

WHOSE CRIME WAVE IS IT?

Now, if we have all sopped over ourselves sufficiently with silly talk about crime waves—as if they are a law of Nature like the ocean tides—let's have the truth.

The wave that is sweeping over Kansas City is not a crime wave, but a wave of lazy, indifferent, selfish, smug citizenship that is duly and properly and inevitably reflected in its government and in its administration of justice.

That's the nature of the wave that is fast submerging this community and the crime that stalks our streets is but the tiny wavelet that follows in its wake.

Can it be expected that crime will be rebuked or abashed when the citizenship of the town is not abashed by the shameful failure of the social agencies it has set up to govern it?

Will crime be afraid and hide its head while Kansas City tolerates with complacency Judges who will get up in the night to release criminals on habeas corpus process?

Will bandits suspend their operations while society regards with indifference an administration of justice that accepts straw bonds and turns highway men loose to rob and kill?

It is surprising that there should be open, daylight, downtown bank banditry while appellate courts, sitting safe and snug in pannelled chambers, reverse trial courts on a distinction between robbery and grand larceny?

Will crime cease while courts accept the testimony of defendants as against the testimony of the police, with the result that ten bootleggers are discharged in thirty minutes, while the spectators laugh?

What does it all go back to but to the citizenship of the community that sits on its lazy spine and allows a ring of political crooks to form out its government, steal its revenue and debauch its justice?

Kansas City is not the guardian of its law nor the watchman over its justice; its property it delegates to the care of insurance companies and human life can look out for itself. Kansas City has more important business on hand, which is to indulge its pleasure, make money and spend it and accompany, with a sufficiency of jazz, civic society's merry and rapid march to hell.

Why should not the lesser order of criminals—the street bandits and house breakers, the bootleggers and habeas corpus Annie—have a little crime wave while Kansas City's smug faced respectable citizenry is having its own? It's just a race to see which class of criminals can carry the crest of its wave the higher. Which shall have the prize for lawlessness—the doped moron who snatches a bank messenger's bag, or a morally doped citizenship that sits comfortably behind its privately guarded doors and lets its government and its courts be constituted by gutter politicians bidding against each other for the privilege?

What is this citizenship doing about crime waves except enjoying its own? Curled up like an overstuffed housecat before the fire, it lazily rubs its sleek belly, stretches, opens one heavy lidded eye and inquires indifferently why somebody doesn't do something about these street robberies and murders.

Will Heaven send a white winged angel to guard a fat paunched town too damned lazy

DRILL TS TO START SOON STITH WELL

Mr. Geo. Eberhart, who has a contract with the citizenship of Merkel and surrounding country to drill the Stith well six miles north east of Merkel just over in Jones county, came in this week from Sipe Springs, and informs this paper that just as soon as the five inch casing, which has been ordered, arrives, drilling will again be resumed on the Stith Well.

This well has been closed down for several months, at a depth, according to Mr. Eberhart, of 3110 feet, and Mr. Eberhart further states that the formation in which the well was stopped, is indeed very promising and indicative that it is possible that a real oil well may yet be developed from this test.

Mr. Eberhart informs us that he hopes and really expects to have actual drilling going at this well within the next ten days at the outside.

Mr. Eberhart's contract calls for the drilling of this well 3,500 feet deep, and he is undoubtedly trying to carry out same. However, here is hoping that the drill will penetrate strattas of oil and gas before same shall have reached the depth called for in the contract.

LOCAL MERCHANTS OFF TO MARKET

Mr. A. C. Rose, manager of the A. C. Rose Dry Goods Store in this city, accompanied by Miss Evorie Clark, the splen did milliner for this firm, left last Friday night for St. Louis where they will buy a large and complete stock of Dry Goods and Millinery for this firm.

And Mr. Max Mellinger, proprietor of the Max Mellinger Dry Goods Store, also left first of the week for the Eastern markets, where he too, will select a large stock of the spring and summer goods for his store.

NOTICE

Our store will be closed all day Friday in preparation for our SALE to open Saturday morning Jan. 26th. Brown Dry Goods Company.

to roll out of the way when kicked? What would this citizenship do to such an emissary if Heaven sent one? Elect him mayor appoint him police commissioner, judge? Or would it curl up and go to sleep while the rowdies who run the town plastered his wings with muck?

The citizenship of this town is getting what it deserves, and will continue to get it until it deserves something better. When it is robbed, shot, kicked and if possible shamed into moral and civic sensibility, and rises and smashes the unspeakable thing it calls its public administration, political and judicial then, and not till then, will it have a chance to walk its own streets in safety. This crime wave is of Kansas City's own creation, its own offspring—born of its own lusts; lust for lawlessness, lust for pleasure, lust for gain, lust for private indulgence at the expense of public obligation.

There's your crime wave, Kansas City. Look at it! It's your own, bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh. How do you like it? —The Kansas City Times.

REPORT OF TREASURER SHOWING CONDITION OF CHARITY FUND

Below will be found a tabulated and complete report of all moneys received and expended as well as the balance on hand, in a fund known as the Local Charity Fund, and which was made up in the year 1919, by the citizenship of Merkel, and at which time a committee composed of T. G. Bragg, R. L. Bland and W. A. McSpadden, with the Treasurer, W. M. Elliott, was appointed to have charge of the fund and to use it in helping the worthy unfortunates of the community and unfortunates who chanced to pass this way.

And since it has been several years since the organization of same, and since one splendid citizen member of the committee, Mr. McSpadden, has been called from the walks of men in this life, and another Mr. R. L. Bland, has moved with his family to Abilene the two remaining members are asking this paper to publish the below statement that the public may know just what went with the money placed in this fund, and how much there remains. And this committee is also asking that the people of Merkel call another meeting and elect a new committee to take charge of the funds and the work, and carry same on; discharging the present committee from the responsibility of same.

That it is one of the best things a town can do to establish and maintain a "United Charities Fund", has been demonstrated very clearly. And that such a fund should be kept and maintained most every one will admit; hence it is hoped that the ministers of the city or some one will take it upon themselves to call the meeting asked for by the remaining members of the committee is hoped for.

A careful reading of the report will show any one just where the money went, and how much there is left of same. The balance is shown to be \$173.11 on hand, and when one considers that four years have elapsed since the fund was created, there is much credit due those in charge of same for the effective and careful manner in which they have expended same.

Receipts in 1919	
January	\$57.50
February	\$199.45
April	\$237.85
Total Receipts in 1919	\$494.80
Disbursements in 1919	
Refund to Merkel Dramatic Club	\$10.00
Grave digging	\$34.00
Groceries furnished	\$35.45
Helo to T. B. Patents	\$11.50
Meals and Traveling expenses for Treas.	\$2.35
Coal	\$14.00
Total Disbursements for 1919	\$107.30
Balance on hand Jan. 1 1920	\$387.50
Disbursement for 1920	
Groceries furnished	\$20.00
Bed for Transient	\$1.00
Total disbursement for 1920	\$21.00
Balance cash on hand 1921	\$366.50
Receipts for 1921	\$1.00
Total cash 1921	\$367.50
Disbursement 1921	
Donation to A. V. Lawrence	\$25.00
Donation to J. A. Lane	\$50.00
Donation to E. D. Stevens	\$25.00
On Funeral expense	\$25.00
Donated to T. B. Patent for year	\$20.00
Total Disbursement 1921	\$145.00
Balance cash on hand Jan 1 1922	\$222.50
Disbursements 1922	
Balance on Matress	\$1.25
Coal furnished	\$5.30
Groceries furnished	\$12.80
Dry Goods furnished	\$3.98
Total Disbursements for 1922	\$23.33
Balance on hand Jan. 1st 1923	\$197.17
Disbursements in 1923	
Groceries furnished	\$11.00
Gasoline furnished	\$1.20
eds furnished	\$1.00
Meal furnished	.90c
Total Disbursements for 1923	\$14.10
Balance Cash on hand Jan 1st 1924	\$185.07
Disbursements in 1924	
Dry Goods furnished	\$6.96
Repair on car for traveler	\$5.00
Total Disbursement up to Jan 22 1924	\$11.96
Balance Cash on hand Jan. 22 1924	\$173.11

REBEKAHS PLEASE NOTICE

Members of Merkel Rebekah Lodge No. 14 are requested to be present on Thursday night, January 31, to assist in the Round Table.

Mrs. Lou Land, Sec.

Two cars coal in transit— one ought to be here Monday and one Friday. Swafford. Phone 44

MARKET FOR ALL

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church will have a market Saturday at the Barrow Furniture store. These markets will continue for several Saturdays. Any one wishing to give an order will please phone Mrs. R. A. Burgess, No. 119.

It Classified ads get the result.

THE BIG CAMPAIGN CLOSED LAST SAT.

As per set schedule, the Merkel Mail's Big Subscription Campaign, carried on and conducted by Mr. O. T. Vinson, for the last six weeks, came to a close on last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, and whom the final votes were tabulated by the five judges selected for this purpose, and whose report is given below, there was of course a number of surprises to each and every one interested as well as to the public in general. However, it seems that all candidates and those interested feel that the campaign was conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and each satisfied with same.

