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HAIRMAN MASON MAKE URGENT PLEA

To the citizens of Merkel community: The Community Club was organized, for the purpose of getting concerted action upon the five distinct topics. First to uphold the laws of our community and state, and see that every individual enjoys the right of an American citizen to follow the peaceful pursuit of happiness, without the interference of any person, which is a right guaranteed him or her, under the constitution and laws of the State and Nation, all political power is inherent in the people, and all free Governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit.

All free men when they form a social compact, have equal rights, and no man, or set of men is entitled to exclusive privileges, but in consideration of public service, when the laws of our country are trampled under the feet of a lawless element, and the rights of the people interfered with, that community soon becomes a stench in the nostrils of civilization; then the law abiding citizens move out, and the other element move in; therefore it behooves the good citizens of every community to rise up, and demand a whole-some respect for the law and the individual citizen.

Second: There is an urgent necessity for civic improvement, such as the upkeep of our Cemetery, where lay the remains of our loved ones, and also the improvement of our school grounds and buildings, where our children are to be educated, and their health protected, which is of vital importance to this community, so let's do our duty, we owe it to our children and the community.

Third: Moral feature. There are always two elements in every community, one tending to the uplift and betterment of the community in morals, and this Club stands ready to assist in any way the moral betterment of this community.

Fourth, Social Feature. There never was a success of anything that did not have some sociality about it. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, all churches have in their organization is and non-sectarian, we as a community of all churches or political affiliations associate together as a community of citizens, and get acquainted with each other, and learn more of our neighbors and it will be like bread cast upon the waters to be gathered many days hence, so come out any enjoy the social part also, of our Club.

Fifth, Educational Feature. The future of our community and Nation depends upon the education of the rising generation, on whose shoulders will rest the responsibility of government, and we propose to assist in every way for the advancement of the educational movements in our community.

Now it seems that some one of the features in this organization should appeal to every good citizen in this community, who has the welfare at heart for his community and his people, and the doors are open to all citizens free, and any suggestions from any one who is interested in the welfare of the community, on any of the above subjects will be appreciated, now let every body, Men, Women, Boys and Girls all feel that they are a part of this community, and a part of this club, come out and help make it a success.

There are some very important matters to come up at the next meeting for consideration,

and if you are not there to participate in the deliberations, don't be a growler and say that you would not have done so and so, but just remember that you do nothing, and anything most is better than nothing.

The next meeting will be at the High School Auditorium on Friday night April the first. Come out. J. C. Mason, Chairman.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Bro. R. C. Bell of Abilene will preach for the Church of Christ Sunday 11 o'clock a.m. and 7:30 o'clock p.m. Come to hear him.

DRY GOODS STORE SOLD AUSTIN MAN

R. E. L. Myers, of Austin arrived in Merkel last week and after looking over the stock of goods known as the Economy Store, purchased same, and on Monday and Tuesday the stock was invoiced, and all parties left for Austin and Kennedy, Texas, where we understand the deal was finally closed.

Mr. J. P. Sharp, who assisted in the invoicing, received a message Thursday morning from Myers asking Mr. Sharp to arrange the stock for opening about next Monday. We do not know the full intentions of the new owner, but from reports it seems that he intends to purchase a full and complete stock of new spring and summer goods and will possibly retain Mr. Sharp as local manager of this store. And it is not likely that he could have picked a more competent and experienced man than J. P. Sharp, who for years conducted a popular dry goods business in this city.

"COLLEGE WEEK" AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Next week, March 28th to April 1st, will be "College week" at the Merkel High School. This will be sort of educational revival week, during which time a special effort will be made to arouse enthusiasm among the high school students, especially the seniors, to "press on" to something higher in an educational way. During the week special speakers will speak on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at nine o'clock. On Tuesday morning at 10:30, Mr. Groene has very kindly tendered the school and patrons the use of the Cozy Theatre. At this time slides will be shown illustrating the merits of Texas A. and M. College, and of the University of Texas. The parents of students in the high school are especially invited to avail themselves of this opportunity to inform themselves concerning these two great state schools that we support by our taxes.

All parents and friends of the school are invited to be present at the high school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at nine o'clock and at the Cozy Theatre Tuesday morning at 10:30. The program for the week is as follows:

Monday morning, 9:00 o'clock Address by Rupert N. Richardson of Simmons College.

Tuesday morning at 10:30, Cozy Theatre, Showing of A. and M. and University slides.

Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock Address by L. R. Thompson, Cashier of F. and M. National Bank.

Friday morning, 9:00 o'clock, Address by Jas. F. Cox of Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. W. M. Browning of Waurika, Oklahoma, was here several days this and last week, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

TALK ABANDONING THE BLAND WELL

For several days there has been talk on the streets that the Bland well located two and one-half miles southwest of Merkel had been given up as a hopeless job on account of the different strings of tools and other articles said to be lost in the well, and which it seems impossible to get out so the well can be finished. Whether this true or not, we can not say.

It has been stated that, if the well is abandoned the rig will be shoved over a few feet and a new test will go down.

The Bland well, we are told, had reached a depth of about 2,400 feet, just ninty feet above the depth where a nice showing of oil an gas was encountered in the Sears well some seven miles northeast. In the Bland well, we are told, the gas flow already passed in the Bland well was much stronger than that found in the Sears, and many are there who have faith in the belief that had the test been allowed to have gone deep enough this well would have proven a paying one.

As to just what is being done, if anything, at the Stith well, we are unable to find out. Only that this well is also well filled with casing, tools etc., a fact generally known by most of our readers. This test we are informed had also reached in the neighborhood of 2,300 or possibly 2,400 feet in depth, and would long ago been finished had it not been for the weeks and weeks fishing job. We hope to give our many readers who are anxious to learn just what the different companies putting down these different tests contemplate doing within the next week or two.

And, for some time there has been talk, lots of it, that a second test would go down near the abandoned test on the Sears tract, and for some ten days two cars of material, for a Rotary rig have been standing on the railroad track here, said to have been shipped here for this new test, but as to why the unloading of same is being delayed, we suppose those in charge know better than anyone else.

FARMERS TO MEET AT THE TABERNACLE

We have been informed that a call to the farmers of the Merkel community, has been made by representative of the Farm Bureau Movement, which is sweeping over the country just at this time, for the purpose of organizing a local organization here.

We have not heard the matter explained, and therefore not familiar with the purposes of same, and can only say that, if it is a good thing, alright. But if it is not, it will be a long time for a fellow to have his hands tied for five years; not being able to sell a bale of cotton only when ordered by those in charge of this organization. We suppose those proposing the plan are able to show without a doubt however, that it's only way to "save the farmer."

A. C. Browning of Ranger, was here first of the week for a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

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

Look for W. W. Wood's Chicken Add.

MAYOR STALLINGS REVIEWS HIS WORK

I feel that I am due the citizens of Merkel a report of my stewardship during my administration as Mayor of same.

I will first state that I do not claim to have made no mistakes, for perfection has never been attained by any one. During my service of about five and one-half years, we have paid off ten thousand dollars worth of the water works bonds, and have the money in the sinking fund now to pay off \$3,000 more of these bonds as soon as the bonding company sends them in for payment; making 13,000 in all, and none of which would have been due until 1949. Before any of these bonds were paid the interest each year was 1,250, payable on the first of each July. Next July it will only be \$600.00.

Now some one has said, why didn't you use that money on the streets and wait until those bonds come due? But we say, if we had seen cause to have done so, the law would not have permitted, as this fund is assessed and collected for that one purpose. We were paying five per cent on the bonds and were only getting three per cent on the money.

Now the streets have not been kept in as good condition as I would like to have seen them kept, but that has been on account of the like of funds with which to have the work done.

And, the water works have given us more trouble than anything else, but they are in fairly good condition now. And we are in better shape to do street work than we have ever been. We have two good wagons, four good mules and a good grader; all paid for, and a good man to drive them to grade and gravel the streets.

Another thing I am proud to say, and that is, the City Warrants have always been worth one hundred cents on the dollar and I hope may remain so.

I have ordered an election to be held the 5th day of April to elect City officers, and will say that I am not a candidate for re-election. Respectfully, J. J. Stallings.

METHODIST REVIVAL VERY SUCCESSFUL

The ten days revival at the Methodist church closed last Sunday night, with many new converts and a number of new additions to the church. Rev. Watts, the pastor of the church at Lockney, preached eloquent and able sermons to large and appreciative audiences each and every service, and besides the 29 new additions to the church left the membership greatly revived and with a new desire to become more faithful and zealous in their church work.

Pastor Murrell, who commands the unstinted and undivided cooperation of his membership, is to be commended upon having secured the services of so able man as Bro. Watts, to assist him in the conducting of this splendid meeting.

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

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

Plenty of Fresh Vegetables every Saturday morning at Bradshaw & Sublett's. Call early before it is all gone.

J. L. Barker one of the well-to-do farmers residing a few miles east of town, was here first of the week, and was all smiles over the fact that recent cold weather did not hurt the crops in this section. He reports corn up and plowing out and maize up also. Infact practically all his crop is up to a good stand; having cut out cotton for this year entirely.

Community Club will meet Friday night, April 1, at the High School building. Come out and help make this an organization which will rebound to the entire community's good.

