our position from day to day with that of a few months ago. We have started on the upgrade after having hit the bottom. Quit grumbling and lend a hand.—Star-Telegram.

## PIANOS AND VICTROLAS

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**SCHOOL BONDS DEFEATED**

In the election last Saturday  
 to determine whether or not  
 bonds in the sum of \$2,500  
 should be issued for the purpose  
 of installing in the public school  
 building of this city a decent  
 sanitary toilet system, the propo-  
 sition was defeated by a vote  
 of 57 for and 64 against.

We regret that this bond  
 issue was defeated, as we are told  
 by those in a position to know,  
 that the toilet conditions as ex-  
 ist today are very deplorable  
 and in fact a shame to be allowed  
 to exist in a civilized community.  
 The system has been condemned  
 by the State, county and city  
 health officers. Considering this  
 fact alone, we would like to ask  
 the question, what are the pat-  
 rons going to do about a decent  
 toilet system? One must be pro-  
 vided, and it seems to us that a  
 system as proposed by this bond  
 issue would in the long run be  
 the cheapest.

Wedoubt if the question was  
 thoroughly understood by those  
 who cast their votes against the  
 issue, otherwise we do not be-  
 lieve a patron of the school  
 would have voted against the  
 question. But maybe they did  
 not, as some have made the re-  
 mark that it was defeated by  
 those whose children are grown  
 and need no further education.  
 Surely there is not a taxpaying  
 citizen of this town who voted  
 against the question solely be-  
 cause of that, which would en-  
 able him to save a few dollars in  
 taxes. We do not believe that  
 any good citizen can help but be  
 willing to pay taxes and help to  
 educate the boys and girls of to-  
 day, who so to speak, will be  
 the men and women of tomor-  
 row.

We believe that the board  
 would do well to immediately  
 call for another election on this  
 question, and let the voters pass  
 on the matter again, as surely  
 most of those voting against the  
 bonds did not fully understand  
 the merits and necessity of same.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE  
 BUSINESS MEETING**

The Epworth League met in  
 business session April 3, at the  
 regular hour, for the election of  
 officers for the next year. They  
 were as follows:

Reidenbach, president;  
 Marquis, Vice-President;  
 Middleton, Superintendent  
 of the First Department;  
 Mae Beidleman, Superintendent  
 of second Department; Lorena  
 Dry, Superintendent of third De-  
 partment; Joe Riney, Superin-  
 tendent of Fourth Department;  
 Mabel McNeas, Secretary and  
 Treasurer; Ruth Pike, Assistant  
 Secretary; Brannice Bailey Cor-  
 bonding Secretary; Murphy  
 as Era Agent, John Mc-  
 Press Reporter.

Officers will be installed  
 Sunday morning at the  
 regular hour. Every Leaguer  
 is to be present.

idder, like the bare tree,  
 found everywhere. He  
 grows, but does not produce.  
 a handicap instead of a

onie and Lillie Jack-  
 were guests of Mr.  
 Boney this

# COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday Afternoon 2:00 to 5:30

|                              |   |   |                                      |
|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Friday                       | April 8   | Saturday  | April 9                              |
| Tom Mix<br>in<br>"The Texan" | "Bride 13"<br>Episode No. 12<br>Snub Pollard Comedy | Shirley Mason<br>in<br>"Girl O' My Heart"<br>Mutt & Jeff in "The Once Over" | Charlie Chaplin<br>in<br>"One A. M." |

The "13th Bride" will be Announced Friday Night

Special Baseball Boys Benefit Show Thursday April 14

Hicks Swafford came in last  
 week from Harris, Missouri,  
 where for some time he has been  
 connected with the O'Harris  
 Cattle Company. His many  
 friends were glad to have him  
 home for a few days visit. He  
 returns to his position today.

The families of Mr. and Mrs.  
 Emory McDonald, Mr. and Mrs.  
 T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs.  
 Fred Guitar, composed a merry  
 fishing party to Warren's Lake  
 one evening this week.

Miss La Verne and Jewel War-  
 ren of Abilene, were guests of  
 Mrs. Amy Sears last week end.

**COLLEGE WEEK A BIG  
 SUCCESS**

In honor of the candidates  
 for graduation in the Merkel  
 High School, a program was giv-  
 en last week intended to cause  
 them and the other students of  
 the high school to think more  
 of "pressing on" to that higher  
 mark in preparation for life's  
 service. The program for the  
 week was very successful.

On Monday morning at chapel  
 Prof. Rupert N. Richardson of  
 Simmons College spoke to the  
 students and parents of the  
 power and place of education in  
 service. The message was one  
 that pointed the way to higher  
 heights of service, and the neces-  
 sity of making preparation for  
 this service. The Merkel Or-  
 chestra furnished us with some  
 excellent music this morning.

On Tuesday morning, Mr.  
 Groene very kindly tendered  
 the high school the use of the Cozy  
 Theatre. Picture slides of the  
 University of Texas and of Tex-  
 as A. and M. College were shown  
 and explained. An educational  
 moving picture was also shown  
 at this time, due to the court-  
 esy of Mrs. Groene.

On Wednesday morning at  
 chapel, L. R. Thompson, Cashier  
 of the Farmers and Merchants  
 National Bank gave us another  
 of his inspiring talks. He was  
 received, as he always is, with  
 enthusiasm by the students.  
 The theme of his talk was pre-  
 paration for service in the home.  
 A college education makes one  
 where he can be of more service.  
 The High School Girls' Chorus  
 then gave us a beautiful num-  
 ber and Althae Boden favored  
 the audience with a vocal solo.

The last program of College  
 Week was given on Friday morn-  
 ing of last week. Prof. James  
 F. Cox of Abilene Christian  
 College brought us the message  
 of the morning. He used as-  
 surance of success by preparing  
 for any emergency that might  
 arise, to make the "extra pre-  
 paration" by going to college  
 and thus be prepared to accept  
 the place that will be later offer-  
 ed in life. It is hoped that the  
 programs of the week will cause  
 some to make this "extra pre-  
 paration" who have not hereto-  
 fore thought of going to college.

