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MERKEL DEFEATS BIG SPRING—CLOSE

The Merkel squad of football players, their ranks much depleted by the absence of several who had failed to make grades to play met on the local grounds last Friday evening the husky bunch from Big Spring. The game was another hotly contested one, the ball swaying back and forth in the middle of the field for most of the game. Merkel carried the ball over once for the only touchdown of the game when Hutcheson, quarter, plowed through the line in the third quarter. The visitors had the locals outweighed, but were too slow in action to score the gains that they often made through the Merkel line. They are a fine clean bunch of players that Merkel would be glad to have back again as their visitors. The final score was 7 to 0, Merkel taking the big end.

The game began by Big Spring kicking to Hutcheson who was downed almost in his tracks on the 40-yard line. On the second play of this quarter, Bill Stevens made thirty five yards around right end on Merkel's famous criss-cross play. Merkel then held for downs. The ball then swayed back and forth in the middle of the field until near the end of the quarter when Big Spring started a march toward Merkel's goal. The quarter ended with Big Spring with in 20 yards of our goal.

The second quarter began with Big Spring on Merkel's 20-yard line, 2nd down and 7 yards to go. Merkel held them for downs. Merkel then punted out of danger. The ball then passed from side to side, each holding the other for downs. Big Spring made another desperate attempt to score right at the last quarter when they made 20 yards around right end and then 8 yards right through the line. The quarter ended without either side scoring. Score 0 to 0.

The third quarter opened by Merkel kicking to Big Spring who returned to their 40-yard line. Merkel held Big Spring for downs. Then began Merkel's march for a touch-down. Stevens made 15 yards on a pass. Again he made 6 yards on another forward pass. Then Hutcheson sent Stevens on a Criss-cross for 10 yards more Hutcheson then went through the line for the touch-down of the game. Stevens kicked goal. Score 7 to 0. Merkel then kicked to Big Spring who was downed on their 32-yard line. Big Spring punted out of danger. Merkel then tried a long pass which was intercepted by Big Spring and ran to Merkel's 20-yard line. Things were looking dangerous for the locals. Big Spring gained 5 yards when the whistle for the end of the third quarter. Score 7 to 0 with Big Spring on Merkel's 15-yard line.

The last quarter opened with Big Spring on our 15-yard line, the 4th down and three yards to go. The visitors made four yards on a plunge, getting dangerously near Merkel's goal. Then the little Merkel bunch held the visitors for downs within three yard of a touchdown which would have tied the game. Merkel regaining the ball on downs, punted out of danger. On recovering the ball Big Spring attempted to pass which was intercepted by Dorsey who returned 8 yards for the rest of the game. Merkel held the big bunch, and then would punt. This head work by quarter-back Hutcheson was what saved the game for Merkel. Our light bunch was becoming tired. Punting and then holding the receivers of the punt for downs was easier than bucking the line. Merkel missed another good chance to score a touch-down when Holmes swiftly cut through the line and away down the field to get a pass which, being a little high, he mis-

sed. This quarter ended without either side scoring, though Big Spring had come dangerously near it once. Score at end of the game 7 to 0, in favor of the locals.

The Line-Up
Merkel right end Stripling
Holms right tackle Bonner
Harvell right guard Covert
Sutphen center Pitman
Sharp left guard Quinn
Cobb left tackle Liine
Ferguson left end Hardy, W.
Smith full back Pitman
Largent left half Haynes
Darsey right half Griffith
Stevens Hutcheson quarter b. Rutherford
Officials: Hubert Noles, Coach of A. C. C., referee; "Red" Thompson of Merkel, umpire; Clifford Rose of Merkel, head-linesman; Homer Laney of Merkel and Wrenn of Abilene, Time-keepers.

GENERAL ELECTION TO BE NEXT TUESDAY

On next Tuesday, November 2nd., there will be held in this state the general state and national election, and in which every man and woman who are qualified under the law should participate. Go to the polls on this day and cast your vote for the men and measures you think will do and are for the best interest of the majority of our citizenship. It is a citizen's duty to question any question, and especially in the general elections of our national affairs. It does not make any difference with which political party one may be affiliated, that his American privilege, and no man has a right to question or belittle any one for voting their sentiments.

When one votes he has done his duty as a citizen, no matter whether his man or party wins or not. Any way he has done all he could in the matter. As for us, we are going to vote straight from Jimmy Cox clear on down the line to Constable.

MR. LARGENT WINS ON FINE HEREFORDS

Mr and Mrs C. M. Largent came in first of the week from Dallas where they have been in attendance upon the Fair, and where Mr Largent had his fine thoroughbred Hereford cattle on exhibit. And we are glad to say that Mr. Largent came back feeling fine over the fact that his cattle were winners in many contests, and of which we expect to tell our readers more about next week or just as soon as he returns from San Angelo, where he has his herd on exhibition now, at the fair there.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING.

