

THE COZY THEATRE ON MAY 16 AND 17

Quaint characters and scenes, elegant gowns and night revels go to make up the wonderful drama of the hour "Way Down East." It is a far cry from the South and its troubled times of the Civil War, so wonderfully portrayed in Griffith's first revelation of the screen in his never-to-be-forgotten "Birth of a Nation" to the dear old New England folks down on the farm. Who would have ever imagined that such a wealth of material, such heart appeal in its characters as they come to life once more in D. W. Griffith's wonderful elaboration on the silver screen of "Way Down East." With what detail a simple story of plain people becomes a masterpiece of tears laughter and thrills. The quaint rural comedy always had an appeal to those that witnessed it in the past; but it took the genius of the motion picture world to produce a great heart stirring spectacle of love and beauty. All past photography has been out done. The mechanism of the stage vanishes in the reality of the picture. How futile seems the paper snow of prop effects when viewed in a real storm of whirling whiteness, the very fury of which lashes the poor body of Anna Moore to certain destruction. No need for imagination as we see the ice caked landscape raised pittingly to the tempest and our hearts thrill when we see the figure struggle in the deep snow then reach the river calling to the rescue. Our own hands grow numb and we marvel at the strength and bravery of actors who lived thru the danger to help make a masterpiece of human appeal of the story "Way Down East." We are putting the cart before the horse in writing of the finish of this superb picture. Perhaps it is the greatest scene that will stand out in your memory as the most exciting and thrilling thing you have ever witnessed. Many times in the many days and weeks to follow, you will live it all over again, marveling anew at the risks that were run. This especially is true of the wonderful river scene when the limp form of Lil-Gish to death over the falls wondering at the art of Griffith that made such a hazardous almost seemingly impossible rest possible. You just can't help cheering David as he catches the body of his loved one from the very brink of death and the tenseness of the moment is relieved by one universal sigh heaved from an excited crowd. A greater tribute to the man whose name is in its wake. But that is the climax to the story of a woman's soul, who lives thru many trials and tribulations with love triumphant in the end. At all times this wonderful story is surrounded with little incidents of humor that are like gleams of sunshine lightening the pathos of its darkest moments. Those that have never seen the play but have the good fortune to view the marvelous picture will no longer wonder at the long life of the "Way Down East" drama. Cinematized by the magic wand of Griffith, it is to us more than just a picture. It rouses memories of the modern days taken us far back in time. We must thank us see a live and draw- nber office

where the town constable has nothing in the way of sleep on a little white kitten dozing between the ragged knees of a barefoot urchin and the gathering of all the village Rip Van Winkles is complete. How we smile at ancient but still kittenish Martha Perkins of bobbing curls and flounces, whose love for scandal wrought such havoc later on. They are all there, artistically and perfectly played under the guiding hand of the master for what David Belasco is to the speaking stage, David Wark Griffith is to the silent drama. Nothing could be more skillfully produced, more thrillingly exciting than the last word in filmdom "Way Down East."

Engagement here is for two nights and one matinee, 2:15 and 8:15. All seats are reserved. Mail orders and phone reservations filled promptly. Seats on sale one week ahead of opening engagement, Monday night at Merkel Drug Store and Tuesday nights, at Sanders.

VERY SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL MEETING

The revival meeting, at the Baptist church, which for ten days was successfully conducted by the pastor Rev. Ira L. Parrack, closed with last Sunday night's service, and besides a great revival among the Christian people of Merkel, twenty additions were made to the church. Infact the meeting was a success from every standpoint and enjoyed by all Merkel.

Not only was the meeting highly successful at this time, but the church during the past seventeen months, under the pastorate of Bro. Parrack, has grown very much in numerical and spiritual strength. During this time there has been 164 additions to the church, all of which speaks volumes for this able and faithful pastor. The Sunday School is growing also, having broke the attendance record the past two Sundays; there being 352 and 394 present the last two Sundays. Mr. Chas West, is the new Superintendent, and both he and pastor Parrack are happy over the continued growth of same.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. by the pastor. The Junior League will meet at 3 p.m. and the Senior League at 7 p.m. All other services held at the regular hour during the week. Come to church. W. M. Murrell, pastor

WILL SPEAK HERE

On Saturday May 7th, at 2:00 p. m., Mr. J. A. Kinard, representing the State Department of Agriculture, will hold Farmers' Institute in Merkel, on the question of the importance of Cotton Reduction. He is a good speaker and every farmer and business man are urged to be present to hear him. He will be assisted here by Mr. J. C. Hestand, Live Stock Specialist, and every stock raiser is invited to be present also. They will arrive in Merkel via automobile, and might possibly be a little late, in getting here at the appointed time, but those interested are urged to await their arrival, should they be a little late.

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GROCERY FIRM TO OPEN SATURDAY

Messrs J. M. Thomas, president and H. L. Davenport, Vice-president, of the Texas and Oklahoma Grocery and Mercantile Company, with the following associates are here this week invoicing and preparing to take over the Grocery business of W. W. Wood: M. A. Martin, of Breckenridge, W. L. Piler, of Brownwood, H. T. Haley, of Breckenridge. The former will locate here with his family and become a permanent citizen.

As per announcement in their advertisement in this paper, and to which we call your attention, the new firm will open their doors for business on next Saturday morning, April 30, with Mr. W. W. Wood as local manager.