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**IN MEMORY OF LITTLE  
 E. C. JAYNES**

On Monday morning, March  
 28, 1921, the whole Noodle com-  
 munity was shocked and grimed  
 when the news flashed that lit-  
 tle E. C. Jaynes was dead. E. C.  
 is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
 Jaynes. He was born May 12,  
 1918. He had only been sick  
 four days. The cause of his  
 death was a mystery to loved  
 ones and friends who so tenderly  
 ministered to him while sick.  
 Oh how that dear father and  
 mother will miss little E. C. He  
 was such a sweet child. No more  
 will they hear the patting of his  
 little feet or hear his sweet voice  
 call Daddy and mama. How hard  
 to stand around that little white  
 casket and say good-bye to their  
 darling boy. Loved ones you  
 have only to look through your  
 veil of tears and see your dar-  
 ling enjoying the blessings of  
 God.

We would say weep not father  
 mother, and other loved ones.  
 Your loss is heavens gain. He  
 cannot come back to you, but  
 you can go to him.

His dear little body was ten-  
 derly laid to rest Tuesday after-  
 noon at 3 o'clock in Rose Hill  
 Cemetery, Rev. W. K. Horn con-  
 ducting the services.

His heartbroken loved ones  
 have the sympathy of the entire  
 community.

**NOTICE**

If you want to sell your chick-  
 ens and eggs bring them to the  
 Produce Man in the alle and get  
 highest market price. He will  
 pay you the cash and the grocer  
 man will sell you groceries for  
 the cash, so let me have your  
 produce. Thanking you in ad-  
 vance. W. P. Duckett. 8t2

If you need implements we  
 have them in stock. Crown Hard  
 ware Company. 8t2

Ladies or gents suits, thor-  
 oughly renovated, steamed and  
 pressed for 75c. One day service.  
 L. P. Ligon, phone 218. tf

Plenty of feed such as Bran,  
 Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sub-  
 lett's.

**THE STUCCO GARAGE**

Is now open again, under new  
 management. When you need  
 GAS, OILS or ACCESSORIES  
 come and give us a trial, as we  
 are always ready to give you the  
 very best service, EARLY or  
 LATE.

Either Mr. Cannon or Mr. Sid-  
 ney Coats is ready to wait on  
 you. Store cars with us either  
 by day, week, or month, also  
 GARAGE in connection. We will  
 appreciate your business and  
 treat you right. 1t

John Deere Planters, both  
 single and double row. Crown  
 Hardware Co. 8t2

I wish to get in touch with  
 families who wish fresh butter  
 and milk. Will deliver twice a  
 week, Tuesdays and Saturdays.  
 Butter 40c, Quality guaranteed.  
 Address XYZ care the Merkel  
 Mail. 8t2p

Will take your laundry as late  
 as Thursday noon. Cleaning  
 and Pressing every day. L. P.  
 Ligon, phone 218. tf

## Fall In Line!

Come on and join our list of customers.

Our stock is not one of the largest in West  
 Texas, but we try to carry an assortment that will  
 supply your needs.

We want your business and will try to make  
 you feel that we do, if you will give us the chance.

We have in stock some nice assortments of  
 Builders Hardware, Plumbing Supplies, pipe, Bath  
 Tubs, Kitchen Sinks, Queensware, Shelf Hard-  
 ware, Guns, Ammunition, Screen and Poultry wire,  
 Oil Stoves, Cuttlery, Silverware, Cut Glass.

Also we have some Implements that our pric-  
 es are right on, according to the market prices on  
 them.

We are here to stay, if our friends will help us  
 to stay, by giving us all or part of their Hardware  
 Business.

A Square Deal to All---Try us

## LIBERTY HARDWARE CO.

**WOMANS  
 MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

A most pleasant and profit-  
 ble meeting of the Womens Mis-  
 sionary Society, was held last  
 Monday afternoon in the  
 primary room of the church.  
 Little surprise entertain-  
 had been arranged by a fe-  
 the members and a cordial  
 tation given to every mem-  
 of the Society to come and be-  
 some one who was not a mem-  
 ber. Quite a large number re-  
 sponded to this invitation and a  
 very pleasant afternoon was  
 spent together.

This being regular business  
 meeting day, the transaction of  
 business came first after a scrip-  
 ture lesson by the president,  
 Mrs. Brown and prayer by Mrs.  
 H. C. Williams. As the meet-  
 ing was late in beginning, the  
 president announced that only  
 the pressing business would be  
 transacted. This included the  
 report of the officers and pay-  
 ing of dues. Just at this time  
 it was also decided that the  
 Womens Missionary Society  
 would give \$300.00 to the Meth-  
 odist college fund at Abilene.  
 This was one of the most im-  
 portant features of the meeting  
 and every member seemed to be  
 in hearty accord with this con-  
 tribution. After the business  
 came the social hour.

A large map of Texas had  
 been drawn on white paper and  
 pinned on the wall. On this  
 map were red circles at every  
 town or city where we have  
 work. A lady was blindfolded  
 and led within reach of the map  
 and asked to pin a bow of red  
 ribbon on each circle. Mrs. Mar-  
 tin then explained the different  
 kind of work carried on at each  
 place. In this way many of us  
 learned something about the  
 different kind of work being  
 carried on by the Methodist  
 church at different places in  
 Texas that we had not known  
 before.

White cards tied with the  
 Society colors, white and gold,  
 were passed and each lady asked  
 to write why she did or did  
 not belong to the Missionary  
 Society. These cards were  
 collected and read. This  
 led much merriment and so  
 the lame excuses for not be-  
 ing was met by some bet-  
 reasons for belonging and new-  
 ly every lady who was not  
 member enrolled her name as a  
 member before the meeting clos-  
 ed. Just here we will say that  
 since January 1 we have enroll-  
 ed about 38 or 39 new members,  
 bringing our membership up to  
 about 65. We are just getting  
 ready to work and in the future  
 you may expect great things of  
 the Missionary Society.

For this occasion the Primary  
 Room had been arranged to look  
 as homely and comfortable as  
 possible. The seats were neatly  
 arranged and tables, cut flowers  
 and ferns adorned the room.  
 Rugs were placed on the floor  
 and an air of hospitality pre-  
 vailed. Delicious refreshment  
 plates of sandwiches, pickles,  
 olives, ice tea and wafers were  
 served. This closed the program  
 for the afternoon and many ex-  
 pressed themselves as being well  
 repaid for the time spent in this  
 friendly social meeting. We hope  
 to have many more such con-  
 genial meetings as this ere the  
 year has passed. Press Reporter

Owing to warm weather can't  
 handle but very little butter.  
 Market price paid for Eggs. W.  
 F. Hamblett. 1t

Safety and Service are the  
 watch words of the Farmers &  
 Merchants National Bank 4%  
 interest paid on our savings  
 deposits. Start an account to-  
 day. tf

**To The Ladies of Merkel**

If you are especially particu-  
 lar about your cleaning and  
 pressing, and appreciate high-  
 class work, let me have your deli-  
 cate wardrobe, we clean suits  
 of all kinds, furs and plush  
 goods, kid gloves, taffetas, etc.  
 fact everything wearable. No  
 Gas odor, one day service if de-  
 sired. L. P. Ligon, phone 218. tf

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES**

There has never been a time when the advantages of education and training for business were more clearly demonstrated than now. Some firms are reducing their payroll, either in salary or in number of employees, to keep pace with the return to normal prices and the general retrenchment in the business world following the period of war-inflation. Naturally, the first class of employees to be cut are the untrained workers. The high salaried executives, the trained men and women who hold the responsible positions, are the last to have their salaries reduced or to be let off the payroll.