THE ARMSTRONG DEMONSTRATION

Quite a number of Merkel's splendid citizens went over to Sweetwater last Saturday where a demonstration of the Armstrong Farm Tractor was given and which was attended by about 200 stockholders and others and which according to reports by those attending and the Reporter of that city, was a complete success from every angle, and it is said that every stockholder present was most highly pleased with the tractor, the magnificent plant and the possibility of the glowing future in store for this great tractor, which it's friends believe will soon revolutionize the farming industry.

It is said that the two-row model "Armstrong", the first tractor to be turned out by the Armstrong people performed nicely with its inventor, Ira Armstrong at the wheel, and the officers, directors and stockholders attending were more than pleased with the fine work done by it. The Mr. Armstrong referred to above is well known in Merkel, having once lived here and is a brother to our fellow townsman and splendid citizen, Dr. M. Armstrong.

Dr. Armstrong informs us that a demonstration of the tractor will be made in Merkel within a short time, so that the people may have an opportunity to see for themselves just what the machine will do.

METHODIST CHURCH

We had 315 present at Sunday School last Sunday. Let's keep it up. Come to Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. There will be regular annual Easter service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with special music. Come and join in this glad service and help make it a great day. The evening service will be at 7:30 with 39 minutes song service. Our new choir seats are here and will be installed before Sunday. We were delighted with the results of our meeting not only with the many conversions and additions to the church but with the general spiritual uplift that came to the entire church and community, our hearts go out in gratitude to all those who so heartily cooperated with us in making the meeting the splendid success it was. Come to church, W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Q. Warren, who arrived here last Friday from their honey moon trip through the north and east, after a happy visit among friends and admirers, left today for Knox City their future home. A beautiful and modern home, well furnished and equipped has been provided by the hustling and energetic groom. The Merkel Mail joins the entire citizenship of this city in wishing for this popular and happy couple a life of usefulness and prosperity.

HEALTH OFFICERS SEWERAGE BONDS

As the readers of the Mail know, there is to be an election on April second to determine whether or not a sanitary sewerage disposal plant will be installed in the school building. This is not for a city sewerage system, but for a system at the school building. As was noted last week, the board intends to buy this \$2,500 bond issue with funds from its own sinking fund thus saving the interest on the bonds. This means an expenditure of \$250 per year for ten years, rather than the entire \$2,500 from one year's funds.

Supt. Burgess has asked for opinions from people who are competent to give advice on this subject. He gives to the Merkel Mail for publication for the information of the voters. When informed by competent authorities, and these quoted are competent, then the voter can intelligently cast his vote. Below are letters that should be of interest to every tax-paying voter in the Merkel Independent School District:

To the patrons of the Merkel school, Merkel, Texas.

I understand that you are putting on a campaign to vote bonds to install septic tank toilets in your public school. I am indeed glad to learn of this movement, as the toilets you now have are entirely out of keeping with your school system and the progressive spirit of the community in general, and are a menace to the public health of the entire town. The dry toilets are out-of-date, are considered dangerous, and are condemned by all public health agencies.

It is needless to say that I was surprised to find the existing condition when I made my sanitary inspection of your building and grounds, and out-buildings, particularly after having seen and felt the spirit of the people, the teachers, and the children. The public does not realize with what the uncomplaining school child has daily to contend. I am sure that if every school patron would make a similar inspection he would go right to the polls and vote for the bonds. Sincerely yours, Belle Felland, Red Cross Public Health Nurse.

Mr. R. A. Burgess, Supt. Merkel Public Schools, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Some days ago we received a letter from you in regard to proper sewage disposal for the school of Merkel. This should be done by all means before warm weather and it should be the duty of every citizen to help obtain a sewage system for the protection of the Health of the public, as we know most diseases are traceable to this source.

Every case of communicable disease is caused by transfer of infection from one person to another, and the main object of proper sanitation is the breaking of the chain of infection at some convenient point.

Where water can be had the most sanitary disposal of excreta is the flush sewer system with a properly built disposal plant to receive the waste. The Texas Board of Health Sanitary Engineers have worked out a most satisfactory disposal plant which they will be willing to send in blue print, and an engineer free of cost, if desired.

This is one of the first steps for the improvement of town or city to take, is to safeguard the public health. You cannot maintain a live city and prosper if the surroundings are unsanitary and unhealthy, and to the live energetic citizen who wishes to

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK



EACH COMMUNITY

Is rapidly adjusting itself to the new conditions, and we have faith that the obstacles yet to be overcome are not such as will block our pathway to progress and prosperity.

However unwelcome is this period of readjustment, we are thankful that it came at a time when the farms of the nation were well supplied with food and feed. Bins are full; and, in spite of past discouragements, hopes are high and the future smiles brightly ahead.

Let your bank help you in solving your readjustment problems.

T. J. TOOMBS President
 JOHN SEARS Vice President
 R. L. BLAND Vice President
 R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
 F. Y. GAITHER Assistant Cashier
 W. L. DILTZ, Jr. Assistant Cashier

Miss Carlisle in Physiology—
 "Name three articles containing Starch."

Kenneth—"Two cuffs and a collar."

Myrtle McDonald—"I don't like these photos at all, I look just like an ape."

The photographer favored her with a glance of lofty disdain. "You should have thought of that before you had them made" was his reply as he turned back to work.

Wade—"What is that charming thing she is playing?"

John A.—"A piano you 'dub'."

A 7th grader in geography, in answer to a question on an examination. Question—"Give for one year the total number of tons of coal shipped out of the U.S. Answer—1492 none.

Mary Cleo—"Isn't it funny that handsome men are always disagreeable?"

Jerome—"Oh! I always try to be pleasant."

Billy—"Does Maurine practice art?"

Carlton—"Sure she paints daily."

Rosie—"What are you doing, Wrenn?"

Wrenn—"Picking a splinter out of my finger."

Rosie—"What have you been doing scratching your head?"

Hot weather is here, refresh yourself at the Merkel Drug Co. Fountain. Everything strictly sanitary.

Lucky Tiger
 The Nation's Hair and Scalp Remedy!
 ENDORSED BY HOSPITALS AND THOSE WHO KNOW.
 Positively eradicates dandruff—corrects excessive scalps—stops falling hair—promotes luxuriant growth—adds lustre, beauty, health—action immediate and certain. Money-Back Guarantee.
 At drugists and barbers, or send 25c for generous sample.
 LUCKY TIGER CO., Kansas City, Mo.

BANISH BLUE BUGS

And all blood sucking insects simply by feeding "Martin's Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Absolutely guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store. 17 June



50 good cigarettes for 10c from one sack of

GENUINE
"BULL"
 DURHAM
 TOBACCO

NOODLE RABBIT DRIVE WAS A BIG SUCCESS

As per announcement on last Thursday, men and boys from the country surrounding Merkel including many from the city, gathered early for the big rabbit drive in the community adjacent to Noodle, and put on one of the best and most successful drives which has been held in this section of the country, and which resulted in killing nearly 2,000 of the pests. Five Coyotes are said to be among the kill also.

A nice dinner with more than plenty for all was spread for the hunters, by the good ladies of that community, and which was appreciated and enjoyed by all.

At Stith there is another drive on for today, and many from town left early this morning to participate in same. In our announcement for this drive in our last issue, we made a mistake, in announcing it for March 31, when it should have been March 24.

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

REAL ESTATE--INSURANCE

Farm Loans and Notary Work

Let us insure your property against loss by Fire Cyclone and Hail. Our facilities are the best obtainable for farm and city property.

We insure Autos against loss by fire, theft and cyclone at a nominal cost.

Cotton Insurance a Speciality

Merkel Realty Co.

Merkel Realty Bldg., Front Street

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

Sweets for the Sweet

Drinks for the Thirsty

Smokes for the Smokers

Fruits for the Hungry

GEM CONFECTIONERY

Next door to Gem Theatre

Jas. H. West is having his already splendid home remodeled and improved, and when completed will be one of the most convenient, complete and handsome homes in the city.

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

She Caught Him

The young lady confronted him with flashing eyes.

"What did you mean," she demanded, "by kissing me as I lay asleep in the hammock this morning?"

"But," protested the youth, "I took only one."

"You did not. I counted at least seven before I awoke."

"It's the Cheapest Thing I Ever Bought," Writes Mrs. J. Mason, Va.

"I paid \$1.25 for five cakes of Rat-Snap and judging by the large number of dead rats we've picked up, I reckon we've saved hundreds of dollars in chicks, eggs and feed." Your pets won't touch it. Rats dry up and leave no smell. 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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

J. O. Barbee was in the city one day this week and reported the killing of one bunch of five big rattlers.

Plenty of Fresh Vegetables every Saturday morning at Bradshaw & Sublett's. Call early before it is all gone.

Even Score

"I'm not denyin' they are foolish," said Aretta, as she patiently tattooed for dinner, "mighty made 'em to men."



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely. Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites. In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 30 cents bottle, Large size \$1.00
 JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Lula May Boaz)

Speaking of good writers and famous editorials take a quick glance through these High School Notes.

On Monday night a large crowd was present at the local preliminary Declamation contest, held at the High School auditorium. This contest was to determine who would represent our school in the Declamation contest to be held at Abilene Friday, March 25.