We understand this company is selling membership cards to the citizens of Merkel and surrounding community, which they state will be beneficial and profitable to those taking same. Under Mr. Wood's ownership his grocery business has been among those firms in this line to enjoy a nice business, and we bespeak for the new firm also a nice share of business in the future.

1,400 DIVORCES TO BE TRIED AT ONCE

Dallas, April 27.—Nearly 1,400 matrimonial failures will be aired publicly during the coming two weeks when that number of divorce cases set on the dockets of two of the district courts here, will be heard.

Of the cases, 638 are to be tried by Judge Kenneth Force in the Fourteenth District Court and 760 by Judge W. E. Whitehurst in the Sixty-Eighth District Court.

Judge E. B. Muse just completed hearing the cases on his divorce docket.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with classes for all ages and sizes. Last Sunday we had 394 and we want 400 this time. Our Business Men's Bible Class had 51 last Sunday. Some were visitors, but we ought to have that many regularly.

Let every one come and help that there be no letting down after the meeting.

All regular services Sunday except the B.Y.P.U. Our young people are going to Abilene to attend the Associational B.Y.P.U. leaving the church in Merkel at two p. m.

Training classes Monday at 8 p. m. Ladies meeting Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. Prayermeeting at eight p. m.

The attendance and spirit of our prayermeeting was fine last night.

A welcome awaits you in our services. Come find a place to worship and a place to serve.

Our meeting closed Sunday night with fine spirit and interest. There were twenty additions to the church during the meeting and many others are under promise to come in at an early date besides the goodly number that have not fully decided for Christ but are seriously thinking on the question.

We hope to see additions to the church at the regular services. We have fourteen approved for baptism and we hope to have a great baptismal service the first day we move into our new church. Ira L. Parrack pastor.

DRY GOODS STORE WILL OPEN HERE

Messrs Max Mellinger and Albert Mendlovitz, of Kennedy, Texas, the gentlemen who were connected with the firm that took over the Economy bankrupt stock of goods in this city first of the year, arrived here first of the week, and immediately started carpenters putting in shelving and otherwise preparing the building on the corner of the Sears Block, and which was last fall occupied by the "Corner Store," and in which they will open about the seventh of next month, in other words about Saturday May 7th., a new and complete stock of dry goods and which store will be known as THE FAIR.

We understand Mr. Mellinger has secured a handsome new bungalow home and will in the near future move his family to this city. These gentlemen have been in business at Kennedy, Texas for a number of years, and come to our city highly recommended as splendid citizens who are well versed in the dry goods business. They state that they are believers in the extensive use of "Printers Ink," and by that means will tell the public about their bargains in dry goods.

THE GOVERNMENT HOWLERS WAIL

The political sloop pail has been turned over, and Lordy-a-mercy what a stink they have raised, and us fellows out here in West Texas have got the stage and all of grand old Texas is our audience, and it looks like we are going to carve this empire state up anyhow. Pat has split the political beans, and he is now out on the stump trying to explain and excuse and justify his actions, and we expect that he will come into court pretty soon with tombstones and Bibles to prove an alibi. The political commercial clubs and the politicians out here in the glorious West have got on the war paint and are clamoring for more political pie, more appropriations smaller and more political domains wherein we can foster more bone-headed politicians to write laws and resolute, stir up a stink, raise thunder and Tom Walker, and pull the wool over the dear people's eyes, loot the treasury—yes, and they are doing it for God's sake and good government. The political preachers have deserted the sanctuary of God, and they are out on the stump praying God and the people for a political club and statutory law to save the nation, and here we are, in the midst of the greatest crime wave the world ever saw. They have outlawed John Barleycorn, removed him from our great thoroughfares and public corners where the minions of law could watch over the crooked devil and keep him straight, to the back alleys and slums, and cellars, and down in the canyons and out of way places, and the home brew is doing business in millions of homes in this Christian nation, and the rotten stuff is cursing the sons of men. And now here comes Dallas and Fort Worth, vying with each other as to which can kill the greatest number of men and women, and they are running a foot race down to the court house corral, to see who can show the biggest lineup in a divorce court proceedings. And here we go, and folks, if we don't call a halt, strike a normal attitude, yoke up old Buck and Dick, go to mill again, kindle up

a fire under the soap kettle, and quit your leaning on the government and howling for a handout this structure is going to fall—Do you get us? Come on old Man Texas, and let's head the bunch to the wood pile an down to the clearing, as it's time to get back on the job, and stop this doggone foolishness.—Albany News.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL

The Presbyterian revival will begin Sunday, August 14. Rev. W. A. Erwin, one of the most noted Evangelists in the south has been secured for this time. Mr. R. G. Fraser will accompany Mr. Erwin as Chorus director and soloist. These two men have been wonderfully blessed in their efforts to lead men into a higher life of usefulness and service. Their best effort will be given in this meeting to present the "Old Gospel Story" to the people of Merkel and surrounding country.

OLD TIME SPELLING TABERNACLE MAY 6

Friday evening, May 6 is the regular meeting night for the Community Club, and if the wishes of Chairman Mason are carried out to the letter, this will be one of the best, most unique and interesting meetings yet held. As among the items on the program expected to be carried out will be old time music on violin, and a regular old time spelling bee, wherein the "Old Blue Back Speller" will be used for words to spell. It is expected that those entering the spelling match will be persons 30 years or older, and a handsome prize will be awarded to the side standing the longest.