Ambitious young people want to be in the latter class, the employees who are most valuable to a firm, who draw the best salaries and are the last to be released in stringent times. You want to be a **TRAINED WORKER**. Will you devote years of hard labor at low pay to gaining your training thru experience, or will you invest a few months time in acquiring the most thorough, practical and complete training that can be had in Bookkeeping, Stenography, Telegraphy, Cotton Cladding, Business Administration and Finance, in the largest business training institution in America, the Tyler Commercial College? Such a business training not only insures you a good salary from the day you complete our course, but opens up to you the unlimited opportunities for promotion that can only be found in the business world. Every opening for a Bookkeeper, Stenographer, Telegraph Operator, Cotton Classifier or Private Secretary is an opening for a position higher up if you make the most of it, and we will place you in a good office under big business men at a good salary as soon as you complete a course with us. Opportunity knocks but once at each man's door; can you afford to pass this one up?

The thoroughness of our courses is indisputably proven by our enrollment last year of 4483; no inferior school ever built up and held a large patronage. Business men recognize our students as capable, which is proven by the fact that they call on us every day for graduates to take positions in their offices; we have placed a hundred or more with each of several large concerns.

Fill in and mail the coupon below for free catalogue, containing interesting stories of the success of many of our former students. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name .....  
Address .....

**EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM**

Subject: "Christ's Interpretation of the Sabbath and the right way of using the day."  
Leader—Annie Bickley.  
Song services, Prayer.  
Scripture passages by Leaguers.  
Inotations from great men—Bill Stevens.  
Leader's address: "Christ's Interpretation of the old Sabbath"  
Special music: Lillian Craig.  
"The Sabbath and Legislation by Jossie Smith.  
Announcements.  
League Benediction.

We strive at all times to please. If we do not tell us. If we do tell others. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180.

Mr. W. V. Price is at home this week from Breckenridge, where he has been in the oil fields for several months. Mr. Price will return to his work Saturday.

Car of Black Smith Coal received at Crown Hdw. Co. 8t2

Miss Ona Fae Bland returned to Trinity University Monday after spending a few days with home folks.

# Big Specials at The

## MERKEL DRY GOODS COMPANY

We still find we are carrying too much merchandise under the existing conditions and are determined to reduce stock to a minimum regardless of replacement values. While market conditions will not justify many low prices we are making, we are taking our loss in advance of any further declining market, should there be any.

### New Spring Suits Specials

We have lately added the well known Hart, Schaffner & Marx line of clothing to our stock and are making our prices according to the times. Best grade French imported worsteds, cassimeres and serges in browns and blues only ..... \$50.00  
Other lines \$32.50, \$30, \$27.50, \$25.00 and down to ..... \$13.95

#### Extra Special

Men and Boys Pants—One lot mens pants values up to \$12.50 reduced now to ..... \$4.95  
All \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18 mens blue serge and worsted pants now ..... \$9.98  
All \$12.50 and \$13.50 mens serge and worsted pants now ..... \$7.98  
All boys and mens pants cut one-half

### Florsheim and Marshall Shoe Specials

Florsheims best grade brown kangaroo and kid shoes and oxfords, they formerly sold for \$19.50 now ..... \$11.95

Florsheims best grade black kid, kangaroo and mahogany calf skin, these shoes and oxfords formerly sold for \$15, \$16.50 and \$17.50 now ..... \$9.98

Marshall's best grade brown kid and kangaroo shoes and oxfords that sold for \$15, \$16.50 and \$17.50 now ..... \$9.98

Marshall's best grade black kid and calfskin oxfords that sold for \$12.50 and \$13.50 now ..... \$7.98

200 pair shoes in black and mahogany calfskin, values up to \$15, now ..... \$7.98  
Edmonds \$10 and \$12.50 mahogany calf shoes, army last shoe now ..... \$6.95

### Big Millinery Reduction

To lower our present large stock of Millinery we are giving a special 20 per cent discount for a few days only. Don't fail to take advantage of our many bargains in this line.

### Big Overall Specials

Carhart and Buck brand overalls, blues and stripes  
**\$1.19**

Best grade McDonald blue work shirts  
**Only 89c**

## The Merkel Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Big Cash Store

### SCHOOL REPORTS TO PUPILS

On Wednesday afternoon the report cards of the pupils of the Merkel School will be given to the pupils to take to their parents for examination and signing. Parents will please examine these carefully, sign and return promptly to the teacher. These reports cover the work of the pupils for the fifth grade-period ending April 15th. These remains one grade-period of six weeks after this one before school closes on May 20.

If your child's report is not what it should be, you as the child's parent should investigate and find out where the shortage is, and remedy this deficiency before it is too late for promotion. A great many deficiencies can yet be made up between now and the close of school in May if the parent, child and teacher will co-operate. Criticism of the teacher by you will not improve the child's work or his report, nor will it insure his promotion, but on the other hand will give the deficient child a good excuse behind which to hide. Of course a year's work cannot be made up in six weeks time, but if a child is falling just a little below the standard requirement for promotion, he can bring his work up to the required standard IF all will co-operate to see that the best efforts are put forth for the next six weeks. You cannot afford to let anything of trivial nature cause the child to lose a year's work because he did not put forth his best effort.

The teachings ask your continued co-operation in this matter. See that the child's average for the year is 85% or better. Very respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Superintendent.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better. tf

Bring me your Eggs and Chickens. A. L. Jobe. 1t2

Corn and Corn Chops, at G. M. ...'s t

## Spring and Summer Essentials

Within the next two or three days we will receive a large shipment of Refrigerators and porch furniture.

If you are in the market for either, it will pay you to wait and see them, as they were bought at the new prices, and we will have a Variety of sizes and patterns at a very reasonable price.