As for the management of the paper, we are highly pleased with the result, in that it has given us one of the best and largest circulations of any weekly paper not only in this section, but throughout the state, thereby making the Merkel Mail not only second to none as an advertising medium for Merkel and the Merkel country but far in excess of any publication circulating through this immediate section. And since this was the main object prompting the management to put on same we are indeed more than highly pleased, not to mention the gratification from a financial standpoint, which was also very gratifying.

As to the Campaign manager, Mr. O. T. Vinson, words are inadequate and we feel wholly incompetent to express our high opinion of him and his very efficient system of conducting a subscription campaign. But we will say that we found him all that the word HONEST means, and besides very capable and efficient in this line of work; yes, the best we have ever seen and would with a great deal of pleasure recommend him to any publisher desiring some one to conduct a subscription campaign.

And while only those mentioned below were awarded premiums, all who complied with the rules of the campaign were paid a splendid commission for their services.

We also wish to extend sincere thanks to each and every candidate for the very fine work that each and every one did and for the lady-like and honorable manner in which they conducted themselves. And upon behalf of ourselves as well as the candidates, we also wish to thank the general public for their liberal support of the proposition as well as their special interest in any one candidate.

After the votes had been counted, and the winners declared, the following report from the five judges, was read to the large crowd gathered in front of the Merkel Mail office by Rev. Fred S. Rogers, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church:

Judges' Report

Merkel, Texas
Jan. 19, 1924

We, the undersigned judges appointed to count the ballots in the Merkel Mail Campaign, certify and state that we have this day an ddate made a careful count and check of the ballots cast in this election and find the results as stated below.

It is our belief that the campaign has been conducted in a fair and impartial manner to every one interested and concerned and we commend The Merkel Mail and the campaign management for the business-like methods employed in con-

BOX SUPPER AT SALT BRANCH

We are informed that the Box Supper at Salt Branch on last Friday night was indeed a fine success not only a financial success, but a very pleasant affair socially.

Among those from this city attending same were J. C. Mason, who ably and cleverly acted as auctioneer; disposing of the fine cakes and pies at the very highest prices possible, and Messrs. John Sears, president of the Farmers State Bank, Mr. R. L. Grimes, Cashier of the same Bank, J. T. Dennis, local merchant and Mr. Chas. P. Stevens, candidate for County Commissioner, and possibly others whose names we did not learn, and each and all report a fine time and declare the good people of the Saltbranch community as royal entertainers. It is also stated that our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. Dennis was awarded first prize as the ugliest man present, but he says he has the facts that his friend J. C. Mason was responsible for the "frame-up" that gave him this distinction. Miss Phillips, the efficient teacher in the school there was given the premium as the best looking young lady.

MR. LATHAM PUTS IN NEW BUSINESS

In this paper will be found the advertisement of Mr. F. H. Latham, announcing the opening of a nice new and up-to-date Lunch room and confectionary stand. This new business is located in the building formerly occupied by the Watkins Meat Market, which firm Mr. Latham bought out; discontinuing the same and putting in the line of business as above mentioned.

Mr. Latham also informs us that he has recently purchased from Dallas parties, ninety acres of land located one mile west of town on the Highway and is preparing to put in a nice up-to-date Tourist Camp ground and filling station. This is a fine location and no doubt Mr. Latham will, as is usual with him, succeed with same.

INCOME TAX

Every married person, living with husband or wife having a net income of \$2000.00, and every unmarried person having a net income of \$1000.00 is required to file a return, even though his exemptions are sufficient to keep from paying tax. I make single returns \$2.50, Partnership \$5.00. REAR of Merkel Drug Company. It. R. O. Anderson.

Classified ads get the result.

ducting this campaign.

We further find that the contestants whose names are here by given received the number of votes given opposite their names and are declared the winners in their respective position.

Mrs. C. W. Seago, 16,975,000
Lillian McRee, 15,351,500
Mrs. N. Casseaux, 7,026,700
Ruth Jones, 5,913,000
Ouida Campbell, 3,490,800

O. J. Adcock
W. L. Diltz Jr.
R. E. Dowdy
W. O. Boney
L. R. Thompson
(Election Judges)

DEFENDS THE NAME FATHER

Nicknames Such as "Old Man", "Pater", "Dad" and "Daddy" Do Not Express Affection.

What is in a name? Why, everything, of course. Get a bad name and you will find it out. Call a man a jall-bird and he is doomed. A great deal of time is consumed by parents in finding a name for a new baby which comes into a home. Much thought is given to the selection of a baby's name, because he is so precious and sweet, and because he will carry it through life. The baby has nothing to say as to the choice. It is, therefore, all the more important that a name be given him which he will be pleased with when he becomes a man. Unfortunately, few boys and girls are entirely pleased with their names, and in many cases they seek to change them.

There is another question which arises later on, and that is the question as to what a boy will call his father. A variety of designations have been assigned to the paternal head of the household. By some he has been called "the governor." This is an official term and smacks of rulership. It can scarcely be called a term of disrespect, but the objection to it is that it lacks affection.

"Pater" is another designation for father. It sounds classical, for it is the Latin name for father. It, however, seems cold and formal. Occasionally we hear a boy speaking of "the old man." This is, of course, the smart Alec who considers he is acting cleverly. There is a swagger about an attitude of this kind which is not admirable. Here is another lad who calls his father "dad." He means to be respectful and even affectionate, but this name is not dignified, to say the least of it. A good father deserves a better designation than that of "dad." "Daddy" is the term many girls employ, and it is much more tender and affectionate. But, what better name can we find in our Anglo-Saxon vocabulary to call our father than "Father?"

MILLIONS OF BOOKS PRINTED

On an Average of 200,000 Volumes Are Published Each Year Throughout the World.

Have you ever wondered how many books there are in existence? On the average 200,000 volumes are published each year throughout the world, and as 8,500,000 appeared last century, one can obtain a fairly good idea of the size of the world's bookshop.

Adding together the number of volumes published in each country since printing was invented, the astonishing total of 60,000,000 is reached. The amount of energy, time, paper and printers' ink which have gone to produce all these books is absolutely incalculable.

The three largest libraries in the world are the British Museum library, in London, which has 4,000,000 volumes; the Bibliotheque Nationale, in Paris, which has 3,000,000, and the Library of Congress, in Washington, with half a million less. Thus, between them alone, these three great institutions possess 9,500,000 books of all kinds.

She Skipped Trains.

In this fast-moving world, transportation takes new forms over night. The fair century of steam railroading in the United States has not yet passed. Young men remember the first motor car. We are just beginning to fly. There arrived in New York from Pennsylvania not long ago an elderly woman. Her home was on a farm near a city in the hard coal region. Her trip to New York was by automobile, and what makes it unusual was that she had never ridden in a steam train. She had skipped a generation of transportation, so quickly do things come. There are hundreds of small communities in the country which made the jump straight from oil lamps to electric lights without ever seeing gas. They had their water-made lights long before the cities, using coal for gas. They, too, skipped a generation.

Rainbow Trout Eat Mice.

A new fish story has come out of Alaska, where it has been discovered that large rainbow trout weighing from two to seven pounds eat mice in July, August, and the first half of September. The trout do not go prowling over the fields at night, but lie among the cutbanks of rivers and lakes until mice come running along, then jump at them, and gulp down the delicacy.

While cleaning large fish for a camp of workers along the Alaskan railroad, kitchen helpers discovered mice and rats in various stages of digestion in the stomachs of many. Old woodsmen have long known of the trout's peculiar summer appetite.

A New Difficulty.

"I understand Crimson Gulch is going to have a baseball team." "We tried it," said Cactus Joe, "but we couldn't get enough players. Most of the boys is naturally so scrappy they wanted to be umpire or nothin'."

Large Investment.

"My face is my fortune!" quoted the deliberate charmer. "I can appreciate the fact," answered Miss Cayenne. "These beauty treatments are terribly expensive."

Location.

"Where is Ferdie spending his vacation?" "From what he writes he seems to have landed in the Black Hole of Cal."

Woodroof-Bragg's Store

Will be

HEADQUARTERS

Thru JANUARY For

Bargains in Shoes

Not Cheap Shoes, but Good Shoes Cheap

If you need work shoes, you'll save money by coming here, and if it is Dress Shoes you need they are on sale at a big saving. Come in and look over the bargain tables. You will find SHOES for the whole family at prices surprisingly low.

Our New Years Resolution

Is to give you Better Merchandise at Cheaper Prices

Woodroof-Bragg Co.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank, of Merkel, Texas, to be held in its banking rooms on the second Thursday in January viz January 10th 1924, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p. m. for the purpose of selecting a board of directors for the ensuing fiscal year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting. Respectfully,
John Sears, Pres.
2173.

NOTICE OF ERROR

In some manner we failed to read proof on the Christmas Greeting and New Year Advertisement of the Planters Gin Company, and same was printed with several errors in it. This we regret, and hereby extend our apologies to the Planters Gin Company and upon their behalf extend futher greetings and good wishes to their patrons and friends.

Attorney Frank E. Smith, son of our splendid citizen and fellow townsman, Mr. F. G. Smith, is here this week from his home at Uvalde, Texas.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Missionary Society will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Chas. Jones. The following program will be carried out.

1. Devotional, Mrs. A. A. Baker.
 2. The China of yesterday and today, Mrs. Fred S. Rogers
 3. Song.
 4. Women's place in human church, Miss Garrouthe.
 5. Business session.
 6. Social hour.
- Mesdames Jones, West and Tucker hostesses. All women urged to be present.