Mr. H. M. Shaw will be among those who will furnish the Old Time Violin music.

This meeting will be held at the Tabernacle, which will be cleaned up and put in shape for the occasion. It is also urged that everybody be present that they may enjoy the best program of entertainment they have had the pleasure of witnessing for some time and to take part in plans which are being formulated for the improving and fixing up of the Tabernacle.

TO CLEAN UP TABERNACLE

We are requested to announce by Messrs R. L. Adcock, A. T. Sheppard and Lytton Howard, trustees for the Tabernacle, to announce that on next Tuesday afternoon, May 3rd., there will be a meeting of citizens for the purpose of cleaning up and repairing the Tabernacle sufficient for holding the different gatherings which will take place during the next few weeks. It is therefore urged that every citizen in and around Merkel who can, come and bring saw and hammer and other carpenter tools etc., and give us a little help in the matter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 1st, ushers in a new month of untold possibilities. Why not begin the new month right by attending Sunday School and Church services. All the regular services of the church next Sunday. We want to reach our goal in attendance at Sunday School, and set a new goal. Will you not be there at 10 o'clock and count one more.

Preaching services at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Prayermeeting and choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45. Your body must have food or perish. Why starve your soul? A cordial welcome awaits you at the Presbyterian church. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

THE ENJOY

As was announced in last week's issue of the Mail, the members of the Local Odd Fellow Lodge with their wives, visiting members and a few friends, celebrated the 102nd anniversary of the Odd Fellow Lodge last Tuesday evening, by rendering an interesting and appropriate program at their hall over the Thornton building.

Among the interesting items on the program, according to those present, was a number of very beautiful selections of music by the Merkel Orchestra, after which Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, one of our city's best and most substantial citizens, and prominent Odd Fellows, delivered an address of welcome to all present and then Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church, made an eloquent and appreciated talk on 'the good of the order'. A reading by Miss Hattie Proctor, was very entertaining and highly appreciated; as was the solo by Mr. Delma Compton. The next item on the program, "Why I am an Odd Fellow," by Mr. L. R. Thompson, was also interesting and enjoyed by every one present. Miss Christene Collins, very charmingly rendered a beautiful solo. A reading by Miss Annie Lou Russell, was appreciated and brought great applause from throughout the large audience; likewise the piano Duet, by the Misses Proctor.

Mr. H. M. Rose, on behalf of the members of the lodge, asks that we express sincere thanks and appreciation to each and all who took part on the program, or in any manner assisted in making the occasion the splendid success as was pronounced by every one present. He also states that it is regretted that the bad condition of the piano made it impossible for those participating to make their selections what they would liked them to have been, but it is hoped that every one appreciated the efforts just the same.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ENTERTAINMENT

The members of the Epworth League were very highly and amusingly entertained last Monday evening at the parsonage.

The guests were first invited on a peanut hunt. The nuts were hidden in various places about the room and after choosing five captains the hunt began.

Murrell and his workers were winners in this game. Following this, the entertainment committee passed around cards announcing that they were to indulge in "Five Senses' worth of Fun." Alma Barbee won the prize, which was a nice Stationary. Bro. Murrell, the Mary Eulla were given the booby. Other interesting refreshments, consisting of delicious punch and cakes, were passed.

A brief business meeting was held immediately following the social hour. After the necessary business had been attended to, all enjoyed a splendid and very enthusiastic talk from Miss Ruby Goss, of Abilene. Miss Goss has charge of the Epworth League at the First church of Abilene and gave us several hints of help to make the League of Merkel among the very best.

The meeting adjourned with League Benediction. All members expressed their evening very pleasantly spent with Bro. and Sister Murrell as host and hostess.

Reporter.
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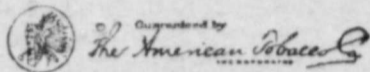
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DELIVERS ADDRESS AT OVALO

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the local Methodist church was called to Ovalo last Sunday afternoon to preach the anniversary sermon for the Ovalo Odd Fellow Lodge. Rev. Murrell a few years ago was pastor of the church there, and a large and appreciative audience greeted him upon this occasion. He delivered a fine address, which was most highly appreciated by his hearers.

He was accompanied on his trip to Ovalo by Mr. T. A. Beideman and the writer; both of whom express themselves as having enjoyed the trip very much. We were especially pleased with the fine country surrounding the thriving city of Ovalo.

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...ber, my son, you have work. Whether you handle a pick or pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books, dig ditches or edit a paper, ring an auction bell or write funny things, you must work.

If you look around you, you will see the men who are most able to live the rest of their lives without work are the men who work the hardest. Don't be afraid of filling yourself with overwork. It is beyond your power to do that on the sunny side of thirty. Men die sometimes, but it is because they quit work at 6 p. m. and don't get home until 2 a. m. It is the interval that kills you, my son. The work gives you an appetite for your meals; it lends solidity to your slumbers; it gives you a perfect and grateful appreciation of a holiday.

There are young men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them. It does not even know their names. It simply speaks of them as "So-and-so's boys." Nobody likes them. The great, busy world does not know that they are there.