The winning contestants were Junior boys, Ray Garrett first, T. J. Beidleman, second; Junior girls, Mary Francis Anderson, first, Vena Mae Jackson second; Senior boys, Bill Stevens first, Lewis Giles second; Senior girls Hattie Proctor first.

Our representative in Senior spelling is Mabel Russell. Our best Junior speller is Opal Patterson.

We will also have good entries in tennis and in the track events. The County Contest will be held in Abilene March 25 and 26 determining who shall represent Taylor County at the District meet.

Friday night the High School was cordially invited to attend the service conducted by Rev. Watts, at the Methodist church. Every one was made to have a new determination on account of the inspiring sermon which he delivered. Each class was represented in large numbers.

A Junior basket ball team, composed chiefly of seventh graders and coached by Miss Carlisle, went to Stith Wednesday March 9th and played an interesting game with Stith's first team. The Merkel girls won by a score of 11 to 5.

Base ball season opened with a very one sided game with Trent. The tragic part of it was that the big side of the score went to Trent.

Spices of Life

Mr. Burgess—"Why were you tardy?"

Ruth Holloway—"The class began before I got there."

The Readjusted Prices!

Many Thousand Dollars Cut Off of Our Cost to meet the Cut Prices made by Manufacturers and Wholesalers

IT'S YOUR GAIN - BUT OUR LOSS

We are glad to do our part in taking the big loss we have, because of it being a help to you who made our business prosper during the good wave of prosperity that all of us enjoyed.

- SEE -

- Good heavy dress gingham at 13½ & 15c
- Beautiful fine thread gingham at 20 & 25c
- Good yard-wide brown domestic 12½c
- Good yard-wide bleached domestic 15 & 20c
- Standard overalls \$1.40 & \$1.50 Good work shirts 90c & \$1.45
- Fine low prices on mens and ladies Suits
- Cut prices also on all Shoes in our stock. : Get our prices on Silks

The Brown D. G. Company

Quality Merchandise

farmers are being advised to diversify, work more, produce more, to plant less cotton, to economize and live at home on things procured by themselves. If the farmer undertakes to allow all the advice given him, he will either be an inmate of a poor house or an insane asylum. In the cities demands are for higher prices and increased wages and shorter hours of service and lower cost of living. Class organizations are working for selfish purposes regardless of the interests of all others. Farmers will likely "cut the cotton acreage" and produce more of other necessities and find themselves up against an "overproduction" and unprofitable prices for the "diversified products and high prices for the things they can't produce and must buy. Business seems to be planned to make the farmer work long hours, live close, sell what he produces below cost of production, and pay big prices for the things others produce on few labor hours at high wages and under charming living conditions as compared to the majority of those living on farms.

If Farm and Ranch was in the "advising" business it would say to the farmer: cultivate only half the amount, or less, of land that has been cultivated, and on that cultivated, plant and till first for home consumption and second for the market, and don't sell anything until a price that will return a fair profit on labor and investment is offered. Others, by organizing or "gentlemen's agreements" regulate their working hours and wage scales and prices of what they make and sell, and until the farmer places himself in position to demand and obtain fair prices he will continue producing what others must have or starve, and see most of the remainder of the population live easy at cost of his long hours of hard work under, as a rule, almost unendurable living conditions.

Don't wait for George to do it. It's up to you, Mr. Farmer to produce less and get enough for what you sell to enable you and your family to live as well as others who do less work and are enjoying better living conditions with but little worry and uncertainty.

If the acreage is cut in half, cotton will probably sell at a profit, providing the gamblers in futures see fit to permit it, but if you plant the half that was cut out of the cotton acreage in grain, truck or feed and raise livestock, you will glut the market with the commodities that are selling for less than it cost to produce them. If class distinctions succeed in keeping up the price of manufactured articles at the same time force products below the cost of production, it is up to you to do the devil with his own tail.—Farm and Ranch.

A. and M. June Ping Tomato Plants. Mrs. J. H. McDonald, phone 15. 1tp

The Farmers State Bank is having a fresh coat of paint put on the front and awnings of their handsome home, which when completed will add much to the attractiveness of same.

Pasture with good grass and water, \$1 a month. J. F. Lorraine. Phone 9032F3. 25t2p

AN ALL PURPOSE STALLION

My "App Purpose Stallion" will make the season at my barn four miles northeast of Stith, at \$7.50 CASH. A. B. Cranton. 1tp

Do you value your old friends of your new acquaintances most? We have been your friends for the past twelve years, and we appreciate you, and your clothes-troubles. So please call 180 and let us serve you. Cash Tailor Shop. tf

Service Car, any where any time. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H. McDonald, phone 72. tf



IMPLEMENTS

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

GROCERIES

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

Crown Hardware Co

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Fire Station in the town of Merkel within the Merkel Independent School District, on the second day of April, 1921 to determine whether the bonds of said district shall be issued to the amount of \$2,500.00 payable 10 years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, for the purpose of constructing a sanitary toilet system of metallic or concrete material in the school building of said district and equipping said school building, and whether there shall be annually levied, assessed and collected on all taxable property in said district for the current year and annually thereafter while such bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state of Texas.

No person shall vote in said election unless he be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws this state, and a taxpayer in said Merkel Independent school District.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "For the Bonds and the Tax" and those against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "Against the Bonds and the Tax."

Said election was ordered by the board of trustees of said Merkel Independent School District by order passed on the 2nd day of March, 1921, and this notice is issued pursuant to said order. Dated this 2nd day of March, 1921. R. O. Anderson, President of Board of Trustees of said District and J. M. Dry, Secretary of the Board of Trustees. 114

PIANOS AND VICTROLAS

Delivered to your home in Merkel or Vicinity. See Geo. A. Smith, agent for Abilene Hall Music Company. tf

Save the pieces—Lenses matched, Frames repaired, Glasses fitted on 30 days free trial. E. L. Wilson, The Jeweler. tf

"Do Rats Talk to Each Other?" Asks Mr. M. Batty, R. I.

"I got five cakes of Rat-Snap and three pieces around feed store. Got about half a dozen dead rats a day for two solid weeks. Suddenly, they got fewer. Now we haven't any. Who told them about Rat-Snap. Rats dry up and leave no smell. Three sizes: 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis. tf

Gold Plume Coffee at Bradshaw & Sublett's. tf

We are glad to add the name of Mr. J. C. Keels to our subscription list as a reader of the Merkel Mail for the next year. Mr. Keel is from Trinity county Texas, is residing in the city, but will farm the E. N. Brown farm a short distance southeast of town.

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

SEE THE RIO GRAND VALLEY

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

Mr. Henry Rape returned from Dallas where he has been attending school.

Look for W. W. Wood's Chicken Add. 1t

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

Service Car, any where any time. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H. McDonald, phone 72. tf

Mrs. Geo. Green of Dallas is visiting her brother, Mr. Rape and family.



Better Than Traps For Rats
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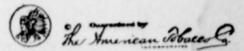
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NOODLE NEWS

Health of community good. We have had another good rain followed by a norther.

The singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyd's Sunday night was enjoyed by the young people.

Well, we must say the rabbit drive was a grand success, especially the bountiful dinner that was spread by the good women. We say if anyone went away hungry it was simply because they were too bashful to eat, for it was there for them.

Mrs. Oliver Jones and daughter, Marcelle of Hamlin, spent Thursday with relatives here.

Mrs. R. C. Goode returned home Sunday from Tulia where she had been visiting relatives. She was accompanied home by Bruce Wheeler and Mrs. Seymour Cozzen who will visit relatives and friends here.

The singing wasn't so well attended Sunday evening, but had some good singing.

There will be a Baptist meeting at Noodle beginning Saturday night March 26. Rev. Johnson the county missionary will conduct the meeting.

Bertha Ely returned home Sunday after an extended visit with relatives at Anson, Hamlin and Sweetwater.

Dellis Green visited home-folks Sunday.

Henry Rape and Mr. and Miss Davis were in Noodle Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayhurst entertained the young people Friday night with a party.

Some of the young people of Salt Branch were in our community Sunday evening.

N. V. Nicholson and T. C. Jenkins were in Breckenridge Friday and Saturday on business.

Noodle ball teams went to Union Friday to play ball. Our girls were defeated by Union girls, but our boys won. Noodle girls and Sinclair played also, Noodle winning the game.

Fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries at W. W. Wood's Cash Grocery. Prompt service, Quality, and price will be found right. Give us a trial order, if you are not already on our list of customers, and let us prove to you that we are doing business on a fair and square base to all. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery, phone number 230. 2t

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

NOTICE

Owing to shortage of help and falling off in business we are forced to place our business on a cash basis on and after April 1st 1921. Kindly be governed accordingly. City Meat Market, Patterson Brothers. 1t

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Gold Plume Coffee at Bradshaw & Sublett's. tf

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School Trustee Election on
 March 2nd.

How about a general clean up
 of the sanitary conditions in
 Merkel, Mr. Mayor, Mr. City
 Health officer?

Vote for the bonds on March
 2, for the purpose of installing
 in the Merkel High School build-
 ing a decent sanitary toilet sys-
 tem. Make it unanimous.

Because a man differs with
 you on a certain question is no
 reason he is any bigger scound-
 rel than you. Both may be
 wrong.