FOR REPAIR WORK

To my friends and the public. I am prepared to do any kind of Ford repair work. Bearings burned in, and work guaranteed. Your business appreciated. Located 2 miles south of Nubia. Earl T. Pribble.

Miss Nora Foster, who is a student at Abilene Christian College, after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster, Route one, returned to Abilene first of the week where she will again take up her studies in the above mentioned college.

DANCE WITH DORIS

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

TOMMY WEBSTER called himself every known kind of an idiot, but it didn't help matters in the least.

He was in love with a girl whom he had not met and never expected to meet, for she was a girl who danced in one of the famous "Revue's." It was called dancing, but it was in reality just floating about the stage like an exquisite bit of thistle-down.

Tommy hated the audience for their wild and noisy applause that clamored for Doris until she slipped out time and time again to bow her pretty thanks and kiss her snow-white fingers. He knew she must be weary and it annoyed Tommy that she must stand there with that sparkling smile on her lips and in her eyes the joy of great conquest for that noisy public to admire.

If Doris Deene had been a little nonentity on the stage he might have made an effort to become acquainted with her and win her away from her profession, but to one who seemed destined to reach the height of her profession Tommy felt the odds too much against him.

So he had decided that the best thing for him to do was to forge, Doris.

It was not going to be easy. Tommy was not the kind of man who loves often and lightly. And Doris, the fluffy bit of white thistle-down, with her fair curls and laughing blue eyes, drifted through all his dreams, clinging, beautifully appealing.

So, before taking up his office career in the great steel business of his father, Tommy started on a six months' travel cure and made up his mind that he would return to New York heart and fancy free.

Tommy reached England during the month of June. The days were a bit dull, but the change to glorious sunshine made Ascot, the Derby and the river life a thing of joy. He learned to punt up and down the river quite like an old hand and met many a charming, gaily-decked damsel with whom he passed sundry and varied hours.

It was Ethel Danvers who, while reclining gracefully among various hued cushions at the other end of his punt, who asked him if he was going to the theatrical garden party.

"Sure, I have to see everything I can in the next month and then work, endless, but interesting, work for me. I'll take you and we'll do all the stunts they have to offer. Is it a go?"

"Sure!" laughed Ethel, mocking his American expression.

So it was that Tommy found himself in the Royal hospital grounds at Chelsea enjoying himself immensely. Every type of girl, in every type of garb, from modern Eve to ancient Turkey and all the stars and minor constellations of the stage were there.

Ethel was beginning to think she might spend the rest of her days at Tommy's side, when, standing in front of a dance club which they were about to enter, she felt his arm tight against his side.

He was reading over the list of stage favorites with whom one could have a fox trot for half a crown, but only one name stood out to Tommy in bold relief—Doris Deene.

He tried to make his voice sound natural as he turned to Ethel. "Are these names all famous over here? I—I don't know many of your English stars by name."

Ethel read the list. "All pretty much in the public eye. That Doris Deene is from your part of the world and has taken us quite by storm with her dancing. Come on, let's go in. I'd just love to dance once with Jack Buchanan and you try for Doris. I fancy she'd love to chat with some one from home."

So together they went in. Ethel was out on the floor with the tall Jack before Tommy could make his way to Doris.

It was she who began to talk. "I am from New York," said Tommy, feeling like a first-class fool for the shake in his voice. "I used to watch you dance nearly three nights out of the week—a bit soft, wasn't it?"

Doris looked up and smiled straight into Tommy's eyes.

"Oh, I am glad to meet you," she said wistfully. "I'm so homesick for New York and home folks that I could just cry about it." She shyly glanced again at the big, honest boy and knew she liked him—liked him very, very much. "I wonder—I wonder if you would come out to see me some time and just take me out on a bus or up the river or—or, just any place away from theaters? I don't like dancing, but I have to earn my living some way. Could you?"

"Doris Deene," said Tommy, softly with all his awkwardness, "I could do anything on."

Our Annual Inventory Over

WE GREET YOU

With Thanks and Best Wishes

We now PLEDGE you Again our Best Efforts for

HONEST SERVICE

in every transaction and we are counting on you for making our 1924 the Best of the seven years we have been before you.

Sincerely,

The Brown D. G. Co.

New Goods - Right Prices - Good

Your often Coming will be Appreciated

GUARANTEED BANKING PROTECTION

The two essentials of real banking are

**AMPLE RESOURCES
RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT**

The Farmers State Bank also affords an additional degree of protection through its operation under the Depositors Guaranty Fund Law of this State.

Absolute safety is thus provided for all deposits.

Every modern banking facility is at the disposal of patrons.

New accounts are invited and will be welcomed.

Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

\$100,000 PEACE PLAN PRIZE AWARDED

Advocates Entering World Court and Cooperation With League Without Full Membership at Present—Suggests League Membership Be Opened to All Nations and Provides for Development of International Law.

The American Peace Award brought forth 22,165 plans and many thousands of letters. Since many of the plans were the composite work of organizations, universities, etc., a single plan often represented the views of hundreds or thousands of individuals. The content of these plans is therefore an index of the true feeling and judgment of hundreds of thousands of American citizens.

These plans come from every group in American life. Some are obviously from lifelong students of history and international law. Some are from persons who have studied little, but who have themselves seen and felt the horror of war—or who are even now living out its tragedy.

But among them all are these dominant currents: that, if war is honestly to be prevented, there must be a face-about on the part of the nations in their attitude toward it; that by some progressive agreement the manufacture and purchase of the munitions of war must be limited or stopped; that while no political mechanism alone will insure cooperation among the nations, there must be some machinery of cooperation if the will to cooperate is to be made effective; that mutual counsel among the nations is the real hope for bringing about the disavowal of war by the open avowal of its real causes and open discussion of them; and finally that there must be some means of defining, recording, interpreting and developing the law of nations.

Statement of Jury of Award

The Jury of Award realizes that there is no one approach to world peace, and that it is necessary to recognize not merely political but also psychological and economic factors.

The only possible pathway to international agreement with reference to these complicated and difficult factors is through mutual counsel and cooperation which the plan selected contemplates. It is therefore the unanimous opinion of the Jury that of the 22,165 plans submitted, Plan Number 1469 is "the best practicable plan by which the United States may cooperate with other nations to achieve and preserve the peace of the world."

It is the unanimous hope of the Jury that the first fruit of the mutual counsel and cooperation among the nations which will result from the adoption of the plan selected will be a general prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all materials of war.

ELIHU ROOT, Chairman
JAMES GUTHRIE HARBORD
EDWARD M. HOUSE
ELLEN FITZ PENDELTON
ROSCOE POUND
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE
BRAND WHITLOCK

The Question to Be Voted Upon

The substantial provisions which constitute the plan selected by the Jury of Award, and upon which the vote of the American people is asked, are hereby submitted by the Policy Committee as follows:

I. ENTER THE PERMANENT COURT

That the United States adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice for the reasons and under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

II. COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, WITHOUT FULL MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT

That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States Government should extend its present cooperation with the League and propose participation in the work of its Assembly and Council under the following conditions and reservations:

Safeguarding of Monroe Doctrine

1. The United States accepts the League of Nations as an instrument of mutual counsel, but it will assume no obligation to interfere with political questions of policy or internal administration of any foreign state.

In uniting its efforts with those of other States for the preservation of peace and the promotion of the common welfare, the United States insists upon the safeguarding of the Monroe Doctrine and does not abandon its traditional attitude concerning American independence of the Old World and does not consent to submit its long established policy concerning questions regarded by it as purely American to the recommendation or decision of other Powers.

No Military or Economic Force

2. That the only kind of compulsion which nations can freely engage to apply to each other in the name of Peace is that which arises from conference, from moral judgment, from full publicity, and from the power of public opinion.

The United States would assume no obligations under Article X in its present form, or under Article XVI in its present form in the Covenant, or in its amended form as now proposed, unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

The United States proposes that Articles X and XVI be either dropped altogether or so amended and changed as to eliminate any suggestion of a general agreement to use coercion for obtaining conformity to the pledges of the Covenant.

No Obligations Under Versailles Treaty

3. That the United States will accept no responsibilities under the Treaty of Versailles unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

League Open to All Nations

4. The United States Government proposes that Article I of the Covenant be construed and applied, or, if necessary, re-drafted, so that admission to the League shall be assured to any self-governing State that wishes to join and that receives the favorable vote of two-thirds of the Assembly.

Development of International Law

5. As a condition of its participation in the work and counsels of the League, the United States asks that the Assembly and Council consent—or obtain authority—to begin collaboration for the revision and development of international law, employing for this purpose the aid of a commission of jurists. This Commission would be directed to formulate anew existing rules of the law of nations, to reconcile divergent opinions, to consider points hitherto inadequately provided for but vital to the maintenance of international justice, and in general to define the social rights and duties of States. The recommendations of the Commission would be presented from time to time, in proper form for consideration, to the Assembly as to a recommending if not a law-making body.

Author's Name Not to Be Revealed Until After Referendum

In order that the vote may be taken solely upon the merits of the plan, the Policy Committee, with the acquiescence of Mr. Bok, has decided not to disclose the authorship of the plan until after the referendum. The identity is unknown to the members of the Jury of Award and the Policy Committee, except one delegated member.