So find out what you want to be and do, and take off your coat and do it. The busier you are, the less harm you will be apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter and happier your holidays, and the better satisfied will all the world be with you.—Robert J. Burdette.

Read the T. & O. Add. It.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryar, of Abilene, were here last Sunday the guests of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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This time last year it was next to impossible to get a hand to do farm work or most any kind of labor. But today, twelve months later, about the hardest thing to do is for the long list of unemployed to find a little work to do.

To be a public official in a small town surely is great. You are cussed if you do and you are cussed if you don't. Therefore the only thing left for said official is to do the things he can do best, and tell the public to go—jump in the lake.

Have you cleaned up the rubbish from around your home and the streets and back alleys with same. It may seem to do so NOW will be means of saving serious illness. A possible death in the business some one. And, in the district there is no excuse for filth and refuse to be thrown about the back alleys, which makes breeding places for flies and disease germs.

ARMSTRONG TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

It is announced that on next Saturday, April 30, there will be a thorough demonstration, in Merkell, by the Armstrong Tractor, and every farmer and the public in general is invited out to see this demonstration.

Mr. Ira Armstrong, the inventor of this tractor, will be here to personally explain the workings of the machine.

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A town that never has a thing to do in a public way is the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for the town is helping to dig the grave. A man who "cusses" the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give a share of his attention to movements for town improvements is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be holding about hard times preach the funeral and sings the doxology. And thus the town is buried from all sorrow and care.—Downs (Kan.) News.

Read the T. & O. Add. It.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The young people's Missionary Society, of the Methodist church, will meet in the room Friday afternoon 7 o'clock. A splendid program to be rendered. Let all members and all who wish to join be present. Let all members who have "Song and Yell" books bring them. Reporter.

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	Produced	Delivered to Retail Customers
JANUARY	29,883	57,208
FEBRUARY	35,305	63,603
MARCH	61,886	87,221
Total Production	127,074	Total Retail Sales 208,032

showing that actual sales for the first three months of 1921 exceeded production by 80,958 Ford cars and trucks!

April requisitions already specify 107,719 additional cars and trucks and the estimated April output of the factory and assembly plants combined calls for only 90,000!

These facts clearly show that the demand for Ford products is growing much faster than manufacturing facilities to produce and were it not for the dealers' limited stocks, which are now being rapidly depleted, many more customers would have been compelled to wait for their cars. It will be only a matter of weeks, therefore, until a big surplus of orders will prevent anything like prompt deliveries.

If you would be sure of having your Ford car or truck when you want it, you should place your order now. Don't delay. Phone us or drop us a card.

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PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary met at the Manse with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Rogers, pastor of Presbyterian church. Bible study was very interesting and so was the study from Home Mission, which was on the Negro. A social meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. West on Oak street, Monday afternoon, May 2. Be on hand. We guarantee you a good time.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Whereas our shareholders meeting in January was not held on the day mentioned in our articles of association, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Merkel, Texas will be held at the offices of said bank, Wednesday, May 18th, 1921, at two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing five directors. Attest: J. T. Warren, President; L. R. Thompson, Cashier. 15t4

Miss Ruth Moore, a sister to Mrs. Frank Demere and Mrs. A. J. Pannell, also a sister to Mrs. Clarice Palmer, who died at Bisbee, Arizona, a month ago, died at Angleton, Texas, Thursday morning at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Addison. Mrs. Addison is also a sister to Ruth.

Notice to Correspondents

Again we call attention of our correspondents to the necessity of their names being signed to their communications each week not that we will publish the name as the writer of the communication, but that we may know who is writing, which is for our protection. We have received several lately without names signed and which we are forced to leave out on that account.

NO PLACE FOR FAILURES

The farm is no place for the man who has made a failure in the city, unless he has special qualifications which fit him for farm life. Those who are chronic failures in the country would do well to consider the advantages to be found in the city, for there they will find some job more in keeping with their capacity. There are many city jobs which require no executive ability; no special or technical knowledge—nothing but muscle and a willingness to be directed by others. It is different on a farm. There a man, to be successful, must not only have executive ability, but he must have an extensive and varied knowledge of almost innumerable subjects and, in addition, be willing to work long hours and put up with many inconveniences. He must be an all-around man both physically and mentally.

Every "back to the farm" movement should be discouraged. Production is now greater than the world can buy and improved farm machinery will increase the production capacity of every man. It would be better for the country at large to weed out the incompetents on the farms and give them jobs in the city. There would be less low grade, poorly packed farm products to bear the market and a greater quality production which would command better prices.—Farm and Ranch.

Messrs S. R. Weaver, local manager for the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, and L. A. Arrington, returned Tuesday from a business trip to Roswell, New Mexico; making the trip via the Ford route. They report that they found the country west of us getting very dry.

E. F. Vantrees, one of the hustling citizens residing some fifteen miles northeast of here, in Jones county, was trading in Merkel first of the week.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Some Polan China Pigs. See G. H. Tucker, in the French pasture, 5 miles southeast of Merkel. 22t2pd

FOR SALE—Have some nice Tomato Plants. C. L. McNeese, Merkel, Texas. 22t2p

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Geo. Hutchens, wife and two children, of Loraine, are here this week for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchens. The younger Mr. Hutchens is a druggist at Loraine.

Read the T. & O. Add. 1t.
Read the Merkel Mail everyday

REFUSED TO TAKE CHANCES

Fortune Teller's Prediction Caused Crews of Two Vessels to Desert the Boats at Quebec.