Some people simmer down,
 become respectable and decent
 citizens along with the down-
 fall of their prosperity, such as
 is being felt by many through-
 out the entire country. Let it
 spread a little more in some
 cases.

The evil side of life and the
 evil practices should be made as
 unpopular as possible. The emu-
 lation of the daughters of our
 best families of the vampire
 type of women should be frowned
 upon and no girl should be
 encouraged to mutilate the fea-
 tures nature has given her by
 pulling out her lashes, slicking
 back her hair and other common
 devices.—Police Commissioner
 L. E. McGee of Dallas. Gamblers
 are vagrants. Whiskey runners
 are vagrants. Why not run
 them in? Why not padlock the
 doors of their haunts? Why not
 keep them on the run?—Fort
 Worth Record.

We are supposed to be living
 in an age of prohibition. The
 truth of the matter is that we
 are living, in an age of tolera-
 tion. In the last fourteen months
 in Dallas we have made
 2,312 arrests for drunkenness—
 and this means staggering
 drunkenness, the kind you have
 to lock up to protect the public.
 In the same period we have ar-
 rested 1,016 women on the
 streets and we have locked up
 3,525 gamblers. We can never
 have a clean country until these
 things are remedied and the only
 way to remedy them is to begin
 at the very foundation of all
 things—the home.—The Police
 Commissioner L. E. McGee of
 Dallas. And Dallas is the home
 of Dr. Atticus Webb.—Fort
 Worth Record.

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Your laundry work, Cleaning
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 Prices within reach of all. Give
 me a trial and let me convince
 you that our work and service
 will merit your patronage. Called
 for and delivered. Special
 price on household linen. L. P.
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 Abilene Steam Laundry Co.
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 and Dyers.

Hot weather is here, refresh
 yourself at the Merkel Dry Co.
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 sanitary.

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PARAMOUNT PROGRAMS

COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday Afternoon 2:00 to 5:30

Friday March 25
William Russell "Bride 13"
 in
 "The Man Who Dared" Kaufman Featurette

Monday March 28
"The Teeth of the Tiger"
 A Paramount Special, with an
 All-Star Cast
 "Fighting Fate" Fox News

Wednesday March 30
Eiline Percy **Johnny Hines**
 in in
 "The Husband Hunter" A Torchy Comedy
 Topics of The Day

Saturday March 26
Dorothy Dalton **Buster Keaton**
 in in
 "The Lady of Red Butte" "Convict 13"
 Mutt & Jeff in "Corn Fed"

Tuesday March 29
Bert Lytell **Bobby Ray Comedy**
 in
 "Alias Jimmy Valentine" Pathe Review

Thursday March 31
Mary Miles Minter
 in
 "Sweet Lavender"
 Snub Pollard Comedy Bray Cartoon

FOX ENTERTAINMENTS

METRO PRODUCTIONS

**HEALTH OFFICERS
 FOR SEWER BONDS**

Continued from page one
 see his city thrive, and as an in-
 ducement to other people to be-
 come citizens we all wish to see
 the city in which we live grow.
 Respectfully,

L. W. Hollis Jr.
 County Health Officer.
 R. I. Grimes, Health of-
 ficer city of Merkel.
 Austin, Texas, Feb. 3, 1921
 Mr. Roger A. Burgess,
 Supt. Merkel School,
 Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:
 In reply to your communi-
 cation of January 31, please per-
 mit the writer to say that the
 State Health Officer is greatly
 interested in the proper disposal
 of human waste and especially
 at schools.

To prevent certain diseases it
 behooves every person to prop-
 erly dispose of night soil. And we
 take this opportunity to com-
 mend the school board of Merkel
 for proposing to install a practi-
 cal and efficient disposal system
 While there are a great many
 types of so-called sanitary toi-
 lets advertised and exploited, no
 method of disposal is as economi-
 cal, so safe and practical in the
 long run as the one proposed by
 your Board; namely: a flush
 water system with a treatment
 plant.

It is only to be regretted that
 the sanitary system cannot be
 made available for every home
 and business in your city.

By direction of the State
 Health Officer. Very truly, V.
 M. Ehlers, State Sanitary En-
 gineer.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader—Joel Counts.
 Subject: (Easter meeting) "The
 Soul's Resurrection and its con-
 sequences for life."
 Scripture (Colossians 3:1-17)
 Song, Leader's talk, prayer.
 A Live Issue—Braunic Bailey.
 Changing Centers—Earl Steven
 Male Quartet.
 Dead, but not a dead one by
 Evelyn Hamm.
 New life and renewed life—Miss
 Marquis.
 The Epworth League Idea—by
 Lorena Dry.
 Song, League Benediction.

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

Plenty of feed such as Bran,
 Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sub-
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Chickens-Chickens

Friday and Saturday
 March 25-26

I want 1000 Chickens at
 19c per pound

Bring them to **A. L. JOBE**
 Kent Street Wagon Yard

WORN NERVES

Nervous troubles, with back-
 ache, dizzy spells, queer pains
 and irregular kidneys, give reason
 to suspect kidney weakness
 and to try to remedy that has
 helped your neighbors. Ask
 your neighbor.

Mrs. E.E. Leslie, Merkel says:
 "About three years ago I was so
 bad off with kidney trouble I
 hardly knew what to do. I had
 dull pains through my kidneys,
 which just done me out. I also
 suffered from nervous headache
 and the least noise would bother
 me. When I bent over I also be-
 came very dizzy and black speck
 would float in front of my sight.
 My kidneys acted irregularly. I
 heard of Doan's Kidney Pills
 and bought them at Sander's
 Drug Store. Three boxes of this
 medicine cured me entirely of
 kidney trouble and I have been
 in fine health ever since."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't
 simply ask for kidney remedy—
 get Doan's Kidney Pills—the
 same that Mrs. Leslie had. Fos-
 ter-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo,
 New York.

L. P. Ligon and family visited
 their farm in Callahan county
 last Saturday. His son Lewis
 and wife returned with them for
 a weeks visit.

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

Good Cause

Pokes—Do you believe in the
 recall of judges?
 Jabbs—No, Sir. The last
 time I was in court, the judges
 said "I recall your face; sixty
 days." I'm against the recall of
 judges.

Be sure to call 180 when you
 have anything to be cleaned,
 pressed or altered. Cash Tailor
 Shop.

**A Woman Wrote The Canby News,
 Minn., December 10, as Follows:**

"If any subscribers ask what you think of Rat-Snap,
 tell them it's the best rat exterminator I know. Rats
 were taking our eggs, oats, corn; had full swing in our
 cellar. I used Rat-Snap for two days and rats have
 cleared out completely." Threats: 35c, 65c, \$1.25.
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 Co. and J. T. Dennis.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School 10 a.m. with
 places for all.

Last Sunday we came in four
 of our goal. Had 325 present
 Sunday morning. Come on time
 bringing your Bible and an offer-
 ing and stay for church so as
 to help in our contest with other
 places. If you do all this and
 also study your lesson you will
 make a 100 per cent grade.

Preaching by the pastor 11
 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

B. Y. P. U. at 5 p.m.

Training class each evening
 during the week at 7:30. The
 class will study "Winning to
 Christ" and it is hoped that
 there will be at least fifty in the
 class. No better preparation
 could be made for our coming
 meeting than to have fifty or
 more of our workers thinking
 praying and studying about how
 to win others to Christ.

Our Wednesday night prayer-
 meeting will be blended with the
 study class that night.

Let all unpaid pledges on the
 church building be paid as speedi-
 ly as possible so as not to em-
 barrass our building committee.
 If this is done we will be able
 to meet all our obligations and
 some much needed additional
 work can be done by the build-
 ing committee. Two permanent
 partitions can be put in the base-
 ment making it so we can care
 for three departments in the
 basement.

We still hope to get into the
 new building in April. And we
 will have to grow a lot to fill it.
 The main auditorium by actual
 measurement will have 900
 square feet more space than we
 have in the old building this
 with Sunday School rooms that

can be opened up when needed
 will add 1350 square feet to our
 seating capacity. This will near-
 ly double our seating capacity.
 We offer this bit of information
 to off set the remarks made by
 some who unthoughtedly have
 been making slight remarks a-
 bout our new building. Come
 and find a welcome. Ira L. Par-
 rark, pastor.

NUBIA SPEAKINGS

The past week has been seem-
 ingly enjoyed by the continuous
 preparation of the soil for the
 early planting, which is expect-
 ed to be in full sway very soon.

The weather which presented
 a splendid shower, and as it was
 on time, not too late as often is
 the case, it fits in very nicely to
 add a surplus moisture that will
 later be consumed by the growth
 of our expected crops.

Mr. Henry White had the
 illpleasure of experiencing the
 effects of a kicking horse when
 driven to a buggy and the horse
 he was driving Sunday sudden-
 ly assumed the idea that there
 were kicks and immediately ex-
 ecuted the idea, and as a result
 the shafts were broken, a dash-
 board missing. No injuries
 were sustained.

Mr. J. L. Casey of this com-
 munity visited Mr. Ray at Blair
 Sunday.

Rev. Northcut filled his third
 Sunday appointment at the
 Methodist church.