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We wish to especially call the attention of the public to the following

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RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand...\$367,992.62
Loans, Cotton..... 10,775.9
U. S. Securities..... 188,200.00
Other Bonds & War. (School) 15,827.35
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank. 1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co. 900.00
Furniture and Fixtures..... 3,850.00
Other Real Estate..... 3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund..... 312.50
Overdrafts..... 1,743.05
Cash & Sight Ex. 235,466.97

Total.....\$830,018.42

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund..... 15,000.00
Undivided Profits..... 6,914.55
Circulation Acct. 6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE..... NONE
REDCOUNTS..... NONE
BORROWED MONEY..... NONE
DEPOSITS..... 751,853.87

Total.....\$830,018.42

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Announcements

For District Clerk:
J. K. FULLER,
For County Judge:
CARLOS D. SPECK,
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
County Attorney
FRANK E. SMITH
For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY
For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
(Re-election)
For Commissioner:
H. R. HICKS
T. R. LASSITER
CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
(Re-election)

W. T. Sherrill was over from Abilene first of the week looking after his property interest here, and incidentally shaking hands with friends.

MISS JONES EXTENDS THANKS

To my many friends in and about Merkel, or elsewhere, who so kindly assisted me during the recent Merkel Mail subscription contest, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation. I am just as grateful to each and every one for their favors and help, as if I had been winner of the highest priced premium offered. Again, I sincerely thank you, one and all.
Ruth Jones

Chester Hutchison and wife left this week for Lamesa, where they will remain indefinitely. They were accompanied by Paul Stanford.

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FRANK E. SMITH FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

In this issue of the Merkel Mail will be found the name of Attorney Frank E. Smith, of Abilene, as a candidate for the office of County Attorney, of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

Owing to the fact that Mr. Smith has been reared in Merkel and is therefore well and favorably known to most of the voters in and around Merkel, there is no need of a lengthy introductory from us in his behalf.

However, we will say that he is a son of Mr. F. J. Smith, one of the pioneer and best citizens of this city and community, and that the younger Mr. Smith is highly capable and qualified to perform the duties of the office of County Attorney of Taylor county with satisfaction to the voters and honor to himself should he be chosen for that position, and the Mail trusts that you will give his claims fair and careful consideration.

Below we give a comment of his candidacy by the Abilene Daily Reporter:

The Reporter is authorized to announce that Frank E. Smith is a candidate for the office of county attorney of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. Mr. Smith was born and reared in Taylor county, and gained his public school education in this county. He attended Simmons College, acquired his A. B. degree at Southwestern University, and was given the degree of LL. B. at the University of Texas. He went into the military service from Abilene and served throughout the world war. After the close of the war Mr. Smith returned to the University of Texas and completed his law studies. For three years he was acting county attorney and county attorney of Uvalde county, where he gained much experience in the office to

WILLIAM H. PALMER AT REST

After several weeks illness, on Thursday, January 17, the spirit of William Henderson Palmer, aged 79 years, and one of Merkel's grand old gentlemen, took its flight to that home where life is eternal and trouble and sorrow prevaileth not.

Deceased was born in Nacogdoches county, in the year 1845, and throughout all the years of his life he had been known and recognized as an upright and useful citizen. He was a Mason and a member of the Methodist church for many years, and was held in high esteem by all with whom he was acquainted.

After funeral services, which were conducted at the family residence in the south part of the city, by the local pastor of the Methodist church deceased's remains were shipped to Gatesville, Texas, for burial, where for many years Mr. Palmer resided previously to his moving to Merkel several years ago.

He leaves a kind and loving wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn his demise, as well as other relatives and many close friends.

We are informed that the two sons and the daughter, as well as the Hon. William E. Hawkins, former Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, who is a brother to Mrs. Palmer, were here to attend the last sad rites of this excellent citizen and good Christian man.

This paper joins many friends in extending the loved ones deepest sympathy during this sad hour.

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which he now aspires. Mr. Smith is married and his home is in Abilene. His claims should receive the careful consideration of the voters when they come to cast their ballots next July.

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**WHAT THOS. JOHNSON HAS
TO SAY OF J. T. HOWARD**

January 19, 1924

The Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas
Dear Durham:

I see that my long time friend and fellow worker, J. T. Howard, of Merkel has announced as a candidate for Tax Assessor.

I would be very ungrateful should I let the opportunity pass to say a word in behalf of this good man. I have known him for 20 years perhaps more intimately than any other man has known him. For 15 years we worked side by side in the Farmers & Merchants National Bank at Merkel, both beginning there with the organization of the bank.

I have seen J. T. Howard tried under fire and I know the kind of stuff he is made of. He is absolutely loyal to his friends, charitable toward all men and merciful and forgiving to those who may differ from or oppose him. Mr. Howard, as we all called him, is a tireless worker and his clerical work is always found neat and accurate. I

should like very much to see him elected assessor for my old home county for he is absolutely clean and reliable in every way. I would trust him with all that I ever expected to have. I would trust him in any way for he will not wrongfully use any man.

I do not believe J. T. Howard has a single enemy in Taylor county, believe that every man who knows him is his friend. He has devoted his life to his family and his friends and to his God. I have never known a man in whom I have greater confidence. He is unquestionably qualified and deserving. I am not saying this just because he is a candidate. I have said as much for years, I have written it everywhere and I have for years referred to him as the finest type of man and citizen that I know. I trust he may be nominated and elected.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Thos. Johnson,
Political Adv

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson accompanied by the Editor and wife motored over to Colorado Tuesday, and attended the 1st. district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Thompson was among those addressing the 185 representative citizens from over West Texas, in attendance at the splendid luncheon given by the local chamber of Commerce of Colorado, and as he usually does, made a very able and interesting address. And again at the close of the afternoon session when the matter of selecting the next meeting place of the district convention, Mr. Thompson placed in nomination Merkel, and in the first count, this city stood second in the votes counted, so strongly and ably did he set forth her claims and ability to take care of such a meeting of West Texans.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 6 p.m.

We will observe February 3 to 10 as a week of special prayer for the completion of the 75 million campaign. Services will be held each night at the church. It is very earnestly hoped by the pastor that we make this a telling week for the local work as well as for the general work. The special program will be announced later.

At a meeting of the Sunday School teachers Tuesday evening it was decided to have a teacher training school beginning February 10th and to continue through the following week. Several courses will be offered among them the Normal Manual. Full plans will be announced Sunday.

Sunday February 24th Rev. D. L. Hamilton who has been a Missionary in Brazil for twenty years will be with us at the 11 o'clock hour. He will bring us a great message.

The W.M.U. training class is progressing nicely this week. Come over Sunday.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The health of this community is very good and we hope it continues to be.

The Union Ridge community has purchased the Hebron church and will soon move it to this place.

Mr. Clarence Hartline motored to Abilene Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. Joe Douglas motored to Abilene Thursday on business.

The Union Ridge ball team both boys and girls played Blair Friday afternoon. Union Ridge came out winners on both games. The girls beat 21 to 2; the boys 74 to 2.

On Saturday night, January 19 Miss Jewel and Pearl Skidmore gave an entertainment. A large crowd attended and all

reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hark of Hamby was the guest of Mr. J. C. Hartline and family last Sunday.

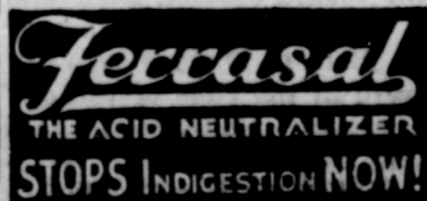
There was a singing at the home of Miss Mabel Russell Sunday night. All reported a lovely time and good singing.

There will be an entertainment at Miss Mabel Russell's Friday night Jan. 25. Everyone is invited.

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MR. AND MRS. L. R. THOMPSON ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday, January 13th, honoring little Mary Joe Russell. Such a tempting and delicious dinner, every thing that goes with such an occasion was had.

The cake and candles caused much merriment. After each guest had made a wish for the honoree, they watched her blow out the candles. May many more happy birthdays be in store for little Mary Joe.

By one present.

Miss Gladys Brittan of Abilene spent last week end in Merkel visiting with Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt Jr.

Read the Classified Column.

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If there is a marriage, birth, death or something unusual happens in your family, relatives or friends, how do you expect the local newspaper to have a nice complete write up about same unless some one comes in and gives the facts concerning the affair? No, treat us fair, before you cuss the paper for not having given the news about this or that, think whether they may have had an opportunity to get the facts sufficient to give reasonable mention of same.

**CALIFORNIA AS MY
PARDNER, BILL, SEES IT**

By S. I. Thornton
Watts, California

One hot day in August, Bill met me in the street and made me a challenge, of getting out to a cooler place if we had to go to Lapland and drive reindeers, so I says "Bill, I'll tell you what let's do, lets go to California." "Nough said," says Bill, so the next morning found Bill and I on the road to the land of paradise. We coughed and spit dust for several days and Bill began to complain and doubt that there was really a place in the West that he had read so much about in the geography in the little school house at the cross roads.

Then one night we made camp near a big red river, and I says "Bill, old dear, there's California on the other side of the river", and Bill got all excited and wanted to go over to the other side and camp but I was tired and all the persuading in the world would not have got me to move camp that night.