From time immemorial superstitions of sailors, with few exceptions, have naturally been associated with things of the sea, notably the belief which marks departure from port on Friday as a certain omen of bad luck. St. Elmo's fire, the ho'sun fish, whistling for the wind in a calm, the presence of a priest on board ship, all these deal with actual elements of sea life that played a great part among such legends. The Flying Dutchman legend was also born of the sea; likewise the ghostly crew coming from the wreck of a sunken ship to haunt the crew of the vessel which caused their loss.

A more annoying variety of superstition was revealed the other day by the action of the crews of two American tugs who deserted their boats at Quebec. Before these two boats left Detroit bound for New York a fortune teller predicted the doom of one of the boats before it finished its voyage. This prophecy so worked on the sensibilities of the members of the two crews that they struck on reaching Quebec. Old salts might sniff at such a prophecy as this as being of the fresh-water brand and not worthy to be enrolled in the ancient and honorable company of deep-sea superstitions, but the prophecy worked its evil upon the tug owners. The loss of their crews made a real thing of it.

ALUMINUM TO REPLACE WOOD

Increased Production of the Metal Will Relieve Drain Upon the Country's Vanishing Forests.

One of the greatest consumers of wood is the shipping box. For this purpose no fewer than 6,000,000 cords were used last year. Viewed from any standpoint, it is a gigantic draft upon our forest resources.

Unquestionably before long metal will largely take the place of wood for the making of shipping cases. Which means, of course, aluminum, or an alloy thereof. Aluminum, relatively speaking, is a cheap metal now, but it is destined to be vastly cheaper.

When one considers that aluminum constitutes more than 7 per cent of the entire crust of the earth, it seems absurd that there should be lack of it for any and all purposes useful to mankind.

The next generation may live in apartment houses built wholly of aluminum and travel in aluminum trains and steamships. But the matter of most immediate importance is the relief which cheap aluminum may give to the drain upon our vanishing forests.

Canada Admits Hindoo Woman.

The first Hindoo woman and the first Hindoo boy who ever entered Vancouver or British Columbia, Canada, to make the province their home, arrived recently on the Empress of Japan. There are thousands of Hindoos living in the province, engaged in working in the woods or in operating sawmills. Some of them have made much money. For a long time the government refused admission to Hindoo women, but recently this ban was lifted. The new arrival was the first woman to take advantage of it. Her husband went to India from Vancouver three years ago, to pay a visit to his home. He had made money and intended to remain in India, but when the ban on women was lifted he decided to return where opportunities were greater. He brought his wife and twelve-year-old son. The father intends to send the boy to the public schools of Vancouver.

Tells of Web-Footed Men.

The most curious tribe, called Agmambu, are to some extent web-footed, and the skin of their feet is "as tender as blotting paper." They live in a marsh and are so much at home in the water that they seem "to stand upright in that element without any perceptible effort." They catch ducks by diving under them and catching the birds' legs.

Their diet consists chiefly of fish, water fowls, sago and the roots of water lilies. They keep pigs, swung in cradles, underneath their houses (which are in the water built on ten-foot poles), lying on their bellies with their legs stuck through the bottom, and feed them on fish and sago. The dead are "buried" by being tied to a stake, the body secured well above flood level.—From "Some Experiences of a New Guinea Resident Magistrate," by Capt. C. A. W. Monkton.

Napoleon's Dessert Service Sold.

A French dessert dish of gilt plate, double thread and shell pattern, consisting of two sugar sifters, four spoons, a pair of sugar tongs, 21 small spoons, 24 forks and knives with porcelain handles, formerly the property of Emperor Napoleon, and bearing the imperial cipher of the bee, was sold in a London auction house not long ago. The service was the property of a nobleman whose name is not revealed.—London Times.

Wood Preservatives.

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Evangelist G. A. Klein, of Memphis, Tennessee, is conducting a revival meeting at Saint Paul's Methodist church in Abilene, and from reports a great revival is in progress with quite a few Merkel Methodists attending.

Thru the Editor of The Odd Fellows of the wish to thank the Ladies' courtesy shown us thru their donation to the most delicious cream and cake Sunday night. April thank the visitors. lightful talks.



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DEAD

It is a sad heart that I announce the death of Mrs. Sue English, Wednesday morning April 20, 1921. She came and carried to the Great South in Campbell County, Tenn. She professed life and joined church, at the age of 15 years, and lived a Christian life until her death.

Miss Susie English, married to Mr. R. J. English on November 18, 1873. Their children were born to this family of whom still survive: Eulah Provine, Dug Hannah, Web Hannah, and others. Besides the husband, other, Tom English, and other friends. They moved to Texas about 1880 and settled in Texas. She was for several years a member of the church.

She died of heart trouble, yet her death came so sudden it was a shock to the whole community. She died of heart trouble, she was affectionate and kind, and was loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were held at the Rose Hill Cemetery Thursday at 11 a. m. by Rev. Rogers of Merkel.

A precious one from us has gone.
A voice we loved it stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The Soul is safe in Heaven.
A Friend.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and help during our dear wife and mother's long illness and death. May God's richest blessings rest upon each one of you. R. J. Hannah, Eulah Provine, Dug Hannah, Web Hannah.