Don't forget that this is the best time of the year to paint and paper your house, our line of Paper, Paint, Oils and varnishes is complete, you can paint your house just as cheap with Sherwin-Williams paint, as you can with any Mail order house paint, regardless of what you pay per Gallon. Then too you will have the pleasure of knowing that you have used the very best material that can be made. Remember it isn't what the paint cost per gallon, but what it cost you to paint the house, that you are most interested in.

Give us your paint bill and we will guarantee you will be satisfied with the results.

## Barrow Furniture Co.

### LAST LYCEUM NUMBER COMING APRIL 20TH

On Wednesday evening, April 20th, at eight-fifteen o'clock, the last number of the Merkel High School Lyceum Course will be given at the High School Auditorium. Look up your season ticket, and hear this, the best number on the course. On this date the Lucille Price Entertainers will give the people of Merkel a splendid program of readings, violin numbers, vocal numbers, impersonations and piano numbers. The program is another of the varied programs that so appeal to all.

Those not holding season tickets will be charged admission of 35 and 50 cents; school children 35 cents, all others, 50 cents. You will get your money's worth of good, clean entertainment and fun. Hear this program if you have not heard one of Lyceum numbers. Look up that season ticket.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better. tf

We clean and press, Ladies or gents suits for \$1.50, no slick, no gas odor, one day service if desired. L. P. Ligon phone 218.

Plenty of feed such as Bran, Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sublett's. tf

Notice is hereby given that parties who took away the drag belonging to the city will do a great favor by returning same, as it is now needed. J. H. Witcher, City Marshal.

Just received a fresh car of Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour. Bradshaw & Sublett tf

Base ball goods and fishing tackle at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

... at Brad-

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Rowden Cotton seed. Also Barred Rock Eggs. Joe K. Higgins, Route 1. 25t4p

FOR SALE—Double-row P & O Cultivator at a bargain. See West Company. 1t2p

PLENTY COW FEED—Bran, Shorts, Meal, Hulls and Hay. Phone 203 before twelve or call at the COAL YARD on Kent St. in afternoon. Swafford & Leslie. 1t2

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Have two good Jacks for sale or would trade them for mules, mares or cows. J. H. Grayson, Trent, route two. 1t2p

### CULL COTTON SEED

I will cull Cotton Seed Tuesdays and Fridays at my place, four miles east of Merkel. J. E. Higgins. 11t4p

FOR SALE—One good Jersey Cow with heifer calf. See J. J. Russell Jr. 1tp

WANTED—A good farm hand. See Sam Butman Sr., Merkel tf

FOR SALE—My Merkel home also a highly improved place with five rooms and bath two lots and water worth the money. See H. D. Simpson. tf

Safety and Service are the watch words of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank 4% interest paid on our savings deposits. Start an account today. tf

NOTICE—If the parties who was seen to break in my barn and take lines and other things will return same they will save trouble. T. F. Compton. 1tp

### THE SMITH-HAMON CESSPOOL

The woman says she is "vindicated". There are people who can't see the difference between vindication and a simple conflict of evidence which renders it impossible to find a positive verdict of guilty. Under all the evidence it would have been impossible for any court to sustain a verdict of guilty. Neither party had any principle of respect for morals. The whole affair was rotten through and through I am not casting stones at the guilty, nor abusing them personally in saying that it will take many, many years of penitence to atone for the injury done to public morals by the developments in this case. The world is worse for its publicity. \*And it will require something far more thoroughly cleansing than a baptism of water to wash away the sins of the past.—Comanche Enterprise.

And in almost every town and community throughout the land there are those who like "Jake and the woman in 'his case," whose immoral careers, although not generally known to the public, are a stench in the nostrils of decent society, a which sooner or later "blow up" disastrously to all concerned. And most of them in less time than it took the powerful Jake, because, with his vast wealth he could get away with it better. But like every one who keeps up such a life, he got his.

### We will Dye for You

Anything, anytime, any color and guarantee the job. Ligon, phone 218.

Let us Clean, Press and repair your old clothes, or better still let us sell you a new one. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180

We have just received 3 automobile socket wrenches. Don't wait until too late to yours. West Company.

Hot weather is here, yourself at the Merkel Fountain. Eye

Supreme Court of Maine Adds Its Voice to Denunciation of Almost Universal Pest.

The dog having had his say before the Supreme court in Washington, we now find the "busy, curious, thirsty fly" preening his wings in the solemn precincts of the Supreme court of Maine as a co-defendant. He finds few sympathizers. For his size he is the most malodorous and detestable of beasts, and the mischief he does is immeasurable. In this case the court of appeal was told that a summer boarder had engaged rooms at a hotel for two weeks and had left at the end of four days, declaring the flies intolerable. The Supreme court upholds the plaintiff in his refusal to pay for his infested accommodations.

The Journal of the American Medical association makes the case the text of one of the most exhorting denunciations of the fly that have been penned; but will the fly care? Not a bit of it. "A fly," wrote Emerson in his despair, "is as untamable as a hyena." Probably a fly was teasing the sage of Concord as he wrote. The best thing Josh Billings ever said was "D— a fly!" Shakespeare would have said it if he had thought of it. As a carrier of pestilential putrescence the fly is without a peer. The help of the Supreme court of Maine is welcome in putting him down.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

WILL TAKE LAND FROM SEA

People of Holland Meet Problem of Expanding Population in Characteristic Dutch Fashion.

After many years' deliberation the people of Holland have decided that they need more land, and, having reached that decision, they have gone about the acquisition of it with characteristic Dutch energy and determination, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The program contemplates the building of a 30-mile dike across the outlet of the Zuyder zee and gradual reclamation of parts of that body by means of smaller dikes and a filling-in and pumping process. The damming of the north end of the Zuyder zee presents difficulties, not only on account of the length of the dam, but also due to the fact that at the Friesland shore end the water depth varies from 11 to 33 feet. The foundation of the great dam will be, literally, billions of all sizes of tree branches, lashed together into great bundles. These will be sunk, forming a supporting mat of enormous area. Upon this will be placed a thick layer of coarse crushed stone, and on this powerful foundation will be reared the masonry of the dike.

Plant Diseases Costly.