Early the next morning Bill got up with more life than I had ever seen him display and we moved on. Bill was looking excitedly every where. Soon he says to me, "And this is what you call beautiful California is it?" We ran along on about 3 cylinders for some time, and I made the remark that we had better fix our motor up and get a fresh supply of water before we started across the last lap of the desert, death valley. Then Bill began to get cold feet he had read of that place more than once, and he did not like the name to be called in his presence.

About half way across the old car got so hot it was about to melt down and to help Bill

in his troubles, out went a casing, but that was fixed in a jiffy and we were on the road again. Bill declared he could see cities and great lakes of water, but as we would draw near they would vanish and that worried Bill awfully. He got lonesome for there were no living people in that awful hot place way below sea level, and I did not feel like talking as my throat was parched and my tongue was slightly swollen.

After a hard hot drive we came out all right and proceeded to wind our way up through the mountains and we began to see signs of civilization. "Oh, look at those cliffs, Pard. Haven't they got no top at all, and why does the timber only grow to a certain line on those mountains?" "Well that is the snow line and no timber grows above that line", I explained. Then something caught Bill's eye, we had come to a little trout stream and it was a lovely place up among the rocks and small trees so I agreed that we had better make camp and rest until morning. Then I had a good laugh on Bill and he does like for me to tell it on him, for he was a very disappointed young man at the outcome. I was preparing our supper, when Bill came running and shouting at the top of his voice that he had it, he had it, we were rich. I says "what is the trouble, Bill?", and he held out a pan full of sand sparkling with bright little yellow particles that glittered as gold. "It's Gold, Pard, it's Gold" I took it and examined it and began to laugh. "You fool," he says, we are rich. After I had my laugh out I told Bill it was only Foolsgold, but he would not believe me, so I consented to take it along and have it analyzed, which we did later, and I had the laugh on Bill again. I was right.

The next night we camped very high up in the mountains. And Bill pulled all the cover off me and caused me to spend a very miserable night, as there was the biggest frost the next morning I believe I have ever seen. The next night we were in the big timber. Firs, Pines and Red-wood and many trees that bore different kinds of berries and nuts. We camped between two beautiful trout streams, and Bill was so greedy he would run from one to the other until darkness brought him into camp. Bill sure ate his fill of fish one time in life.

Bill complains of hearing very strange noises all night, and in the morning he went to get the fish we had cleaned and hung up to a limb, there were no fish and Bill says "Pard, what kind of tracks are these?", and on examination they proved to be bear tracks, then Bill got all excited and swore that he would get him, and Bill lost his appetite that morning he was determined to get that bear that had stolen the fish. I asked Bill if

he had ever killed a bear, and he said no, but he was not afraid in the least of any bear.

So we spent the rest of that day looking around for Mr. Bear. Night came and we had no bear meat, but plenty of squirrel and rabbit, fish and wild cat. The next morning we were fishing for our breakfast when Bill said "Pard, look. That's deer isn't it? He grabbed his gun and says "I'll get the buck, and he raised his gun to fire when there came a stearn voice from some where near "Don't shoot, old man, the deer season is over." Bill looked bewildered as he stood there before a tall but strong man in ranger uniform. I am a Forrest ranger and game warden he explained. Then he cautioned us as to the danger of forrest fires and he was off. As we sat there and fished, we noticed something digging at the foot of a tree. Bill says "it's a bear, but I told him it was not and to wait and see what it would do. After a few minutes it came up near us and on seeing us he seemed to get much larger, but Bill decided that he would capture him alive, and if I had let Bill go ahead he certainly would have known what a porcupine was the next time he saw one. Afterwards Bill examined it and said, "Pard, that thing could supply all the red skins in the world with arrows."

That evening about sun set, we were fishing again, and Bill says "Pard, I hear a noise over there in those berry bushes", and I says "I reckon it is those deer again". Then Bill says "look, the tops are shaking," and before we could cross over the brook, we saw a large bulk riding down the berry bushes. I did not have to explain to Bill that time. Bill said it was a bear and that he was coming toward us, and upon his suggestion that we vacate we retreated to higher ground. Bill was very nervous that night and kept a fire going all night and the next morning I suggested our moving on, and Bill was delighted. About noon we encountered a forrest fire. We moved on to safety and returned to help extinguish the rapidly spreading flames. There my loving companion got the thrill of his young life, not knowing how to begin on such a large task and all the information the firefighters gave him seemed to go right through his head with no effect what so ever. And there, too, he met numerous animals in their escape from the blaze, but they were in too big a hurry to interfere with man. It seemed all they wanted was a place of safety. Bill and I were near some tall trees that were burning to the top and commenting on such a beautiful scene, when suddenly a popping and breaking sound caused us to look around, and, well poor Bill's face was white as cotton. He grabbed me and jumped and we both fell. There was a crash that jarred the earth. I realized then what had happened. A large pine that seemed to reach up into the sky had burned off at the ground and had only missed us a few feet. Neither of us passed any compliments on what had happened until we were well back out of the way of the big trees, and we were very little assistance to the firefighters any more. Two and a half days found the fire under control and we hurried away before there could be any more fires started.

We headed south and soon began to pass little towns and thousands of tourists. Some of them were riding, some walking, with their camping kits fastened on their backs. Bill and myself had had about all the excitement we wanted at that time so we kept traveling. So the second evening from the fire zone we came into a lovely valley, then to another surprise we were in the edge of the orange groves, we stopped and without permission, filled up a large cavity in our car with the golden fruit. Soon we camped beneath some large walnut trees

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loaded full, and on our right there was a vineyard with delicious grapes as I had ever seen before. Prunes and figs also were there in abundance and no one seemed to give a darn if you helped yourself to the limit, and we did. I will never forget the odor that filled the air the next morning, the smell of a thousand flowers all drifted in the damp and pure air. Some of the flowers were higher than our heads, we decorated our trusty car with them and headed on and noon found us in one of the largest cities in the West. There were thousands of people on the streets, some seemed to be in a great hurry, while others were unconcerned and seemed to have no place to go or nothing to do. There were the taps of the hammers and the whizing of the saws that told us the city was on a real boom. Thousands of automobiles, yes too numerous to count, filled the streets and ding ding of the street cars crowding their way through the heavy traffic, carrying their burden of humanity to their destination.

We decided after spending the night at one of the high life hotels, that we had better move on as our bank roll was begin-

ning to look small. We took a street and headed south and after a half hour drive we were getting away from the city, but we had only gone a short way when we saw we were headed straight for another city. The sky scappers told us there was something ahead, the air had changed to a cool breeze that made us throw our chests out and breathe more freely.

Bill's good humor and desire for excitement made me a good companion. And as we were approaching the city, Bill discovered there was a large body of water just beyond the city, and Bill says, "Boy there is some lake, believe me, for you can not see any trees or hill on the other side". I told him it was the Pacific Ocean, and then he had a duck fit, he insisted on driving as I was not making enough speed for him. We passed thru the city and came to the water front, parked our car and hurried down on the beach, and Bill being of a loving disposition, especially around the girls, was almost uncontrollable as it was his first girls to see in transparent bathing suits, and in a few minutes he was acquainted with several of the beauties, and you should have seen what he shoved off on me. Well she was

some chicken, and then he laughed at me and called me hatchet face, as I was slim and looked hungry. But Bill has been too wise for me to get him out on another trip to hunt for pleasure and excitement. Bill has since married and left his faithful Pard to the mercy of woman, that trample on his toes when he is so lucky as to get a seat on the street cars in the big city of a million wonders.

**B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM
Group II**

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A message from Missionary G. H. Lacy by Ray Garrett.
A message from Missionary W. F. Hatchell by Lewis Tucker.
A message from Missionary Frank Marrs by Lila Mae Bird.
A message from Missionary J. H. Benson by W. L. Harkrider.
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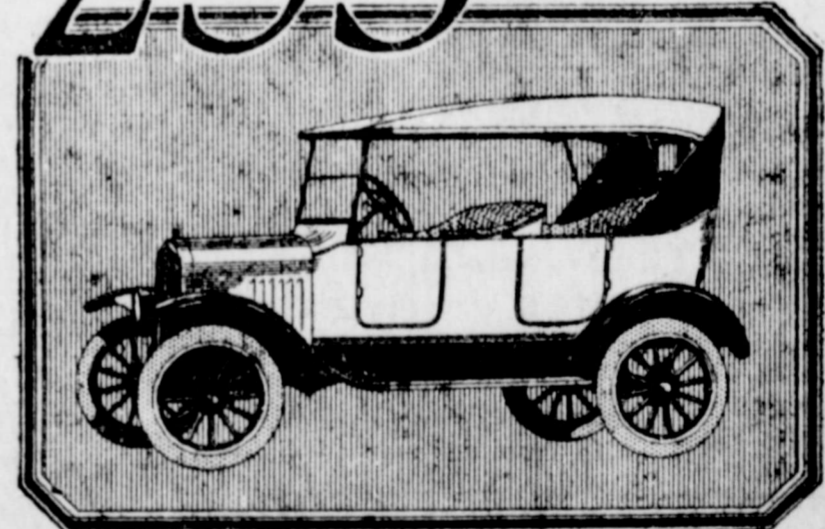
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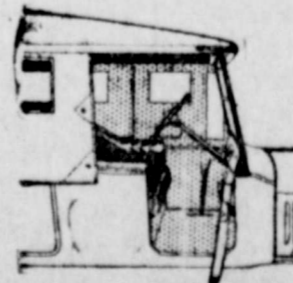


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See us for your Paint bill.