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GOLAN NEWS

The people are enjoying this pretty weather, but would appreciate a rain very much. Dr. Williams, of Sylvester was called to see Mrs. Byron Lane one day this week. She is reported to be better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Vol Byrom spent Saturday night with his uncle, J. T. Williams.

Mrs. Perlina Boughster, our primary teacher, returned to her home near Rotan. She was accompanied home by some of her pupils, Johnnie and Eldora Hill, and Hobart Hardwick, but returned for school Monday morning.

Mrs. Mary Chapman is to return to her home near Sylvester Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Med Heron.

Miss Birdie Jeffrey and Dawson McCain were guests of Miss Vida Williams Sunday evening.

Mrs. D. A. Hill is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. E. Costephens of Merkel.

Mr. Otho Thompson and his sister Edith, visited Miss Esther Herron Sunday.

Miss Mervil Hill spent Sunday evening with her sister Mrs. L. C. Williams.

Miss Vida Williams was the guest of Mervil Hill Sunday.

Mr. F. B. Stephens, accompanied by Messrs Rollie and Orvil Hill, attended the movies Saturday night in Sylvester.

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Mrs. Gladys Ferguson, of Temple, is here for a visit to parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes. She also has a host of friends who are glad to have her here for a visit among them.

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

Mrs. S. E. Archer, and daughter, of Coleman, are here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchens, the parents of the former.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

1. Subject—"The Gospel of play"
2. Leader—Mae Beidleman.
3. Scripture Reading (Zech 8:3-5; John 2:1-11; First Cor. 10:31-33)
4. Song.
5. Silent Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. 6. Song.
7. Leader's talk—"It's Jesus Interested in our Play."
8. "The Value of Play"—Miss Marquis.
9. "The Menace of Commercialized Amusement"—Ulyses McNees.
10. Piano Solo—Lorena Frazier.
11. "What shall we do?"—by Lorena Dry.
12. "Topic Acrostic"—Annie Bickley.
13. Business. 14. Song.
15. League Benediction.

Nat Anderson, Claude Comegys, Roscoe Sharp, Riley White, Paul Stanford and possibly others of our citizens, who are temporarily sojourning at Ivan one of the "oil centers" of Stephens county, were here first of the week, and report things humming in their part of the field.

Mrs. W. M. Murrell left first of the week for a trip to Tennessee, where she will visit old friends and relatives. She will be absent from this city for several weeks and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Crit Gaines of Bagwell, Texas, was here last week for a visit with T. E. Collins and family.

C. C. Blocher, local manager for the Merkel Lumber Company, returned recently from his trip to Oklahoma City, where he went to attend a meeting of all the managers for his company. He reports a very fine time, and a good trip in general.

Ms. Phoenix of Colorado, is the guest of Mrs. Holden this week.

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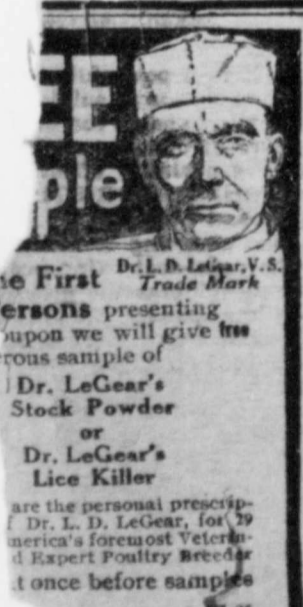
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WHY FARMERS ARE ORGANIZING

The daily press recently carried the story of a farmer who shipped a bunch of sheep to the market, and after paying the freight and commission charges had left thirty-three cents head. Leaving the stockyard he entered an uptown restaurant and there on the menu he mutton chops quoted at six cents apiece. Selling hides at 65 to 85 cents apiece and being charged from \$8 to \$14 for a pair of shoes is an every-day happening in every rural district of the country. Other similar illustrations could be recited almost without end, but what is the use? Does anyone wonder that the farmers of the country have either grimly determined to organize and fight for justice or have turned their backs to the farm and moved to the city.

Profiteering, the most reprehensible of all crimes, is within the law. It has so been decided by the courts. Therefore the only sensible thing to do is for the producers to get into closer touch with the consumers, or vice versa. Organize and cut out the profiteers. Study your local market and arrange to supply the demand. But only absolute necessities and ere long prices will come tumbling down to a figure somewhat in keeping with the cost of raw material.—Farm and Ranch.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Eld. W. G. Cypert, announces that he will preach at the North Side Christian Church next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to hear him.

The Bazaar will be the second week in May. Don't forget to come and find the useful things you so much need.

L. P. Jones and wife, accompanied by Superintendent R. A. Burgess, visited friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, residing at Haskell, last Sat and Sunday.

Maize heads for sale at \$1 per ton at my farm ten miles north of Merkel. C. R. Horton, Merkel, Texas. 2212p

A. T. Sheppard, the genial manager for the Barrow Furniture Company, has had a crew of carpenters and painters busy for several days at his home, making improvements which add to the comfort and splendid appearance of same.

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Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, left last Saturday for a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

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F. A. Sanders and wife returned first of the week from Putnam, where they spent a few days with friends and relatives.

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BLAIR NEWS

We are sorry to say at this writing that Mr. Henry Brooks is very sick.

Every body enjoyed the Odd Fellows Supper at Blair Monday.