Millions of bushels of grain, fruit and vegetables and a big tonnage of cotton were lost to American farmers last year by plant diseases, according to figures compiled by the plant disease survey of the Department of Agriculture. The survey said that the statistics indicate that lack of prompt application of known measures of control was largely the cause of the loss. The plant disease survey estimated the losses at 112,000,000 bushels of wheat, 50,000,000 bushels of oats, 80,000,000 bushels of corn, 50,000,000 bushels of potatoes, 40,000,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, 185,000 tons of tomatoes, 850,000 bales of cotton, 5,000,000 bushels of peaches and 10,000,000 bushels of apples.

Tuberculosis Ebbs and Flows.

The decline of tuberculosis is likened to that of leprosy by Dr. Louis Corbett, lecturer in pathology at the University of Cambridge. Leprosy was formerly one of the world's great scourges, but has become practically extinct in western countries. Tuberculosis seems to be following, as it is declining at an increasing rate, its deaths having fallen off nearly 60 per cent since 1865. Apparent causes of the change are lessened overcrowding, otherwise improved social conditions, more and better food, and the adoption of methods of real ventilation. The war has given tuberculosis a new lease of life in European nations, especially in half-starved Austria, where it runs riot.

"Polite" Motor Horn.

The magazine Motor announces the arrival of the courteous motor horn. Up to now the motor horn has been decidedly cacophonous. It squawks unpleasantly; it bellows alarmingly; it utters noises disagreeably suggestive of nausea.

But the new horn, which is appearing on the market, has a tone that is at once polite and powerful. It warns, yet does not offend the sensitive ear. The tone-adjusting mechanism is so contrived and arranged that the horn is easily regulated for any degree of vociferousness, but it yet carries a warning to the pedestrian.

On Their Mettle.

The head waiter and his assistants are flustered.

"I've noticed that."

"And there seems to be great excitement in the kitchen."

"What do you suppose is the matter?"

"A visiting chef has just dropped in and offered a seven-course dinner."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Wrong Course.

Dawdle says that he's had chances, but they were all poor ones. He noticed that whenever opportunity knocked Dawdle proceeded to the opportunity.—Boston

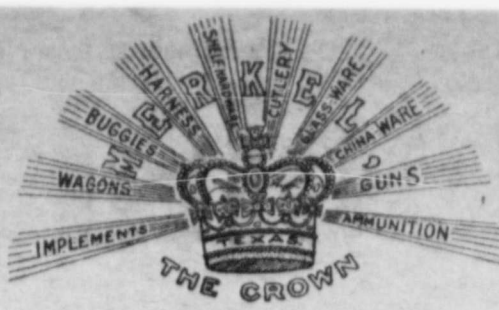
# IMPLEMENTS

The Implement season is here and we are here with the goods. We have Double and Single Row Planters and Cultivators in John Deere line. Also Section Harrows, Go-Devils and other implements now in season you will find here. Full line of extras. Don't fail to see us for Oil Stoves, Ice Cream Freezers, Screen Wire, Hoes, Files, Shelf Hardware and Amunition. We have the goods, and our prices are right.

# GROCERIES

As good as can be had, and prices always as low as they can be sold. Try us for groceries. Use our American Beauty Flour and Meal. There is none better. Free delivery.

# Crown Hardware Co



### IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize.  
To begin over.  
To admit error.  
To be unselfish.  
To take advice.  
To be charitable.  
To endure success.  
To keep on trying.  
To forgive and forget.  
To keep out of the rut.  
To make the most of a little.  
To maintain a high standard.  
To recognize the silver lining.  
To shoulder a deserved blame.  
BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.  
—The Hallegram.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Victoria Fact: We need no more laws for Victoria no more than we need a changed form of government for the city, but what we do need is officers who will enforce the laws we now have.

Your need is not an uncommon one. There are many officers sworn to enforce the laws who are either negligent or reluctant to do their duty. Some of them are in fact afraid to. All such ought to resign, whether their remissness is due to their private views or to their lack of personal courage. And this assertion applies to judges on the bench as well as policemen on their beats, sheriff on horseback or constable in fliyers. If you don't agree with the law, say so and retire to private life. If you do agree with the law, and agree that it is your duty to enforce it, let your faith be discovered in your works. On the contrary, if you lack the qualifications of an officer entitled to enforce the law and your own authority, take off your pistol and take up the yardstick or some other tame employment. If there is anything more subversive of law and order than a timmer, shifter and dodger on the bench, a judge who is more concerned for his own ease and a good standing with the evil elements than for the enforcement of

the laws given into his charge, it is an officer with police authority who sells out to the vicious contingent or who lacks the nerve to deal with the lawless as the lawless should be dealt with. Law enactment is child's play in comparison with law enforcement, and for free citizens to expect much of the Legislature and little of the administrative forces of our government is to expose ourselves to anarchy and all its works.—State Press.

### Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. With I'd known about Rat-Snap before. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatches, I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, \$1.25.

Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis.

### IMPOSED UPON.

"The United States has a telephone for every eight inhabitants."  
"Then I'm not getting a square deal."  
"Huh?"  
"More people than that are using mine."

### MISNOMER.

"I don't see why they call 'em bootleggers," said Uncle Bill Botletop. "All I ever heard of wear out more automobile tires than they do shoe leather."

### NO CO-OPERATION.

"How's business?"  
"Not so good—thanks to some dishonest rascals who are selling goods at reasonable prices."—Le Journal Amusant (Paris).

### MOVED

The Service Garage has moved from the corner of Edwards and Elm streets to the Beasley building across the street from the Cozy Theatre. Would be pleased to serve you if in need of work in my line. Work guaranteed. Ed Gant. 1t2p

If it's Drugs you want you will find it at the Merkel Drug Company.

### A MAN MAY BE DOWNED

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature and was defeated. He next entered business, failed and was seventeen years paying his debts. He was engaged to a beautiful woman—she died. He entered politics again, he ran for congress, and was again defeated. He then tried to get

an appointment in the United States Land Office, and failed. He became a candidate for the United States Senate, and was badly beaten. He ran for vice-president and was once more defeated. When you think of your hard luck—think of Lincoln. Gold Plume Coffee at Bradshaw & Sublett's.

# SALE!

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Notary Public.  
Office over Crown Hardware Co.  
Merkel —:— Texas

### W. P. MAHAFFEY

Attorney at Law  
Merkel and Abilene, Texas  
Merkel Office in rear Farmers  
State Bank. 22Sept17

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**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**  
(By Autry Porter)

Wednesday the High School enjoyed several selections sung by a number of high school girls and a vocal solo by Althae Boden. Then Mr. L. R. Thompson gave a very enthusiastic talk on the preparation for life.