Barrow Furniture Co.

We are informed that Dr. R. I. Grimes recently purchased the splendid home on Oak St. belonging to C. R. Horton, and will soon move with his family to same. Mr. Horton understands has moved to Abilene to make his future home.

We learn that Mr. J. E. Costephens has purchased the excellent residence property of Mr. G. B. Brown who is preparing to move to Abilene, and will soon move to same.

Fords, Fords, Fords, new ones and used ones—we have them now—Merkel Motor Co. 1t

See our line of used cars. The prices will suit you. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

Best price on seed potatoes and onion sets.—Carson Grocery Company. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and daughter, Molly Frank are here on a visit. They reside at Chillicothe, Texas.

Two cars coal in Transit—one ought to be here Monday and one Friday. Swafford. Phone 44. 1t

FOR SALE—Wood. See Earl Lassiter. 25t2p

Try Magnolia Ford Oil. Magnolia Filling Station. 1t

A cracker jack good Ford Touring, \$50.00. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

Oats—Corn—Alfalfa—Hay Meal—Hulls—Cake. Swafford, South Side. 1t

1920 Ford Touring, starter and everything. \$150.00. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

MARRIAGE

On last Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock Mr. J. H. Stone, and Mrs. E. J. Woolen of this place were united in matrimony. Rev. O. E. Tatum officiating. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, with only a few close friends and relatives present.

The Merkel Mail extends congratulations and best wishes.

1922 Ford Touring—Good condition, only—\$250.00. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

F. H. LATHAM BUYS HOME

We are informed that Mr. F. Latham has recently purchased from Mrs. W. C. Calvert, the latter home in this city and has moved to same.

Oats—Corn—Alfalfa—Hay Meal—Hulls—Cake. Swafford, South Side. 1t

A DANDY FORD BARGAIN

1923 Roadster equipped with cord tires—\$285.00. Merkel Motor Company. 1t

Try Magnolia Ford Oil. Magnolia Filling Station. 1t

Messrs. Ben Jones, N. A. Dowell, Andy Brown and Ross Ferrier composed a hunting party this week; visiting the counties of Jones, Dickens, King and Cottle. They report a very fine trip and plenty of game.

If you want the lowest prices TRADE with Carson Grocery Company. 1t

Jim Black was down first of the week from Big Spring, shaking hands with old friends.

Peace Maker Flour; All Gold Coffee; Domino Sugar.—At G. M. Sharp's 1t

1921 Ford Sedan, \$175.00, Merkel Motor Co. 1t

Program for M. E. Missionary Society

Opening Song.
Bible Lesson, Mrs. Sanders.
Prayer, Mrs. Thos. Durham.
Signs of a new day in Brazil, Mrs. Bob Martin.
Cablegrams from Brazil —
No. 1. Mrs. C. B. Smith
No. 2. Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford
No. 3 Mrs. Bean
No. 4. Mrs. Tom Largent
No. 5. Mrs. Grimes
No. 6. Mrs. Thos. Durham.
Society in Brazil, Mrs. M. Armstrong.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends through the Merkel Mail for every subscription given me for the paper during the contest which has just closed. Assure each one that I appreciate every kindness shown me during the contest just the same as if I had won the New Ford Car. Wishing on and all many blessings I am yours truly,
Mrs. R. L. Jobe.

Intermediate League Program

The Intermediate League will have a special program Sunday afternoon at 4:00
Subject: Jane makes a discovery.

Leader: Intha Bird.
Song service.
Scripture lesson: Matt. 28; 16-20 by leader.
Prayer
Reading—Lucille Guitar.
Dialogue in two acts.
Song
Announcements
League benediction.

Special prices on Flour, Feed and all mill products. Carson Grocery. 1t

Oats—Corn—Alfalfa—Hay Meal—Hulls—Cake. Swafford South Side. 1t

We are glad to see City Marshall Jinks Winter up and about after a week's illness.

Buy your feed before it gets too high. G. M. Sharp. 1t

Mr. Eli Case of the Grocery firm of Hamilton and Case, is up after a severe illness of several days.

H. M. Rose was here this week from Sweetwater, mixing with friends and looking after his property interest here.

1918 Ford Touring. \$65.00. Merkel Motor Co. 1t

Two cars coal in transit—one ought to be here Monday and one Friday. Swafford. Phone 44 1t

Ben Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith of Hamlin, was here this week for a visit with his brother Warren, as well as many friends.

We are glad to learn that little Mildred Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson is improving nicely from a severe illness of some two weeks.

E. D. Coats reports the sale of the W. W. Simpson place to H. D. Clark. Consideration \$6,000. Mr. Coats and Mr. Simpson also left Wednesday for a trip to New Mexico, where Mr. Simpson may decide to buy land and locate.

If You Have a Printing Want

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS

Putting out good printing is our business, and when we say good printing we don't mean fair, but the best obtainable. If you are "from Missouri" give us a trial and we will

Show You

DR. JOHN A. ATKISSON DIES AT SAN ANTONIO

Dr. Geo. L. Miller, wife and daughter and Miss Sallie Orr returned first of the week from San Antonio, where they had been called on account of the death on last Thursday of Dr. John A. Adkisson, which occurred at the family residence. The deceased had been in ill health for several months, but had seemed to be improving and his death came suddenly, being sick only a few hours.

Dr. Adkisson practiced medicine in Merkel for some fourteen years, was well known and had many friends in and about the city who regret to learn of his sudden death.
Deceased is survived by his wife, and three children, father and one brother, Dr. Jas. E. Adkisson, who also formerly practiced medicine here, and who was associated with deceased at the time of death. The following from the San Antonio Express is a brief account of his death and funeral.

Funeral services for Dr. J. A. Adkisson, 47, for three years a resident of San Antonio, who died Thursday night at his home, 1029 West Woodlawn Avenue after a brief illness, will be held Saturday morning. Dr. Adkisson was not an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, as was stated in San Antonio Express Friday morning. Organizations of which Dr. Adkisson was a member include the Elks, Odd Fellows, Masons, Knights of Pythias and Praetorians.

Rev. W. T. Phillips of the Christian Church will officiate. The following will serve as honorary pallbearers: Rev. W. D. Bills, Rev. F. E. Wallace, W. B. Locke, Sam Ezell, Charles Horn E. H. Cunningham, D. W. Nuson and S. J. Jackson. The active pallbearers are, E. J. Altgelt, Col. F. A. Chapa, Carl C. Wurzbach, E. W. Lyons, Thos. H. Ethridge and Blake Ethridge.
—San Antonio Express

Service Trucking. See Clifford Rose. 1t

A DELCO LIGHT & POWER PLANT

In this paper will be found an advertisement of the Delco Light Products, by Mr. Edgar Holly, of Abilene, who is with the Sun Electric Co., also of Abilene, in which is set forth the very efficient reasons why a farmer or any one should install Delco Light & Power System.

One of the main objects of Mr. Holly in urging upon the farmer and ranchman to buy a Delco Plant, and buy it now, is that through the cooperative plan upon which he is selling to day, you can make a great saving by buying such a lighting system. Under this plan the purchaser is given all the benefits and saving made by the large volume of business which comes by the fact that under the cooperative plan, wherein the plants will be shipped in car loads, thus making quite a reduction in freight charges alone as well as wiring and installation which also comes lower when bought under the cooperative plan.

For the details and full particulars we trust that our readers will read every line and word of this advertisement.

FRED DEUTSCHMAN GARAGE

Where you get personal service. All work guaranteed. I will over haul your Ford for \$15 or grind valves for \$2.50. My prices are right. I am now ready to be there all the next year. Come over and get that car put up right. No job too large or small. Will carry a nice line of accessories. Get your oil and gas from me. Phone me and I will come after your car and deliver it to you. Fred Deutschman Garage, one mile east of Horn School House. 1t

Two cars coal in transit—one ought to be here Monday and one Friday. Swafford. Phone 44 1t

LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION

Biloxi, Miss.—"I had, for a year or more, nervous indigestion, or some form of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Alonzo Ford, 1117 Clay Street, this city. "The water I drank at that time seemed to constipate me. I would suffer until I got so nervous I wanted to get down on the floor and roll. I felt like I could tear my clothes.


"Every night, and night after night, I had to take something for a laxative, and it had to be kept up nightly. My side would pain. I looked awful. My skin was sallow and seemed spotted. I would look at my hands and arms, and the flesh looked lifeless.

"I happened to get a Birthday Almanac, so I told my husband I would try the Black-Draught, which I did. I took a few big doses. I felt much better. My liver acted well. I made a good, warm meal and drank it that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as was the pain in my side. I found I did not have to take it every night. Soon, after a few weeks, I could leave it off for a week or so, and I did not suffer with constipation. . . I gained flesh. I have a good color, and believe it was a stubborn liver, and that Black-Draught did the work.

"I went to my mother's (Mrs. Deeters) one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . I told her we'd try Black-Draught. We did, and now she keeps it to take after eating. It certainly helped her, and we neither will be without it in our homes. It is so simple, and the dose can be regulated as the case may be. We use small doses after meals for indigestion, and larger doses for headache or bad liver."