A few of the farmers of Blair had a little rabbit drive last Friday and killed about one hundred and fifty of the pests. Mr. George Woodrum of Merkel was with them. They all had a good time.

Mrs. T. H. Spears birthday being on last Friday, all the children slipped in bringing a host of nice presents. Every one of them enjoyed a nice time.

We are very glad to say that Mrs. H. E. Spears is out of the Sweetwater Sanitarium and at home again.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mattix is very low at this time.

Come to the Bazaar the second week in May. You will find just what you want and need most.

Corn and Corn Chops, at G. M. Sharp's tf

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

Brand and Shorts at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Now the wise ones are predicting a coal famine or jam during the fall and winter. They are reminded that at the present time more than 600,000 miners of soft coal are working only one to three days per week and it is said that fully 100,000 are absolutely without employment. This is not all. The number of idle coal cars has reached a total of 225,000. If a "jam" comes during the fall and winter the consumer of coal is reminded that he will be unfair to his fellow men and to his conscience if he dams the miners or the transportation companies.— Ft. Worth Record.

Read the T. & O. Add. 1t.

President Harding in his message recommended a reduction, both of rates and costs of transportation in order that products of the farm and factory may be more cheaply brought to market and thus bring about a reduction in the cost of living. But will it happen?

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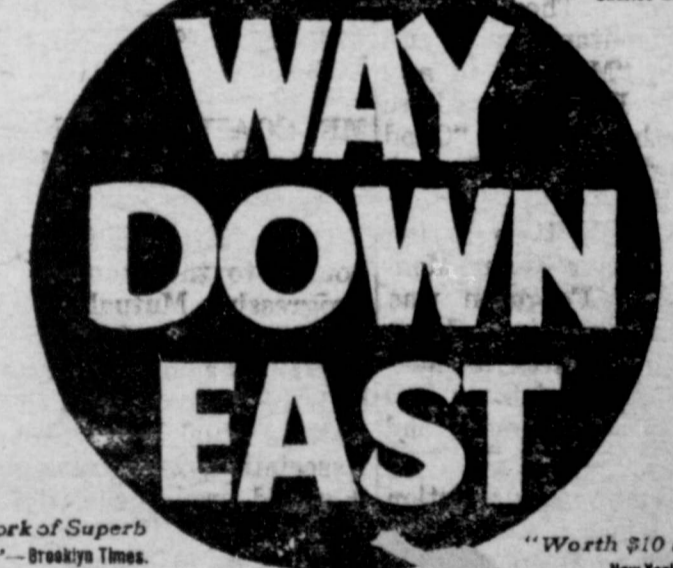
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SCHOOL NOTES
(By Mabel Russell)

On last Thursday afternoon, the Juniors gave a program, in honor of San Jacinto day. It was rather peculiar for that day but the High School seemed to like it.

April 21st, the Sweetwater defeated the Merkel team, score of nine to five. Twenty-eight dollars was made net profit. Thursday afternoon and Thursday night on the "Huckleberry Finn" play. This goes to the school for playground equipment. Let the double slide get here quick for we have sufficient funds to pay for it, and to have it put up. The grades, and primary pupils and teachers have done very commendable work this year in placing so much playground equipment for the delight of the pupils. Also the town helpers and especially Mr. Groene, the school trustee, to thank.

Interesting experiments, testing lung capacity, have been made during the past week by Eighth and Ninth grade science classes. A two gallon jar was filled with water, inverted in a tub of water, and then the student blew as much air into the jar, as was contained in his lungs. The amount of water displaced was measured. As might have been expected, those students, both boys and girls, who have the greatest lung capacity here engage in athletics all term, or live two or more miles in the country. The greatest lung capacity was 4,300 cubic centimeters, or one and one sixth gallons.

J. J.: "You cough with much greater ease this morning."

Wrenn: "Gee! I ought to, I have been practicing all night."

Mary: "I suppose your father will be all unstrung when he hears of your exam grades."

Myrtle: "No, I wired him last night."

"What have you learned at school today John?", asked his father.

"I have learned to spell horse" "Good, how do you spell horse?"

"H-O-R-S-E" spelled John. "And now can you spell colt?" asked his father.

"Yes," was the prompt reply. "You spell it just the same as you do horse, only you use smaller letters."

Mr. Burgess: "Started your garden yet?"

Mr. Miller: "Yes, bought two packages of seed, and I'm now waiting for my wife to make up her mind where she wants them planted."

A letter from Freshman Class Denton, Texas, April 5, 1921. Editor of Dallas News, Dallas, Texas.

Inclosed one dollar (\$1.00) for which please send me News as long as it lasts.

Some Magazines that Maggy's seen: One of those "Metropolitan Sport Afield", a friend on "Physical Culture" was roaming "Field and Stream in search of "Adventure." These fellows are a "Cosmopolitan" bunch and are always a "Menace" to any "Farm and Fireside" where "Modern Methods" and "Good Housekeeping" are in "Vogue."

The Ninth Grade History Class had a lively time during a special program given Monday. Raymond Ferguson was chairman of the meeting. Mary Eula Sears, in an artistic manner, drew minute pictures and sketches of various persons and things.

Lula May Boaz read a selection from "Miss Minerva, and William Greenhill... Branic Bailey discussed an article in the Literary Digest. Then there was the extempore debating between the boys and the girls. The girls successfully defended the affirmative of the subject, "Resolved that the state of Texas should be divided."