Again, Friday morning we enjoyed another song by the high school girls, and a vocal solo by Miss Christene Collins, followed by an earnest appeal from Mr. Cox of Abilene "Make as sure as you can your success in life." This was the end of college week and much enthusiasm has been aroused by the earnest talks that have been given.

April fool has come and passed, can you guess which class was the biggest fool at last.

The Juniors faith in the Seniors was aroused again, when they received an invitation to a long expected vienne roast Friday night. The Juniors and Seniors accompanied by the High school faculty, met at the home of Loyce Dry and went from there to Mr. Largent's pasture where roasted viennes, marshmallows, sandwiches, and fruit were administered to ravenous appetites. The remainder of the evening was spent in telling jokes and in playing games. Those who failed to be there missed much fun.

The pupils were curiously surprised when Mr. Burgess announced that school would be dismissed for the laying of the corner stone at the Baptist church.

**Fun and Facts**

Hazel, at the vienne roast: "Is this water good to drink?" Mr. Burgess: "Yes the cattle drink it."

Warren to John A. "You may be witty, but the guy who wrote 'Snowbound' was Whittier."

When your lessons suit you not, Try Smiling.

When your teachers get hot, Try smiling.

When your classmates don't do right, or you get into a fight, sure it's hard but then you Try Smiling.

10th grade Eng. "What did I say I was going to do to you the next time you didn't bring your books to class?"

President of 10th grade class: "Why that's funny Miss Smith, that you should forget it too. Hanged if we can remember it."

Mr. Ellis was about to apply the strap. "Father," said Castle gently but firmly, "unless

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Mr. Ellis gasped. "Moreover," continued Castle "the germs that might be released by the violent impact of leather upon a porous textile fabric but lately exposed to the dust of the streets would be likely to affect you deleteriously."

The strap fell from a nerveless hand and Castle flitted.

J. J.—"Say, do you know why that automobile does not run?"

Carvel—"No why?" J. J.—"Because it's wheels are tired."

Mary—"Would you think it right to punish any one for something she had not done, Miss Deal?"

Miss Deal—"No of course I shouldn't."

Mary—"Well I haven't done any of my Spanish for today."

### GOOD NEWS

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### GOLAN ITEMS

The trustees have been very successful in selecting another principal for Golan school, as Mr. Marvin Sosebee was secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Med Heron spent Saturday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jeffrey.

Miss Vida Williams spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Bettie Byron.

Mrs. D. M. Hill and Miss Mervil Hill went to Hamlin, Texas Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were in Merkel Saturday morning.

Misses Edith Thompson and Viola Cook were guests of Miss

Edith Hudspeth Sunday.

Miss Vida Williams was in Merkel Saturday having some dental work attended to.

Mr. Wade Thompson was a visitor from here to Newman Sunday.

Miss Mervil Hill spent Sunday with Miss Bettie Byron.

Little Miss Eldora Hill spent Sunday evening with Jewel Fae Hill.

Mrs. D. F. Hill has returned from Childress and is now with her son Mr. W. C. Hill.

Mr. Luther Davis and Miss Beulah Heron spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Val Byrom.

### BLAIR NEWS

Blair isn't dead yet, if you can't believe us, come and see. We still have Sunday School at 10:30 and a singing every Sunday night.

Miss Jeanette Curtis has returned to her home in Chicago, after visiting Misses Ruby and Lizzie Hughes of this place.

There was a show at Blair Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. Everet Jones of Dallas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Jones.

A few of the young folks from here, motored to Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Our baseball players played against Merkel Friday afternoon. Blair won and we invite the Merkel players to come again.

Mrs. John Hughes is off visiting her relatives, but it might be wise for her to make her visit short for John says he doesn't like to keep house and farm.

Misses Elsie Sharp and Fae Simpson chaperoned all of the larger pupils to Castle Peak Friday. They returned very tired but managed to yell for the ball game.

Miss Lizzie Hughes proved to be our best-senior speller and Miss Goldie Barnes is our best Junior speller. Annie Reaves and Fae Blackburn were the other Senior spellers. Misses Hughes and Barnes both spelled at Abilene.

Miss Mary Sherman of Trent visited friends here Friday.

Mr. Rains has a supply of Dry Goods now. Who said "Blair isn't building up?" Brown eyes

### NOODLE NEWS

Health of community good. The farmers are busy planting. A good rain would be appreciated. Quite a number went to the Singing at Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson were in Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Alice McCain of Salt Branch spent the past week with friends in Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason and little daughters spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends here.

Mr. S. H. Meeks is the proud possessor of a new "Ford."

The ball game between Noodle and Union Friday afternoon was quite interesting.

Claude Rosson was in Noodle Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. D. Beasley and little daughter of Floydada are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Seymour Cozzen returned Monday to her home at Tulia.

### BLAIR NEWS

Merkel was defeated in the ball game Friday, April 1.

Mrs. H. E. Spears, who is at the sanitarium at Sweetwater, is improving.

Bro. Smith preached at Blair April 3 and accepted the call and is the pastor now.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Patterson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jonnie Ray.

Mrs. John Hughes and grand-ma Hughes is gone to Knox county to visit Daton Snow.

We are very sorry to say that Grandma Hanner is very low at this writing.

Mr. Leonard Moore spent Sunday with Mr. J. P. Spears.

Sheriff, E. M. Blackburn has just returned from a trip to Fort Worth.

The farmers are all busy planting their new crop.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears motored to Sweetwater Tuesday on business.

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Our farmers were very busy to see the nice shower first of the week and are very busy planting now while the season is good.

Mr. and Mrs. Vol Cantrel of I.X.L. visited their uncle Mr. E. M. Massey Sunday.

Mr. Floyd Tate of Tuscola is spending the week with his sister Mrs. Marion Logan.

And Oh that ball game, with such enthusiastic girls over their victory for really they did come out victorious over the Cross Roads girls in an interesting game of basket ball featured on the Cross Roads court Friday afternoon.

Several of our young folks attended services at Nubia Sunday morning.

Rev. Calvin Rister preached here Sunay morning followed in the afternoon by Rev. Murrell of Merkel.

Miss Lucille Cody spent the week end with home folks in the Hillside Community.

Baker boys were again pleasant visitors here Sunday night.

Several of the Merkel young folks attended our B.Y.P.U. Sunday night. Come again, we are always glad to have visitors. Also quite a number of Cross Roads people drove over. We hope to get them so interested in the work that they will organize or else join us.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Click are still on their unknown honeymoon, having left the day of their marriage for nobody know where.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson took dinner with the former sister, Mrs. Jim Ingram Sunday.