Mrs. L. A. Blackburn, who
 suddenly took ill Friday night,
 was carried to Sweetwater, Sun-
 day for treatment at the Grogan
 Wells. After the first treat-
 ment showed a tendency of im-
 provement it is hoped she will
 very soon regain her health.

Mrs. Dollie Richie, accom-
 panied her daughter, Mrs. Lela
 Spears to Sweetwater where the
 latter is undergoing treatment.

Uncle Zack Turner and Mr.
 W. O. Johnston visited Mr.
 Brooks of Blair community Sun-
 day, who was brused up in a
 run-away that occurred near
 Blair the later part of last week.

The B.Y.P.U. calls your atten-
 tion to the fact that every Sun-
 day night they give you a nice
 program, singing, a hearty wel-
 come and the opportunity to be-
 come a member. Give us cooper-
 ation and watch this community
 grow.

Easter Sunday seems very
 likely to be pleasant with the
 cold wave preceding and the un-
 usually Easter programs as
 Easter-egg hunts.

On Wednesday night of this
 week, there is to be a lecture
 pertaining to the cotton ques-
 tion. It is hoped that the lec-
 ture will be closely observed and
 the good qualities correctly not-
 ed. Grasshopped Ben.

Surely outsiders think
 Pleasant has life with two head-
 lights but probably the other
 was just a flash any way here
 we come again.

Rev. Bostic filled his regular
 appointment Sunday and Sun-
 day night failing to get here
 Saturday night on account of
 illness.

Quite a crowd of young peo-
 ple spent a very pleasant hour
 at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
 Elmer Barnes Sunday evening.

Miss Lucille Cody and Laura
 Click spent Saturday night and
 Sunday with Miss Codys mother
 over on Hillside.

On Wednesday evening of last
 week the baffling mystery of
 the little bungalow which Mr. Bill
 Biggler has been building on
 Miss Glennwinkles farm was
 solved when after a quiet wed-
 ding he brought her in and in-
 stalled her as mistress. We wish
 for them a very happy life to-
 gether.

Mr. Garret Waltrip of Black-
 well is a visitor in our commu-
 nity this week.

Little Unice Vanlandingham
 who has been ill for several days
 is getting along nicely at this
 writing.

Rev. Bostic drove over to Hill
 Side Sunday afternoon deliver-
 ing a very interesting sermon
 there.

Mr. Joe Sargent of Ft. Worth
 is visiting his cousin Mr. G. C.
 Sargent this week.

We were glad to note the
 large congregation Sunday night
 also we wish to mention the
 large number of pleasant visi-
 tors and invite you to come again

Our basket ball game was
 very interesting last Friday
 evening, but not so interesting
 that some of the challenged
 team sought to make it more in-
 teresting, but of course they
 were defeated, the game called
 off, and the players sent home.

It's rumored that the outside
 girls will play the school girls
 on the basket ball court at the
 school house Tuesday evening.

Our superintendent Mr. T. F.
 Logan announces that our mis-
 sionary Rev. Tyson will be here
 on Friday night before the fourth
 Sunday and services will ex-
 tend over until Sunday night.
 There will be dinner on the
 ground Sunday and some noted
 singers from Abilene here in the
 evening. Everyone is invited to
 come.

Mr. G. C. Sargent and family
 spent Thursday with friends in
 Abilene.

Mr. Logan, son and wife visit-
 ed again in Tuscola Sunday.

Miss Daisy Rister is spending
 a few pleasant days with her
 sister Mrs. Ennie Reidenbach.

THE TELEPHONE

I am the telephone. W
 am not broke I am in the
 of a receiver. I have a m
 piece, but unlike women, I
 use it. Fellows use me to
 dates with girls, and girl
 me to break said dates.
 bands call up their wives
 me, I never go out anywher
 but sometimes the company tak-
 es me out, it all depends on
 whether you pay your bill or not.
 I am not a bee, but I often buzz
 in your ear. I am the bell of
 the town, and while I do not
 wear jewelry, I often get rings.
 Whether I do things or not, a lot
 of people nail me to the wall;
 and I like music, but the only
 music I hear is chin music. I
 get all the popular airs, and the
 most popular one is hot air—Ex.

Service Car, any where any
 time. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H.
 McDonald, phone 72. tf

**GEM TO RUN ONLY
 TWO DAY IN WEEK**

Mr. H. T. Hodge of Abilene,
 owner of the Gem Theatre in
 Merkel as well as in Abilene, an-
 nounces that for the present at
 least, he will run the Gem in
 Merkel only on Thursdays and
 Saturdays of each week.

This in on account of not
 having any one to manage the
 business here since the death of
 his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Foster,
 last week. It

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

CLASSIFIED ADS

CULL COTTON SEED

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

LOST—Between San Angelo, by way of Sweetwater, and John Hobbs, 6 miles north of Merkel one Guitar. Please leave same at Merkel Mail office. W. M. Stokes. 18t2p

FOR SALE—Jersey cow with young calf. See J. P. Hutchins. 18t2pd

FOR SALE—Single row planter and Cultivator. See Austin Robertson, Route 1, Merkel. 2tp

For Sudan, Big German, Millet, and June Corn seed see A. L. To'. 18t2

Cotton Seed—Good Mebane seed for planting. Will cull and sell for 75 cents. C. W. Simpson, Trent, route 2. 18t2p

Still have some good bright Maize for sale. S. G. Russell, phone 271. 18t2

LOST—Monday morning Leather Palm Mohair gauntlet glove. J. R. Swafford. 1tp

WANTED—Good second hand Buggy. See J. L. Barker, phone 9043F3, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—A double row John Deere Cultivator and Cotton Planter. See Sidney Coats. 1tp

FOR SALE—Six extra grade red and red-baldface yearlings. See C. E. Jacobs. tf

FARM FOR RENT—100 acre farm, good house, water and plenty of pasture. See Tom Largent. tf

FOR RENT—Nice bed-rooms, from 50 cents to \$1. Mrs. W. Z. Reese, just north of tabernacle, tf

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good Hupmobile. Will trade for Merkel property. W. H. Reese. 11tf

FOR RENT—5 room house. Possession on the 18th. W. H. Reese. 11tf

E—5 room house, 3 me at the Gem Con. 11tf

—A good farm hand. Butman Sr., Merkel tf

FOR SALE—Ford Touring car, first-class shape. Will sell worth the money or trade for good milk cow and take the difference. Will be at Hamm's Gin Friday and Saturday. Also have reduction on Tire In-Soles. If you have tire trouble see me. Elery Smith, Merkel. 1tp

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

GOOD PASTURE—80 acres Johnson grass and 80 acres mesquite grass, \$1.00 per month payable in advance. A. M. Giles, phone 9032F11. 1tp

LOST—A bunch of Keys. Merkel Drug Company. 1t

WANTED—A few more milk and butter customers, deliver every night. Phone 246, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. 25t2

Look for W. W. Wood's Chicken Add. 1t

FOR SALE—Several Brown Leghorn hens. Mrs. J. W. McConnell. 1tp

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

Why Suffer?

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back — especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset."

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I heard of Cardui and decided to use it," continues Mrs. Simpson. "I saw shortly it was benefiting me, so I kept it up and it did wonders for me. And since then I have been glad to praise Cardui. It is the best woman's tonic made." Weak women need a tonic. Thousands and thousands, like Mrs. Simpson, have found Cardui of benefit to them. Try Cardui for your trouble.

ALL DRUGGISTS

"We only Bought Rat Poison Twice," writes Jesse Smith, N. J.

"I threw the first kind away; couldn't be bothered mixing it with meat, cheese. Then I tried Rat-Snax. SAY, that's the stuff! It comes in cakes, all ready to use. And it sure does kill rats." 35c, 65c, \$1.25.

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PLENTY of COAL

Dawson Fancy Egg Domestic Lump And Swastika Coal

H. M. ROSE & SON

TAKE NOTICE
W. W. Wood's Chicken Add

Will take all the Chickens that we can positively make room for, during the next few days. We have no car to load but will pay all that we can, and will insure you to get the top market price for your chickens. Be sure and see us before you sell. We have shipped a good many chickens since we came to this town, and have quite a number of customers in the oil fields, which are sending their orders to us daily. We have on file, and ordered, eight thousand pounds of hens to be shipped as soon as possible. W. W. WOOD CASH GROCERY, Phone 230. 1t

Mr. Loyce Mashburn of Colton, Calif., is here for a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. Willis Addington, of Dallas, was here first of the week visiting her parents W. F. Hamblett and family.

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

Look for W. W. Wood's Chicken Add. 1t

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

"KALE BREEZES"

Everyone enjoyed the fine rain a few days ago. The Kale school is progressing nicely at this time. The party at Mr. Jourdans last Friday night was enjoyed by all present, but was broken into some extent by the cloud which came up. Miss Lola Shelton spent Sunday night with Miss Gypsy Cason. Marvin Douglas who has just returned from the Sanitarium is spending the week with his parents. Mrs. Nora Douglas is on the sick list this week. Some of the young people of the community motored over to the singing at Hebron last Sunday night. Preaching next Sunday at Kale, every one invited. Conference was held last Tuesday at Kale, with dinner on the ground, which was enjoyed by all present. We are all proud that Mr. Judson McRee is improving nicely at this time, he being able to go on crutches. Blue eyes.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many kind ladies who so lovingly and kindly offered their assistance during the illness and death of our darling Mabel. May the Lord bless them all with his goodness and mercy and pour out his richest blessings upon them, is the prayers of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge, father and mother, 4 brothers and three sisters, and Clyde Forter, husband. God has seen fit to take her away, but we know she is waiting for us over there where we shall all be united again to part no more.