Theford's Black-Draught liver medicine is for sale everywhere. 1 84



Giving the Telephone Life


WHEREVER your thought goes, your voice may go. You can talk across the continent as if face to face. Your telephone is the latch which will open any door in the land, to you.

There is the web of wires; the many switchboards; the maze of apparatus; the millions of telephones. All are parts of the great system which provides nation-wide telephone service. The equipment has cost over two billion dollars. But more than equipment is needed.

There must be the guardians of the wires to keep them vital with speech-carrying electrical currents. There must be the thousands of operators to watch the millions of tiny switchboard lights. There must be skilled workers of every sort to construct, repair and operate.

A quarter of a million men and women are united to give nation-wide telephone service. With their brains and hands they make the Bell System live.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
THE BELL SYSTEM IN TEXAS



UNITED FOR THE NATION'S NEED



JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS

We now have a large supply of John Deere Implements in stock both in

Single and Double Row Planters and Cultivators

We now have our samples on the floor, would be pleased for you to call in and see them. We believe it would be to your advantage as well as our own for you to do so.

We Are Expecting a Car of wire including Barb Wire and other Fencing.

Since discontinuing our Grocery line we have increased our general line of Hardware until we have the largest and best assorted stock we have ever carried.

YOUR TRADE APPRECIATED.

CROWN HARDWARE CO.

NOTICE

Gin days excepted, the public may find me at the Platform scales. Yours to serve.
C. L. Tucker.

Come in and look our new spring samples over. We can give you the best clothes in the world for the money. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180. It.

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Office over Crown Hardware Co.
Merkel —:— Texas

**CHURCH NIGHT AT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Presbyterians are planning to hold their first church night on Wednesday, Jan. 30th. Every member is urged to be present and help make this 1st. meeting a big success. It is their plan to hold one of these meetings on the fourth Wednesday night of each month during this year. They will be devoted entertainment, social refreshments and the solving of problems and the working out of plans to make a bigger and a better Church.

The following is the program scheduled for next Wednesday night.

- Song service
- Welcome to new members.
- Dr. Johnson.
- Response, Mr. Murray
- Song—Girls Chorus
- The Progress of our church, W. M. Elliott
- Reading, Miss Mamie Ellis
- The outlook for 1924, H. C. West.
- Refreshments
- Helpful Hints. A round table discussion.
- Social fifteen minutes
- Song
- Reading—Clesby Patterson.
- Good night—Jas. H. West

NOTICE

Our store will be closed all day Friday in preparation for our SALE to open Saturday morning Jan. 26th. Brown Dry Goods Company. It

We are very glad to be back in our old stand once more. And we will try to give all our customers the very best service possible. So call us and tell us your clothes troubles. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180. It.

ADVICE TO THE AGED

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys, torpid liver.

Tutt's Pills

have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, gives natural action, and imparts vigor to the system.

**BROTHER SMITH'S
SOLILOQUY**

Well Sall it is now the last of August. We have a fine crop ready to harvest. Guess I'd better go over to Merkel this eve, and rent one of them old vacant houses over there so the kids can git the benefit of that are 9 months school and you can git a little taste of society. I'll git three or four colored families and gather this crop, then put up my land and do th planting thereby having all ready fur you and the kids to help cultivate when that 'ar school is out.

Guess I could send the kids from here but we are out of the school district and I tell you it would dig my pocket book to pay fur seven kids 9 months schooling.

Shore makes them town cusses dig up 'Taxes to hire more teachers, but I heard three or four other 'fellows say they were moving to town fur the school so my seven won't make but seven more.

I've always ben a religious man and my conscience sort o' smite me when I think of them pore widows having to take in washin or other harde work to help edicate my kids but if they will come out to my fine 200 A. farm next spring I'll giv them a sack o' turnip greens, may be that will give them strength to do a few extra washings to pay more taxes to hire more teachers.

Pore old brother Jones is all up sot about his taxes, cause they told him if he would vote fur the limit that would be as high as taxes could go, but they never one time told him that the equalization board could raise the valuation of his property, thereby increasing his Taxes.

In 1921 his dwelling was valued at \$900. In 1922 at \$1500. In 1923, \$1750 (goin' some). But Sall, we've got to have a good school in Merkel if the old

brother's taxes thribble fur I want my kids to have a better education than I've got, and I'm plum willing for them to vote fur th new school house fur I've got three kids in that old church they are usin' fur a school house and you know Sall it won't increase taxes fur them to have the New School house.

Sambo!

BIG MONEY

Is being offered to Draughon-trained men and women every day. Positions secured or money refunded. Catalog and Guarantee Contract free. Address Draughon's College at Abilene, or Wichita Falls now. 11t4.

Read the Classified Column.

RAWELIGH'S PRODUCTS

When in need of any of the celebrated and well known Rawleigh Products call on me at the McGhee Hamburger stand on Main Street or Phone 147. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. E. B. Barnes. 16t8p

Read the Classified Column.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF Army Goods

TO BE HELD AT
MERKEL WAGON YARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 28th
And at Trent Tuesday, January 29th, 1924

Beginning at 1:30 P. M. the Following Merchandise Will Be Sold:

- ARMY HARNESS—Comprising several types including those with and without breeching, now and used.
- SADDLES—The Remount Stock Saddle and the regulation McClellan Saddle.
- RIDING BRIDLES of various styles and types.
- MISCELLANEOUS HARNESS PARTS such as Lariat Picket Ropes. Extra Team Bridles, Whips, Collars, Extra Lines, Halters, Halter Leads, Tie Chains, Snaffle and Curb Bits, Pole Straps, Saddle Bags, Extra Breeching and many other articles in the harness goods line.
- BLANKETS and CLOTHING consisting of Rain Coats, Slickers, Shirts, Socks, Breeches, Wrap Leggings, Cartridge Belts, and many other articles not listed for lack of space.
- MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS—These three piece suits are brand new and were made by the English government for discharged soldiers. This is an unusual opportunity to buy your winter suit at a saving.

It will pay you to attend this sale for this is a good clean stock of merchandise and without doubt this will be your last opportunity to buy this quality of army goods at auction. Don't forget the time and place.

COL. P. S. HARPER, Owner and Auctioneer
ABILENE, TEXAS
A. L. JONES, Manager of Sales

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Texas; County of Taylor. In the District court of Taylor county, Texas.

Wm. P. Carey Co. and Burton Lingo Co., Plaintiffs vs. H. F. Groene, Defendant. No. 5274.

Whereas, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 17th day of December, 1923, in favor of Wm. P. Carey Company, a partnership composed of Charles D. Carey & M. E. Carey said judgment being in the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Five and 78 one hundredths (585.78) Dollars, with interest from date at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, judgment also being rendered in favor of Bur-

ton-Lingo Company for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy-Six and 80 one hundredths (\$1,276.80) Dollars, with interest from the date thereof at the rate of six percent per annum, said judgements being against the said H. F. Groene being in cause No. 5274 on docket of said court and being a foreclosure of a materialman's lien on the following described real estate to-wit,

The north thirty (30) feet of Lot No. Eighteen (18), Block No. Eighteen (18) of the town of Merkel in Taylor County, Texas, on which is situated the Cozy Theatre building.

I did on the 28th day of December, 1923, levy upon the above described tract and parcel of land, and on the 5th day of February, 1924, being the first Tuesday of said month, be-

tween the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. of said date at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said H. F. Groene in said property.

Dated this the 28th day of December, 1923.

John Bond, Sheriff of Taylor County Tex. 4t4.

LAYING HENS PAY

Make 'em Lay and Pay---Feed . MARTIN EGG PRODUCER . And get more Eggs or your money back **Martin's Roup Tablets, Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE**

A GROCER'S DAY

7 a. m. Opens up. Looks through the mail for letters from customers including check in payment of account. Finds none.

7:15 a. m. Small boy brings back can of peaches purchased by mother previous day, and says that they were spoiled. Half can is gone. Peaches are perfectly good. Small boy demands and gets new can in return.

7:17 a. m. Newly wed woman rushes in and wants a dozen fresh eggs. Lacks seven cents of having enough to pay for them. Says she will remember and pay for it next time. She never does.

7:17 to 10:03 a. m. Usual morning rush of customers adding to their charge accounts. One customer pays \$5.00 on \$50 account.

Regular morning arrival of Mrs. Kicker 10:03 A. M. to noon.

Listening to Mrs. Kicker knick the city administration, her relatives, the neighbors, the government, the postal service, the garbage collector, the neighbors children, the weather, her husband, other grocery stores, other retail stores. Mrs. Kicker winds up by saying, "But there's something I won't do and that's talk about people behind their backs."

12 10 12:07 Lunch 12.07 to 1 o'clock--

Waits on 52 customers, straightens out 13 complaints, listens to four salesmen, chats with land lord and keeps contented, refrains from throwing word politician out on his ear when latter tells him just how to vote 1 o'clock to closing time --

Listens to 19 salesmen, orders goods for the morrow, tries not to be astonished at the way the new motor truck has deteriorated in value since purchase a few months before, answers 23 phone calls, thankfully receives \$2.30 on \$40.00 account, waits on 47 customers, makes three cash sales, finds time to do some figuring on ways and means of paying income tax city tax, state tax, lodge dues, store rent, bills for the month and contribute something to charity. Closing time --

Waits on some half dozen belated customers and finally sits down to a belated supper.