Mr. John Lightsey and family of Sandbur spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. E. M. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Camp were honored with quite a crowd of young folks Sunday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner on the 2nd, a baby girl.

Misses Etta and Zetta Jones will leave Thursday for Palo Pinto county where they will visit their Aunt.

Quite a large crowd attended the Candy breaking at Mr. Maggonnagill's Saturday night. All regarded it a nice time. Also we hear there will be a party at Mr. Lee Campbell's Friday night everyone is invited to come.

### SHILOH DOTS

The farmers almost have their land put up, and have a good rain to plant on.

Quite a lot of the Shiloh people went to Anson Sunday, and some went to Noodle.

Grover Tiner filled his appointment at Shiloh Sunday.

There will also be preaching Sunday, Sunday night and singing Sunday afternoon.

There was announced at the church Sunday that the people are to meet at the church on Friday before the third Sunday and clean the cemetery and the women bring dinner.

There is another oil derrick going up near where the old one was on the Sears place.

Laura Winters of Fort Worth is visiting her sister Mrs. S. Clair Phillips.

Milton Tiner and Claude Rosson of Abilene were here Sunday. Vera Phillips spent the week end with Ida Pomroy.

Mrs. B. Tabor and daughter Blanche were the guests of Mrs. Walter Phillips Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters of near Noodle are visiting the latter's sister, which lives on the plains.

The late news from Guy Code was that he was almost well and felt like he wanted to come home and get to work.

Mrs. J. W. Pomroy was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hail Sunday.

Jenning Winters and wife spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutledge.

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### ONE FLAW IN BRIGHT IDEA

Janitor Called on as "Dinner Substitute" Might Object to Personal Inconvenience Involved.

A young Indianapolis physician had been invited by a school teacher to accompany her to a dinner party at which he was an absolute stranger. He accepted the invitation, but at the last minute had to break it. "But you can take some other man and pass him off for me," he offered, generously. "No one there knows me, so it'll go all right."

The teacher hesitated. "But they know most of the men I know," she said. And then a sudden smile came over her face. "I might take our janitor. He's new in the city, you could give him some of your 'bes and it would probably pass." "How does he talk?" asked the doctor, a little bit doubtful of the scheme now.

"Oh, his talking is all right," assured the teacher, and smiled wider than ever again. "There's only one thing I'm not sure about. He chews tobacco, and I wondered if he would do without for that long."—Indianapolis News.

### American Gobs as Gondollers.

American gobs are learning how to become gondollers, and an American boat has for the first time included gondolling as a regular course. In Venice the Knights of Columbus operate a social service club on the banks of the Grand canal, and in connection with the club the Knights of Columbus maintain a well-equipped school, run on the lines of the Knights of Columbus free night schools in America. French, Italian, Turkish and other languages are taught in the school to the men of the American Mediterranean naval unit, as well as navigation and other technical courses.

Now gondolling has been added, the American sailors relish driving themselves and their Venetian friends to the gem of the Adriatic in gondolas. Some of the sailors are becoming expert in handling the picturesque gondolas.

**New York Boys' New Game.**  
The game of marbles no longer holds a throne in boyville. Any New York side street where there's enough room between bluecoats and automobile traffic to play, will show you that a new game has taken its place. "Sidewalk checkers," the boys call it. The new game really has the elements of both the old marble shooting days and checkers as played on a board. Checker men are used—red, black, blue—the color makes no difference. A ring is drawn with chalk and the object is to flip your checker man with enough force to knock your contenders out of the ring. "Hully gee!" said a future Poizai as he gathered up his winnings on Reade street near Broadway. "ain't I got enough lumber here to start me a paper mill?"—New York Sun.

### SEE THE RIO GRAND VALLEY

If you want to know anything about the Rio Grande Valley country see some one who has been there. If you want to go down and look at the country, see H. D. Simpson, who goes about every two weeks, and who will be glad to make reservation for you.

West Company, whose auto supply advertisement has been running in The Mail, are making ample provisions to back up their claim to the largest assortment of accessories in town. They have received this week a large shipment of supplies, which will add materially to their already well-rounded stock. Before accepting as a fact the statement that 'It's not in town' it will pay you to see them. If

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## BREATH OF PRAIRIE BLOSSOMS--THIS CRIME WAVE

Of course it is spring time, mating time, the sap is up, the swelling buds have bursted, and the red, red rose is here in all its beauty, and love lorn lads and coy lassies are playing at the game of hearts. Yes, it is time when human passions run riot, and when the muses lead us into the realm of day dreams, and the babies of our minds go romping and frolicking through the grassy dells along the brink of babbling brooks—an occasion for plighted vows, vine clad cottages, and the altar of wedlock, the key that locks the arch in the temple of governments. That beautiful story of creation as recorded in the Book divine, is the first love story ever writ in the Book of human chronology. The Architect of creation painted the back ground of this lovely picture with everything that was beautiful, the juice oozed from the peach, the wine dripped from the vine, the air was pregnant with the fragrance of pomegranite blossoms, the wooded glens and shady nooks lent beauty to the scene—but until man came, it was a dearth, only a desert, as it is only human events that make up the sum total of history. The imagery of the human mind is an essence divine, and the artist that daubed the canvass with the picture of Eden dipped his brush into the paint pot, filled to overflowing with the divine afflatus, and thus he stamped it with immorality, and gave to the human race a pattern for all the love and tragedy in the world. And folks, the play day of childhood in that beautiful bowery has always appealed to us, and we have read and re-read it many times. Yes two innocent children playing in a flower garden, without a single thought or care of tomorrow, no socialistic scramble for food, clothing or shelter, and only one law had God writ in the Statute Book keep—away from the tree that flowered and fruited with the apples of knowledge. Somebody said a long time ago something like this: Where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise. This animal man is a strange creature; in all his history he has never taken kindly to a command: Thou shalt not. When we were a red-headed shaver, and the folks went away from home on Sunday, and left us at home to mind the chickens out of the garden and other odd jobs to keep us out of devilment, and they always locked the jug of booze, the squirrel rifle and shot pouch up in the closet, and the command was, keep away. And right straight this mind would become a busy beehive to solve the problem of a closed door, and locks and bars and hidden things seldom baffles the onslaught of human ideas. So that tree down there is in the midst of that lovely garden pestered the minds of these innocent babes, and it seemed to be the only fly in the ointment of childhood joys, but alas, the tree was felled, the gates of Eden were closed, and behold the picture of earth's first tragedy: The lifeless form of Abel lying across the lap of Eve, Adam standing near by with bowed head, and Cain fleeing parental chastisement and the wrath of God. Pull back the curtains of history and take a peep at the bloody foot prints of the animal man and behold the wrecks along the trail, and we do not wonder that God reprobated that He made man. The mixture of good and evil is the unsolved philosophy of creation—when I will to do good, evil stares me in the face, and that's the battle line that man must cross ere he attains the attributes which constitute the full-grown man. The hot house plant's roots do not reach down into the clay of fertility, it is void of that rare fragrance and beauty which only the elements of nature, the sunshine, the rain storms and drouths, these, and these alone, give it strength, stability and individuality—as is with plant life, so it is with