Look for W. W. Wood's Chicken Add. 1t

TAYLOR COUNTY TRACK MEET

Friday, March 25th. Abilene High School Building. 1:00 P. M.

Rural School Declamations, Auditorium.

Tennis, Boys' and Girls'.

2:00 o'clock:— Junior Spelling, Room. 9 Senior Spelling, Room 8. Essay Writing, Room 15.

4:00 o'clock:— Girls' Senior Basket Ball.

7:45 o'clock:— High School Declamations, Senior and junior.

Saturday, March 26th, 10 A. M. Simmons College

- 220-yard low hurdle.
- 12-pound shot put.
- 1-mile run.
- Running High Jump.
- 100-yard dash.
- 440-yard dash.
- Discus Throw.
- 220-yard dash.
- Pole vault.
- 120-yard dash.
- 880-yard run.
- Running broad jump.
- 1 Mile relay.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M.—High School Auditorium— Debate Awarding of Cups and medals

REMEMBER



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SCORED ON STEPHEN GIRARD

Financier Usually Had a Sure Thing, but This Time Cashier Caught Him Napping.

Stephen Girard was a very close man, and every penny was treated with respect. He seldom bet, and when he did it was as near a sure thing as he could make it. He had a young cashier in his employ that had lost various small sums to Girard from time to time, and who was anxious for revenge. One day the two got into an argument as to how long it would take to count a million dollars. "You couldn't make a million dots of ink in the time it would take me to drive to my farm, spend two hours there and drive back," exclaimed Girard. "Bet \$50 I can," retorted the cashier. The money was posted, and Girard drove away. When he returned, instead of finding the cashier humped up over a pile of blank paper with his pen jabbing hopelessly away, the rich man discovered the cashier calmly smoking a cigar. He waved his hand at the walls of the counting house. Girard looked closely and saw they were literally covered with ink dots. "Is that a million?" he gasped. "Count 'em," said the cashier. "You didn't do them with a pen." "Oh, no, I did them with a tooth brush," grinned the employee, pocketing the money. "Nothing was said about a pen."

NOTHING MORE TO SAY



"John's joined the great silent army."
"When did he die?"
"He didn't die; he got married."

RESOURCES.

Edward and his grandmother are great "pals." Therefore, it was with much sorrow that he looked on at the preparations for grandmother's departure for her home. "Grandma," he said, wistfully, "what will you do without any little boy to play with when you get home?" "Well, of course, I shall miss you very, very much, Edward, but, then, I have resources for amusement at home, too," answered grandma. Edward looked puzzled, but said nothing. But evidently grandmother's "resources" troubled him, for next day, alone with his mother, he said, after a long silence: "Mother, where does grandma keep her race horses I never saw them."—Indianapolis News.

STREET NAMES IN AMERICA.

The practice of giving numbers and letters instead of names to the street and avenues of American cities is so familiar to us that it excites no thought, except of convenience. But it is a practice often remarked upon by foreigners as peculiar to the United States and as evidence of the matter-of-fact, unimaginative character of the American people.

NOT IN SIGHT.

First Tramp—In this bit o' newspaper it says: "The 'ole cause of the world's present disorder is the universal spirit of unrest." I wonder if that's true?
Second Tramp—I ain't noticed it.—London Punch.

CAREFUL.

"Your little girl is the perfect image of you, Mrs. Fluff."
"Yes, I know she is; but please don't let her hear you say so. I don't want her to become vain."—New York Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA TOWNS GROW.

Approximately 70 per cent of the people in Pennsylvania live in cities and towns, according to figures issued by the state department of internal affairs.

COMPLIMENTING MRS. ELLIS Q. WARREN

Sunshine without, laughter and flowers within combined to make a beautiful setting for the shower Wednesday afternoon of this week (complimenting Mrs. Ellis Warren, nee Miss Eva Williams, a recent bride whose marriage took place at the home of her sister Mrs. T. E. Pence, at Marshall, Mo. Having lived in Merkel a number of years, being closely associated with the social, religious, and commercial interests of it's people together with a natural disposition to win the affections of those fortunate enough to come in contact with her daily life, Mrs. Warren has many warm friends who were made happy at the opportunity of spending these brief moments with her and her charming mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams, at the home of Mrs. Henry West. Guests were greeted at the door by the four hostesses, Mesdames F. C. McFarland, R. I. Grimes, Homer L. Easterwood, and S. D. Gambill who in turn presented the bride, her mother and Miss Johnnie Warren. In the beautiful Bride's book presided over by Mrs. Will Brown, over sixty names were registered. Passing from there, guests were seated in the living room and dining room where soft lighted candles shed their mellow glow upon a profusion of Easter lilies, in baskets and vases in every available place. In an arch way between the two rooms, beneath a canopy of soft trailing vines and Easter lilies the hostess had arranged a special chair for the Honoree, there to enjoy a program of unusual interest: Vocal duet by Mesdames L. B. Howard and L. B. Scott. Piano solo, Mrs. Ernest Mims. Reading Miss Blanche Durham. Solo, Melba West; Solo Christine Collins; Reading, Mary Francis Anderson. Each number rendered received hearty response. At the close of the program folders were passed, hand painted and upon investigation proved to be a contest, the answers to be found in articles contained in the Brides Trousseau. Out of sixteen questions given Mrs. J. T. Warren made the excellent record of missing only three. Although a bride of several summers she seems yet to be quite familiar with the frills and ferve lows of the modern bride and in surpassing her younger opponent received the coveted reward, an artistic calendar of menus, which with well chosen words she presented to the bride. At this moment an old time Easter-egg hunt was announced with the admonition "keep your egg and the one receiving the most gets the prize." Such a scramble followed. My, but what a surprise! For not only did we find the Easter-eggs in abundance but to each one was tied some mysterious parcel addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren, with many messages of good wishes for their future. Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. James West tied for the prize. In a cut Mrs. West was fortunate and was rewarded with a basket of Easter-eggs in which nestled a cute little bunny rabbit, which she also presented to the bride. Many were the exclamations of admiration and delight as the Bride opened each parcel, displaying them on a huge table in the dining room, these beautiful gifts in their mute way attesting the esteem of these dear friends. A delightful refreshment plate of cream molded in the form of an Easter lily and Angel-food cake with small celluloid rabbits as favors were passed. Only one minor note was struck during the whole afternoon of pleasure and this came in bidding the bride good-bye, for it is with reluctance we submit to her leaving our circle to make her home in another city. The sincere good wishes of old friends will follow her to where she will go to make new friends, home and happiness.

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Begins Saturday March 19th
Ends Saturday March 26th

A Regular Spring Opening of the Season's Most Desirable Merchandise

To induce early buying we are offering our entire stock at reduced prices--prices that cannot be maintained when the season advances. We have searched all the markets carefully and untiringly and have used our very best skill in selecting our spring stock. This great sale marks a new dawn for the American Dollar; its buying power is greatly increased. This will be a regular

Avalanche Sale of Newest Spring Goods

Don't Miss This Wonderful Opportunity

This circular gives you a faint idea of what we have in store for you in our great sale. Come and see. We never inflate prices in order to mark them down. We start at the bottom and dig in. Also remember our business is on a strictly CASH basis (no goods charged to any one) therefore you do not have to pay for other fellow's bad accounts when trading with us.

Our Big Millinery Department



This department is the outgrowth of many years of pleasing service to our customers. We strive each season to make our offerings more pleasing. Before buying our stocks our Milliner spends much time in the wholesale houses studying the new styles, and this season was no exception. It is with pride we offer our Spring Greeting by the way of this Pre-Easter Sale

There is a riot of color—bright, snappy colors—and most any color is good. Special favor seems to be given those colors formed between red, yellow and brown and called Henna, Pheasant and Tomato. Also the Harding Blues are very good and should not be overlooked mentioning by any means. The shapes are inclined to be small, though some of the larger are good.

An early inspection will insure a satisfactory selection. To delay may mean a disappointment.

We are also prepared to make special orders, and our trimmer, Miss Clark, will take great pains in trying to suit your individual tastes.

PRE-EASTER SALE PRICES PREVAIL IN THIS DEPARTMENT

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Quite a large shipment has just been received from New York Imports and at greatly reduced prices.