Supper time--Gets half way through meal and is dragged back to the store by insistent

SANDBURR SPECIALS

Every one is real busy which denotes that there were a lot of New Year's resolutions made. We hope that they will bear in mind that the reward is only to the faithful.

There seems to prevail an air of intelligence among the Sandburr pupils--and we believe it is due to the new library books that have just been purchased. However there are a few clouded faces yet on account of play ground equipment. So come on people to our entertainment next Friday night, January 11. You will enjoy a first class program, a pie supper and an Old Time Carnival. It will be a treat of a life time. Don't fail to be present. Let's boost our community, beautify our school ground with new equipment and keep it in its right place, the foremost community of our county.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones prepared a New Year dinner last Sunday for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Walker and sons, Sam and Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Aikens and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Clytus Knight of Amarillo were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hardy this week.

We are sorry to state that Mr. F. L. Wood and family have moved to Abilene and we are wishing them success in new home.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Welsh who got her finger seriously cut is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winters of Fort Worth returned to their home January 1, after spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winters of this community.

Your Pie will be waiting for you Friday night. Please be present.

M. E. LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

On next Monday the W. M. Society will have a special program from the Missionary Voice. This program will be of interest to all interested in the Missionary work of the church.

Why not come, you who are in the habit of staying at home? Christ is our example and he was the greatest of missionaries. Read the life of St. Paul and if you have not the missionary spirit it will help you to become interested. All are invited to attend whether you are a member or not. 2:30 o'clock is the hour. Reporter

Oats--Corn--Alfalfa--Hay Meal--Hulls--Cake. Swafford. South Side. 1t.

I want 10 cases of Eggs Saturday. G. M. Sharp. 1t

customer who wants him to open up and hand out a loaf of bred. Finally manages some how to keep from falling dead when customer says, "You grocers lead an easy life. Almost nothing to do from morning till night!"

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

'OR SALE--On Fall time, several work teams; any kind you want, any price you want. See G. M. Byrom, on Sweetwater creek, Trent, Route 2. 18t3p

FOR SALE--1 new 30x3 1-2 over size United States Royal Cord casing and tube at a bargain. Inquire at J. N. Carson, Grocery Co. Call No. 25. 1t

FOR SALE OR TRADE--for farm, my home in Merkel. Nine rooms, 2 halls and bath. Water and lights in house. East front pretty corner, eight lots, barn garage, fruit trees, grapes, berry vines, fine well of water and windmill. Mrs. Frank Sears. 1tc

FOR SALE--One three year-old mare, ready for work now. See G. L. Shuff, Route 5. 1tp

FOR SALE--Fine business lots close in. Call at the Merkel Mail office. 1t

FOR SALE--Wood. If you want good wood see F. J. Amazon, in the French pasture, Merkel, Route 5. 1tp

FOR SALE--Double row cultivator and double row planter. Also milk cow. See Homer Patterson. 1t

WANTED

WANTED--Farm hand, single man preferred. G. L. Shuff, Merkel, Route 5. 1tp

WANTED--To buy good sulky plow. S F Haynes. 1t

FOR SWEET MILK--Once or twice a day. Call 'Phone 9010-F 4. 11t4p

LOST

LOST--Mercham Pipe, chamise skin covered around bowl and crooked stem. Reward J. W. Teaff. 1t

STRAYED--From my farm south of Tye, little bay mare about 14 hands high with star in the forehead, roached mane, wire cut on the left shoulder. Any one knowing the whereabouts notify S. F. Haynes, Merkel. 1tp.

LOST--An Onyx ring on last Saturday; has diamond set in same. Any one finding this ring will please return to the Merkel Mail and receive reward. 1t.

LOST--On the streets of Merkel, Tuesday Jan. 15th, a beaded hand bag. Finder please return to Merkel Mail and receive reward. 1tp

LOST--A green beaded bag, strung on grey thread, containing pearls and small change. Reward to the one turning same to Merkel Mail. 1t.

LOST--A pair of Gold Rim Spectacles in Merkel on last Saturday. Notify T. M. Pribble. 1tpd.

FOUND

FOUND--A bunch of keys on ring. Owner may regain same by paying for this ad and giving proper description. 1t

FIRST CLASS LAUNDRY SERVICE

If you want first class Laundry service we do it. Any and all kinds of it. Cleaning and pressing, dyeing at reasonable prices. Semi-Finish, or family washing everything included except Silk goods, at 10 lb. minimum, 10 cents per pound. Phone 218 or leave at Petty's or West's or City Barber Shop. 1t



If You Ever Wanted Electricity In Your Home--Now Is Your Chance To Get It

If you have ever figured what electric light and power could do for your home--if you've ever planned to put them in sometime -- if you have ever wanted them -- now is your chance. You can buy Delco-Light today -- get it installed in your home with the necessary wiring and fixtures -- at the greatest saving ever offered in the history of the lighting plant business.

Your Home Needs Delco-Light

Stop just a moment and think what Delco-Light will do in your home. It will give you electric light at the turn of a switch--plenty of clean, safe economical light wherever you want it. It will give you smooth, quiet electric power to do the pumping, milking, separating, churning, washing, sweeping and many other tasks. It will lighten the burdens of the women folks. It will make home a more cheerful place for your children. It will save you time and money.

Co-operative Buying

Here is a real opportunity. I am arranging to order a whole carload of Delco-Light Plants, to be shipped direct to the farmers of this county. I will make a big saving on freight and handling charges. I can make an even bigger saving on installation, wiring and fixtures. And I am going to pass this whole saving along to the farmers in this county who want to save by buying Delco-Light now.

This special carload offer gives you the opportunity to share in quantity

buying. It places Delco-Light within your reach at an unheard-of saving in cost.

The World's Standard Electric Plant

Remember that this is an opportunity to save in buying Delco-Light, the standard farm electric plant. You get the famous 4-cycle, air-cooled, valve-in-head engine and the thick-plate, long-lived Delco-Light Battery. You will get the standard guarantee that covers every Delco-Light Plant.

Act Now--If You Want To Save

This special co-operative offer is open to only a limited number of farmers in this county. Now is the time to buy Delco-Light if you want to save.

I am ready to send you the full facts and figures about this proposition. I am ready to lay complete details before you. Just write your name and address on a sheet of paper and mail it to me. You will not be obligated in any way.

EDGAR HOLLY DEALER

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Night coughing--

exhausts you so that you are more tired in the morning than when you went to bed. Dr. King's New Discovery stops coughing by gently stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off clogging secretions. It has an agreeable taste. All druggists.



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SATURDAY
JAN. 26
Continues 10 Days

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QUALITY MERCHANDISE

SALE STARTS
SATURDAY
JAN. 26
Continues 10 Days

WE MUST CONFESS!

We have too much merchandise and you are the winner if you take advantage of the great slaughter of prices in this SALE. We are ESPECIALLY OVERSTOCKED ON SHOES. Bring the whole family in and let us fit them up in GOOD SOLID LEATHER SHOES at prices that will open your eyes. Thirty-seven cases just received.

No Junk! We Are Offering You at this Sale New Spring Merchandise Just Arrived.

Case of New Soft Zephyr Gingham,
Received last week--1287 yards
25c value now

18¹/₂c Yd.

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Now**

Heavy Outings at Great Savings. Get your supply while you can buy them at these prices. Heavy Outings, 25c value

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Men! You Can Afford a New Hat at these Prices! Velours in Black, White Brown, Carlsbad and San Ann shapes, \$7.50 and \$8.50 Hats, choice \$5.95.
Small shapes, your choice \$4.95. Good brands in Broken sizes \$2.95 and \$3.45

Mens Shirts---Work and Dress

One lot Men's Shirts \$1.00 value now 75c. Broken lots in Dress Shirts \$1.25 to \$2.00 values your choice 89c. All Wool Overshirts for 10 days at Actual Cost.

Men's and Boys' Clothing

At Great Reductions. Every boy's knee pant suit goes at actual cost. Most all of these suits have two pair of pants. A pencil box free with each suit.

Every Ladies' Dress, Suit, Skirt and Coat goes on sale at 15, 20, 25 and 33 1-3 per cent cut. Ridiculous low prices on Childrens Coats ages 4 to 10 years. Also misses 12 to 16 years.

Men's and Women's Shoes

Womens Strap Pumps, brown black, suedes, kids and satins \$4.50 to \$7.85 your choice **\$4.19**
Women's Strap Pumps and Oxfords, good styles \$2.50 to \$4.85 your choice only **\$2.39**
Mens Dress Shoes in straight combination lasts, brown and black Now **\$4.69 and \$5.39**
Mens Solid leather work shoes, they wear, Munson last, Goodyear welt \$3.39
Outing or Scout bal. \$1.95

Children's Shoes

A pencil box with contentf free with each pair. Now is the time to fit all of your children in good shoes at a great saving. Billiken Style, brown or black \$3.00 to \$4.50 now **\$2.89**
Billiken Style, brown or black, \$2.50 to \$2.95 now **\$2.19**
212 pairs just received by express. We have plenty of all sizes.
Boys Shoes **\$3.69**
Now **\$4.19**
A good all leather Scout shoe at \$1.79 for the boy.

Come! Saturday Morning at 9:00 o'Clock, January 26th

Brown Dry Goods Co.
QUALITY MERCHANDISE