man. Now we expect that you are wondering what all this has to do with the present crime wave. The other day a legal gladiator, one of the most famous criminal lawyers in the southwest, faced a jury, and a vast audience, and delivered a great oration in defense of an erring girl, whose liberty and life were at stake. He was trained in all arts of defense, oh how he could marshal words, and play with human sentiment, and the jury and the audience were in tears. He pictured his client as the country girl, coming from the rural districts, with the smell of prairie blossoms on her spotless garments, coming down to the big city to get a job. So she took her place at the ribbon or lace counter in a department store, and with her raven black hair, beautiful features and lovely form, and she knew just how to clothe it with the garment of suggestion, a target for the tempter, one day the serpent made its advent and sat down under the apple tree, and thus another Eden of purity was blasted. And for ten years she was mistress of his being, and the slave of his lust, and they lived the life of adultery in the open, and society, the church and the courts winked at their unholy alliance. But directly the tragedy came to a head, and this siren of beauty slew the serpent, and a court of justice gave her a clean bill of fare, and that vast audience voiced its approval of the verdict. And now to cap the climax, the church and the stage are vieing with each other as to who will catch the star. And my dear folks, in this nation today, hundreds of thousands of young men and women are looking at the picture and wondering if the path of adultery is the primrose (?) road that leads to fame and fortune, and it may be that thousands of young and inexperienced maidens are thinking that they would like to catch a millionaire, wear his diamonds, dress in silk and satin, go to the opera in a big fine limousine, and be his mistress. Society winks at it, the courts of the land wink at it, and it seems to be a carte blanche to fame—hence this crime wave.—Albany News.

### Only Natural.

The school principal had been busy all day selecting children from the various classes, to do some special work. She was very tired and also very much pre-occupied when the janitor entered her office. In response to her mechanical nod he began: "Miss M—, that crossing out there is dangerous. If they don't send us a traffic officer some of the children in this school are going to get killed." She had not really heard his speech, for he was always complaining, so she made no answer. And then he repeated his assertion with some emphasis, adding: "They are going to get killed out there—some of our children."

She had caught the last phrase, and mechanically, after her day of classifying, said: "Then I had better pick out the ones I prefer for that." And the janitor fled.

### Goat Disclosed Rich Mine.

A mountain goat recently was responsible for the discovery of what is believed to be one of the most valuable mines in British Columbia, which had been hunted by prospectors for years. After rich float ore had been found, A. Finn was hunting mountain goats high above timber line. He had trailed an animal for miles when it came out on a glacier and stood in full view against the sky on a pinnacle of ice. Finn's rifle cracked and the goat fell dead down a steep precipice and rolled several hundred feet. Its body fetched up near the foot of the glacier and when Finn reached it he found it had dislodged a massive rock beneath which the long-searched-for vein lay exposed.

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### ACTOR REBUKED TO WRATH

Incident in Musical Comedy Amused the Audience, Though It Was Not on the Program.

Arnold Pope of Boston tells of an amusing incident at a fourth-story window. The lower sash was open and a child leaned far out over the sill, trying to catch a sparrow. Exclamations of horror broke out as the infant reached further and further over the sill. At length a woman spoke out: "What idiots you are! don't you go and take the life of your mother?" Three or four started, but had not crossed the street before the child lost its balance and pitched out head first. There was a shriek, which was suddenly checked, as the child stopped short in his headlong drop and hung squalling two feet below the window, with a stout cord tied round his waist. His howls brought a woman to the window. She pulled him up into the room again and then shouted to the gasping crowd below: "Think I don't know my business, eh? Well, I just do; and you can move on, please!"

"It was agonizing to sit there in the knowledge of the waste. Leon Errol, who was singing and dancing, got one whiff, and he quit his lines. He walked to the edge of the footlights, and, searching the first rows with his eyes, lifted an angry finger and remarked: 'One of you chaps down there ought to get 20 years.' It brought down the front of the house, even 'our Cal' joining in the gales of laughter."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### BLAME TEACHER FOR STRIKE

Japanese Instructors Forced to Give Up Positions When Trouble Occurs in Institutions.

School strikes seem peculiar to Japan. Such a strike is a calamity dreaded by headmaster and assistant master alike. A headmaster who has had a strike in his school is under suspicion, even though he may be quite innocent of any unjust conduct, and eventually he must seek a new field for his activities, so unpleasant do the students make his continued stay. When students combine against one of the assistant masters he has nothing to do but tender his resignation. If the strike is temporarily calmed down it is tacitly understood that the master in question is on the lookout for a new place. Sometimes strikes take place for the retention of the teacher rather than for his dismissal. In this latter case it is always the headmaster who suffers most, as the move is directed against him for not retaining some favorite.

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### REALLY NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Crowd That Feared Tragedy Had Not Reckoned With Resourcefulness of Child's Mother.

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### POPULAR WITH THE ESKIMOS

Square Dealing of Peary Made Him a Favorite—Was Looked Upon as a Great Chief.

A happy picture of the Eskimo is given by Donald B. MacMillan in his recollections of Peary's journey to the North Pole. "Finally that day arrived when we passed in under the big hills of Meteorite island and heard the glad cry of those Far North natives upon beholding 'Peary-ark-suah' (Big Peary) back again. Let there be no doubt as to Peary's popularity in the Far North. Absolutely honest and square in all his dealings with these black-haired children of the Arctic, firm but ever just and kind in all his relations, he remains to them as the great 'Nalegak,' a leader or chief among men. We can never forget this reception at Cape York—kayaks darting about the ship, the shouts of his former dog-drivers, men who had starved with him on the Polar sea, others on the shore standing at the water's edge ready to grasp the bow of our boat, women laughing, babies crying, and half-grown children with that look of mingled fear and animal curiosity. How happy they were to see him back!"

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