EXTRA SPECIAL

200 Pairs Ladies pumps and oxfords, values up to \$7.50
This sale only \$1.98

Ladies \$2.50 silk hose, brown, black, white, special \$1.95
Ladies \$1.50 silk hose in brown and black, special .98c
Ladies 75c lisle hose, black and brown, special .49c
Good grade lisle hose in black and brown, special .29c
Childrens 75c hose in black and brown .49c
Childrens 50c hose in black only .39c
Childrens 40c hose in black only .29c

Big Values in Summer Underwear for Men

Regular \$2.50 values \$2.00 Regular \$1.50 val. \$1.25
Regular 2.00 values 1.50 Regular 1.25 val. .98c

SPECIAL—Mens 2-piece balorriggan underwear, regular \$1 values now .49c
Best grade grey work sox .13c
Good heavy grade tan sox, former price 35c now .19c

BIG CLOTHING SPECIALS

All \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65 mens serge & cheviot suits \$32.50
All \$37.50, \$40 and \$45 mens suits now \$25.00
All \$35 & \$40 tropical worsted & cool cloth suits \$25.00
All \$25 mens mohair and palm beach suits now \$15.95
One special lot mens cool cloth suits now \$13.95

MEN'S SHIRTS

Every shirt in our Shirt Department at greatly reduced prices during this sale. Extra reduction in silk shirts. Desirable patterns in stripes and colors. Former values
\$13.50 now \$6.75
\$12.50 now \$6.25 \$4.00 and \$4.50 now \$3.00
\$10.00 now \$5.00 \$3.50 and \$3 now \$2.49
\$6.50 now \$3.75 \$2.50 now \$1.75
\$5.00 now \$3.25 \$2.00 now \$1.49

MENS HATS—While there has been practically no decline in hats we were fortunate to make some real bargain purchases in hats and now offer them as follows:
\$15.00 values now \$8.95 \$7.50 values now \$5.95
12.50 values now 7.89 One lot 7.50 val. now 4.95
10.00 values now 6.98 One lot 5.00 val. now 3.49

MENS BLUE SERGE AND CHEVIOT PANTS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

All \$16 and \$15 blue serge pants now \$11.95
All 12.50 blue serge pants now 9.95
All 10.00 blue serge and cheviot pants now 7.49
1 Lot mens odd pants, values up to \$12.50 now 4.95
1 Lot mens odd pants, values up to \$6.50 now 3.49
1 Lot mens odd pants, values up to \$3 now 1.69
Best grade overall in blue and stripe 1.39
Jumpers to match 1.39
Boys overalls, large sizes .98c Small sizes .83c
Best grade McDonald work shirts .89c

BIG SHOE SPECIALS—All high-grade lines go in this sale such as Florsheim, Marshal and Beacon, from \$16.50, \$17.50, \$18.50 values in Florsheim high shoes and oxfords now \$11.95
Former \$15 values in Florsheim high shoes and oxfords now \$9.98
Former \$16.50 and \$17.50 values in Marshal high shoes now \$10.95
Former \$12.50, 13.50 and 15.00 values in Marshal high shoes now \$9.98
One lot shoes in calfskin, kids and kangaroos, values from \$12.50, 13.50 and up to \$15.00 now \$7.98
One special table mens high grade shoes, values up to \$8.50 and 10.00 now \$4.95
One special officers army shoes, val. \$10 & 12.50 .695

TOWEL SPECIALS

300 Pair bath towels, all sizes, cut just One Half
Size 20x46 Turkish bath towels, reg. \$1.75 val. now .88c
Regular \$1.25 Turkish bath towels, now .63c
Regular \$1.00 Turkish towels now .50c

EXTRA EASTER SPECIALS



Special 20 percent discount on everything in our Ready-to-Wear Department.

Ladies \$85 all-wool Reids Tricotine suits, navy only, Easter Special \$70.00

Ladies \$65 all-wool tricotine suits, Easter special \$52.00

Ladies \$60 all-wool tricotine suits, Easter special \$48.00

Ladies \$50 all-wool tricotine and serge suits, navy and tan, Easter special \$40.00

Ladies \$45 all-wool tricotine and serge suits, navy and tan, Easter special \$36.00

Big Blouse Specials For Easter

BIG EASTER REDUCTION IN LADIES WOOLEN, COTTON AND SILK DRESS GOODS

\$6.00 Silk tricolette, in navy, black, tomato and sapphire now \$1.
Best grade 40-in. crepe de chine, all colors, special \$1.75
Best grade 40-in. georgette crepe, all col. special \$1.75
\$2.50 and \$3 taffetas, all colors Easter special 1.98
1.50 Silk poplins, all colors, Easter Special .98c
2.50 and \$3 silk and crepe de chine shirtings 1.98
1 Lot silk stripe shirtings, val. up to \$1.50, special .69c

WASH GOODS—Time is near at hand. Gingham and white goods are inseparable. Lawns, dimity, longcloth, flaxons, organdies, linens, etc. Prices on these goods have reached bottom. Some of them started upward.
Lawns that sold for 35 and 50c now 29c
Longcloth that sold for 65c now 35c
Organdies that sold for \$1.50 now \$1.00
Linens that sold for \$1.50 now 1.00

Big Easter Specials in Our Staple Department

Full width 9-4 brown sheeting now 39c
Good grade 36-in. bleached dom. free from starch 15c
Good grade 36-in. brown Sea Island domestic now 13c
Good grade 36-in brown domestic now 8c
\$1.25 Ladies knit summer underwear special 98c
1.00 Ladies knit summer underwear special 79c

20 per cent Discount on all Lacamille Corsets

Best grade 8-oz. ACA feather tick, Easter special 29c
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**MERKER MERKEL BOY
KILLED BY LIGHTNING**

On account of delaying the matter with the hope of getting more facts we overlooked to men on the killing of Deyo Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt at Haskell on Sunday morning, March 13. The young man was also the grand son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys of this city, and who with other relatives and many friends attended the funeral of the deceased on Monday following. The following from the Haskell Free Press, concerning the death of this most excellent young man will be of interest to the many friends of the bereaved relatives.

One of the saddest deaths that ever occurred in Haskell County happened Sunday morning at 10 o'clock when Deyo Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt was instantly killed by lightning in front of the First Christian Church. Due to the threatening weather the crowd was gathering slowly for the day school, only five adults with a number of children being at the church when the storm broke. A number of the children were standing in the church door watching the hail storm and Deyo stepped to the ground just as a bolt of lightning struck the church steeple demolishing it and ending its deadly course in the body of this faithful little Sunday School worker. Jack Russell, cousin of Deyo, was standing on the steps and was also knocked down. Those in the building hurried to the side of the boys and rendered every possible aid until a physician could be summoned, but the death arrow from the clouds had pierced the body of its victim and life was extinct before willing hands reached his side.

Little Jack Russell was badly stunned, the left side of his body slightly burned and his arm partly paralyzed, but attending physicians assure his recovery. D. L., son of Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Cummins, was also slightly shocked and burned on one of his legs. From the church the deadly current followed the wires to the parsonage and left its effect on the face and right arm of Mrs. P. W. Walthall, who with her husband, was standing in the door. Hers was only a slight shock, but on account of her weakened condition, unnerved her for several hours.

Deyo's body was taken to the home of his parents and for hours several physicians worked heroically with the hopes of restoring life, but his spirit had taken its flight. Deyo was born June 30, 1906. He united with the First Christian Church of this city several years ago and his daily life was an example of the Christ which he reflected. He loved his Sunday School better than the average boy and were sure could he have selected the place of his earthly departure, aside from his home, it would have been as it was.

The business houses and schools of the city closed for the funeral services which were conducted at the home Monday afternoon by Rev. P. W. Walthall assisted by Rev. George Morrison. Beautiful tributes of respect were paid to the memory of Deyo by the following gentlemen: Supt. C. C. Minatra, R. C. Couch, Bailey Post and W. H. Murchison. In Mr. Minatra's tribute he voiced the sentiments of the public when he said "Haskell could well have afforded to have lost a dozen grown citizens than to have given Deyo Hunt."

He was an extraordinary character, loved by all with whom he came in contact, which was evidenced by the large and beautiful floral offerings. The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever seen in this city. The body was laid to rest in Willow Cemetery. Besides the parents and one sister, Madalin, he leaves to mourn his loss his grandparents and a number of relatives and friends.

**Last Composition Written by
Deyo Hunt**

The following composition, together with a copy of the Dallas News containing Knott's famous cartoon "Swat the Rat" and other Health Week material,

was found in Deyo's desk after school opened Tuesday morning. It is so characteristic of our little friend, it shows so vividly the splendid civic spirit that animated him every moment of the day, that with his parents' consent, it is being published so that his many friends may have an opportunity of preserving it as a memento of one of the most wonderful boyish personalities that has ever passed our way. Note that his prediction as to the unanimously favorable sentiment for the new building among the children was verified the the "straw vote" registered in the high school Friday. Deyo voted for it—along with ninety nine others—with no votes against it.

Why we Need a New School Building

We need a new school building because the one we have is a draw-back to the town. In the winter time we nearly freeze to death and can hardly study because we have to sit about an old torn-down, rusty stove, when if we had a building with a furnace in it we could sit in our own seats and study.

The wind blows through the walls just as if they were not there, and so does the rain. The plaster is cracked and fallen from the ceiling.

In the summer time the tin on the roof gets so hot that we nearly smother and when it rains we can't hear anything.

When we go into our rooms we find about half our books gone, for about half of us have to sit in chairs with no place for our books. We should have good single desks.