A Freshman's epistle to the proud Juniors and Seniors:

Though I speak with the tongues of the sages, and philosophers, and be a Freshman, may be mistaken for an arrogant Senior, ignorant Junior

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POVERTY

There can be no poverty and there is no poverty of wealth. There are many of them who are the rich, and not the gift of the inheritance are the poor.

We have all heard of lands, money or material things of no value. It is in this earth is a creation and was the benefit of his creation. The more of these we are entrusted with or becomes our responsibility. Those to whom little is expected; little is expected; unto whom much is expected. Recently expected to most of the world that what we possess of this world's goods is just a fund. And many of our people are beginning in a small way to understand and what is expected of them, in regard to fund.

The ability to accumulate a large amount of the wealth of this world is not within its self a bad thing. But upon our ability to dispose of this wealth rests our responsibility. If we do not give the proper account of our stewardship, this may become the means of demanding us to the abode of the outcast thru out the endless ages.

For our text says "for your treasure is, there will not be also." Or rather that perish or that are laid at the end of the self lay up for your self where moth and rust do not break thru and steal.

The burden of the choice rests with us. If we allow ourselves to become infatuated with the things of this world. Then we may expect our heart to dwell on these things and we shall receive our reward in the things that are earthly and in the end a separation from God and the thing that are Godly.

But if we will busy ourselves in the rendering of aid fellow-man. To the giving alms. To delight in the fact that God created all men equal. To come to a full knowledge and understanding that we were created as a part of this world to help carry on its work and help to bear the burden of the world. Then shall we dwell on a good end, shall say, as thou good and faithful enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

The above splendid lines are the expressions of a prominent Merkel citizen, before the members of his Sunday School class recently, and they timely and truthful are so that, we take pleasure in reproducing them in this paper.

POPULAR COUPLE WED

On Wednesday afternoon, at 2:00 p. m., Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, pronounced the words bound in holy wedlock, Mr. Hellums and Miss Jewel Hay, both well known and popular young people of this city. The happy event took place at the home of pastor Parrack. We join their many friends extending congratulations best wishes.

NOTICE

By agreement the bank Merkel will close at 3 P. M. beginning Monday, May 2nd, until September 1st except on Saturdays. The closing hour for Saturday will be 4 P. M. R. C. Anderson, Cashier of First State Bank. L. R. Thacker, Cashier of F. and M. Bank.

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tering of History, and though I have all the faith, and so that I raise my department, and be not a Freshman, I am nothing.

INSURANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Citizens of Merkel and surrounding country: Upon request of a number of the members of the Merkel Mutual Life Insurance Association we have taken over the entire membership now in good standing and have placed them in the Sweetwater Mutual Life and Accident Association at Sweetwater, Texas. We welcome you to our Association with all the privileges granted to any member now in said Association.

The Sweetwater Association now has a membership of over three hundred and each day brings new ones. We are making a thorough canvass of the entire district and will soon have a membership of over one thousand. There will be a continuous canvass made of the entire district until at least two thousand members have been received. To any person that desires to protect his family against death or accident we know there is nothing that can equal this Association as to the cost of same. Call on local representatives and get copy of Bylaws or write the undersigned. E. R. Bainbridge, Secretary-Treas., Sweetwater, Texas. ltp

MR. COATS GIVES NOTICE TO POLICY HOLDERS

I take this method to announce to the members of the Progressive Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Merkel, Texas that I had a chance to merge our little company in with the Sweetwater Mutual Life and Accident Association, and believing that it would prove beneficial to our members, in that they would have more insurance, and that without additional cost to them, I did so. This merge will give to each of us at this time \$300 worth of good insurance and policy in a new company that is growing daily. Each member will receive a new policy without further cost. Respectfully, E. D. Coats. ltp

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A Morton and wife returned from the week from Morgan Mills, Texas, where they had been to attend the funeral of Mr. Morton's Grandfather, who had passed away at the ripe old age of 87 years.

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

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS

Health of our community is very poor at this writing. Little Eunice Vorlandingham and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddox being very seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton of Salt Branch spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnes.

Mr. Loyd Alexander and mother left Monday morning for Tuscola where they will visit relatives.

Miss Loree Massey returned Sunday morning from San Angelo where she has been spending a few days, however, we heard that rather unpleasant company attended her home. She came home with the mumps.

Quite a lively crowd was the report of the Party at Mr. John Curb's Thursday night.

Miss Bessie Hodo, who has been spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Mack Hodo will leave Wednesday for her home at Rotan.

Misses Etta and Zetta Jones returned Saturday night from an extended visit to Palo Pinto county. They report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell.

It is reported that Mr. A. P. Claxton who has been aiding Mr. Massey in farm work will leave some time this week for his home at Tuscola.

Our B. Y. P. U. was omitted Sunday night on account of detained leaders, however, we listened to a very interesting sermon delivered by our pastor Rev. Hughes, but come again visitors next Sunday night we won't disappoint you.

Mr. Fred Huddleston is ill with themumps also.

NOTICE MULE RAISERS

I will stand the J. H. Grayson big Grey Jack at my barn two miles south of Nubia, at \$5.00 per single leap. W.L. Blair.15t3p

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