When we get out of our classes we go to the old study-hall, which is just like a dungeon. We also have to sit in chairs which are cut-up and torn to pieces and not very comfortable. The old study-hall is so dark that it makes a fine place for a picture show, so we can hardly see. If we sit under the sky-light the light glares and we

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Strong banks have never proved of more crucial worth to America than during the past few months. Among the very strongest Country Banks, as revealed by the last call of the Comptroller of Currency under date of February 21, is the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business February 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$298,075.84	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Securities	16,120.94	Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	8,501.37	Undivided Profits	11,269.38
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00	Circulation Acct.	5,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	500.00	BORROWED MONEY	NONE
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00	REDISCOUNTS	NONE
Other Real Estate	3,000.00	BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
Five per cent Red. Fund	318.16	OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
CASH & SIGHT EX.	196,292.03	DEPOSITS	447,036.96
Total	\$529,256.34	Total	\$529,256.34

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THE MERKEL GARAGE

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cannot see. If we don't sit under it we can't see because it is too dark and we can hardly see to study.

All the rooms are crowded, and we have hardly half enough space. In the laboratory we have to put things on the floor. The domestic science girls do not have enough room either.

In every high school there should be a large auditorium and a good stage, but we have neither. Besides, we do not have room to seat just the high school—much less a crowd.

We have never had playground equipment until this year. Since we have good playground equipment now, I think that we should have a good building to go with it.

All of the school children want a new building, and if we had a chance to vote on the bond issue tomorrow to see whether we shall have a new high school building in Haskell the bonds would certainly carry.

A Tribute

Below we give a tribute to Deyo Hunt. It came tied to a bunch of beautiful flowers and it is so true to the life of Deyo it is published here by request of family and friends.

To Deyo Hunt

Permit me my, little friend to lay amid the flowers a meager tribute to the boy you were and the life you lived.

It is hard to believe or to understand that you are dead; perhaps it is better to say that you have finished and kept the faith.

Your elders will remember you as a courteous, manly lad; quick to doff your cap and smile. You were just the kind of a boy we needed as a companion for our sons.

Your schoolmates will remember you as one too proud to stoop, too honest to deceive, and too tender to harm; and remembering, they will take up the torch from your fallen hands.

Your church and Sunday School will remember your faithfulness, that you literally fell in the ranks, and pledge themselves anew to the highest thing

Your home will remember you as the son and brother who lived close to the fireside. You were their pride, joy and hope. Your death has brought them the deepest sorrow; your life has left them the richest heritage.

Your God has remembered you in the wards, "Well done, thou good and faithful."

You were a boy so fit to live that you could not fear to die. You were a type of the Spring you left and of the flowers that came with your going. You left us in the resurrection of the Springtime, with your feet turned to your sanctuary, and your face lifted smiling upward to your God.

The living and the going out of a life like yours are the evidence of things not seen; They lift the age old fear that broods over our doors and let in a hope. A hope that shines from the gloom of the tomb, through our tears and arches eternity with a rainbow of promise.

We bury the empty corridors of your soul, knowing that the eternal whiteness finds first the tallest peak, that the noblest rise first above the clouds, and because you are now above the cloud line, we say you are dead.

Good Bye, Little Friend—you lived, and God was with you; you died, and you are with God.
—W. H. Murchison

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CASH NOTICE

Beginning March 1 we put our coal business on a cash basis, and will ask all to be prepared to pay for coal when delivered. Have plenty coal on hand.

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EASTER



**"Ring out, Glad Bells of Easter, Sweet Resurrection Morn;
Proclaim to all the nations the bright Spring Time is born"**

Springtime awakens our pride, our ambition, our wish to appear well in the minds of our fellowmen. After all, the desire for new Clothes, tho perhaps sentimental, is a sensible one, awakened through spring's balmy breezes, green trees, songs of the birds and fragrance of the flowers, the rendering to us of a fuller appreciation of the joy of living. Our Springtime Display of Seasonable Merchandise is a true reflection of the gladness of the season. Come in and let us dress you up for Spring-

OUR EASTER MILLINERY SPECIALS

A big shipment of ladies, misses and childrens pattern and ready-to-wear Hats came in this week. Several dozen ready-to-wear and trimmed hats, values to \$8.50, on sale Friday and Saturday at

\$4.95

New Suits, New Hats and Caps, New Shoes, New Shirts and Ties are here for men, young men, big boys, little boys. Make our store your store.



EASTER READY-TO-WEAR SPECIALS

A big shipment of taffeta and crepe dresses arrived just in time to go on sale at extra special Easter prices. All new spring suits will go on sale Friday and Saturday at

10 per cent Discount

We Save You Money

THE WOODROOF-BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY

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WARREN-WILLIAMS LOVELY HOME WEDDING

At the Pence home a few miles east of Marshall on route 5, a quiet wedding was solemnized Monday at 12:30 p.m. which was beautiful in detail and arrangement and the contracting parties were Ellis Q. Warren of Knox City, Texas, and Miss Eva L. Williams of Merkel, Texas.

The receiving rooms of the Pence home were beautiful in blooming plants and ferns and at the hour, to the strains of Lohengrin, played by Miss Williams Holmes, the officiating minister, Rev. L. F. Shook, took his place in the ceremony room and the bride and groom came in preceded by the flower girl, Josie Mae Pence, and ring bearer, Otho Pence, niece and nephew of the bride.

The bride wore a tailored suit of dark blue and the going away gown was in pretty harmony with the color of the flowers used in decoration.

The ring ceremony was said in Mr. Shook's usual earnest impressive way and was witnessed only by a limited number of relatives and friends. Among them were R. E. Williams, an uncle of the bride; W. O. Holmes and family of county; Mrs. S. D. Brown and Miss Mamie Lewis of Marshall.

After the service of a buffet luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, accompanied by friends, drove to Marshall and left on the 3 o'clock C. & A. for Knox City, Texas, which is to be their home in the future. They will visit friends in Kansas City and Fort Worth enroute to their home.

The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Bessie Williams, a cousin, and the latter prized it very highly.

Mrs. Warren, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Pence, for a month past, is the daughter of the late H. C. Williams, who was formerly a resident of Saline and was prominently identified with the Methodists of the country, having been among the founders of the Shiloh

Methodist church, one of the historic houses of worship east of Marshall.

The visitor of a month past is lovely in character and has made warm friends during her stay at the Pence home, and will doubtless make the husband of her choice a true helpmate, and he made a favorable impression upon the relatives and friends who met him, and the congratulations and best wishes extended were hearty and cordial.—The Democrat News, Marshall, Missouri.

SEWING & DRESSMAKING

We wish to announce to the people of Merkel and surrounding country that we have opened a sewing and dressmaking parlor at the home of Mrs. Chas. C. Bankhead, located first door north of the Christian Church, and will be glad to have your fancy sewing, such as Dressmaking, Beading, Embroidering Hemstitching and Peccing. Miss Minnie Ferguson and Mrs. Chas. C. Bankhead.

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We will have a Chicken Car on the track

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During these two days we will pay you 19c per pound for your hens. This price is far above the local market and it will pay you to bring us your chickens.

WEST COMPANY

PENCIL POINTS By Bildad

A cottage for two may be a great argument, but try a run-about for two, old boy, and you will make better progress.

There's some good in short skirts after all. Mother's old one can be worn by daughter without any taking up.

Among the lost arts is that of dancing with the feet.

A fat girl never throws herself at a man, but if she should, and hit the mark—well, heaven help him.

An undertaker's business is naturally a dead one.

There are mighty few acrobats, or people would take a tumble to themselves.

They say a new model baby carriage will be operated by storage batteries. Good! Now pa can put on roller skates and get a tow.

Few men seek public office just for the pay in it.

A chap may be homlier than sin and duller than a funeral, but if he's got a classy car, he gets a dozen girls where the dandy guy on foot gets only one.

Sometimes we wonder what there is about music that's permanent, as it evaporates so quickly.

As long as you smile it is not impossible to be thoroughly unhappy.

The only one who has never made any attempt to solve the mystery of woman is—woman.

Asking permission of a girl before kissing her is cowardly. It is putting the responsibility up to her.

Wives of great men remind us of it very often.

Some men are great successes in making money, but terrible failures in selecting ways to spend it.

She Said It.

"You are no gentleman," she wrote, "if you think I said such a thing as she said you said I said I had said."

"Dear girl," he answered, "you must not think I think you

think you must be the kind of girl I think you must be if you said such a thing as you said she said I said you said you said you had said."

It seems he knew she knew he knew she said just what she said she heard he had heard her friend had heard him say he had heard her say, but with intuitive feminine tact she accepted his apology.

In His Defense.

"Daughter," called the father from the position at the top of the stairs, at the well known hour of 11:55 p. m., doesn't that young man know how to say goodnight?"

"Does he?" echoed the young lady in the darkened hall. "Well I should say he does."

Short Directions for busy People
To find a needle in a haystack—sit down on it.

To remove stains from a character—Marry money.

To enjoy yourself at your wife's dinner party—stay away.

To keep creases in your trousers—Remove the girls from your lap.

To plant a garden—Hire a planter.

To rest quietly—Close the windows and turn on the gas.

To accumulate money—Work hard and spend nothing.

To beat the early bird to the worm—Stay up all night.

To become famous—Write a naughty story.

To be president—Go to sleep and dream it.

To get arrested—Let your wife drive the car.

To be thought a liar—Always tell the truth.

To see better times ahead—Drink a quart of hooch.

To be happy though married—leave home.

Naturally

Father—You want to get married on fifteen dollars a week! What are you thinking of?
Son—The girl.

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