On next Wednesday afternoon November 3rd, at four o'clock, the parent-teacher Association will have a very important meeting at the High School Auditorium. Miss Felland, Taylor County's Red Cross nurse will be present to explain to parents and teachers the plans for a phonetic examination of pupils of the grades of the public school. Be present, then you will understand what the examinations are to be. Mrs. J. M. Wagstaff, County Chairman of the American Red Cross will also be present, and has something of importance to place before the parents and members of the Red Cross.

Ladies fine silk hose at \$2.25 to \$6.00 are on sale at Brown Dry Goods Company at one third off. It.

PROMINENT AUTO DEALER WEDS

We take pleasure in announcing to the host of friends of Mr M. E. Cannon, of the Commercial Motor Company of this city, that on Tuesday evening October 19, he was married in Dallas, to Mrs Mary C. Griffin, daughter of Mrs Ella W. Curtis, one of the best known and popular families of that city.

Mr Cannon has been a citizen of Merkel for about a year now, and by his courteous manners, fair and honest dealings with the public has made warm and lasting friends of all those with whom he had met. He is a fine business man; is one of the proprietors of Cimmercial Motor Company, one among the thriving and growing automobile concerns of this city. And we join his host of friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

The bride, for some time previous to the happy event, held a responsible position with one of the banks of Corsicana, and commanded the esteem and admiration of a wide circle of friends. Below we publish clipping from the Corsicana Dailey Sun concerning the happy affair. We also state that Merkel is proud to extend a hearty welcome to Mr and Mrs Cannon as permanent citizens.

Tuesday last, Mrs Mamie Curtis Griffin, chaperoned by Mrs. M. D. L. Adams and accompanied by her nephew, Mr Reggie Nichols and Mr. L. E. McCormick, took an early Interurban to Dallas where they arrived in time to be met by Mr Marion E. Cannon of Merkel Texas, and Miss Binedette Moore of Dallas. The entire party repaired to the First Presbyterian Manse, where in the study of its pastor, Rev Wm M. Anderson Jr., Mrs. Griffin and Mr Cannon were united in marriage, the pretty double ring ceremony being used. The bride is from an old Corsicana family, long identified with the city in a social and business way, and is herself an efficient business woman with a most pleasing personality that wins and holds her friends; the groom is a substantial business man connected with the Southern Motor Co. of Houston, a large concern that is established in various places in Texas. A matinee party for the theatre followed the wedding including bride and groom and attendants, after which Mr and Mrs. Cannon left for a bridal trip of ten days. They will then be at home in Merkel Texas, to their friends.—Corsicana Sun.

JINKS WINTER FOR CONSTABLE.

Announcement is hereby made by friends of J. F. (Jinks) Winter, announcing to the voters of the Merkel precinct, that they have prevailed upon him to allow his name to be placed before the voters as a candidate for the office of Constable of this precinct.

Mr Winter is too well and favorably known to need introduction to the majority of the people of this community, but suffice it to say that, he is well qualified in every way to make a first class officer, and if elected will conduct the affairs of the office to the very best of his ability. Owing to the fact that the tickets for the election are already printed and it is too late to get his name on the ticket, his friends earnestly urge that the voters write same in the proper place on the ballot.

Ford Smith, splendid farmer in the Mt. Pleasant community, has let the contract to P. L. McClary for the erection on his fine farm a modern five-room bungalow home. It will cost when completed better than \$3,000.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIES

Much to the surprise of their many friends, Mr. Edd Heeter and Miss Ada Woodrum, were happily united in marriage early Saturday morning; Rev. C. C. Dooley, pasor of the local Presbyterian church pronouncing in his usual impressive manner, the words which made them man and wife. The ceremony took place at the Woodrum Hotel, the home of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr and Mrs Heeter took the Sunshine Special for a trip along the Eastern coast of the United States, and which will include Niagara Falls, Buffalo, New York, a stop off at the nation's capital, thence to Mr. Heeter's home town, Pittsburg Penn. where they will sojourn for a few days, after which they will come back to Sipe Springs, Texas, where the groom has a very lucrative position with the C. H. Oil & Development Company.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Woodrum, and one of Merkel's most cultured and refined young-ladies who numbers her friends by her acquaintances.

The groom, Mr. Edd Heeter, came to Merkel about a year ago, being connected with the oil companies operating in this vicinity, and by his honesty, cleverness and genuine gentlemanly ways won as close friends every one with whom he became acquainted.

The Merkel Mail joins the happy couple's numerous friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity through their journey down life's pathway.

BIG BRONC BUSTING AT TRENT SATURDAY

On next Saturday at Trent, the Malone Brothers, announce that they will be there with their string of wild, bucking horses, and invites the public to be on hand and enjoy the excitement. These gentlemen have played in many wild wet shows over the country, and it is expected that this occasion will be up to the standard of the former such shows.

Thirty seven and a half cent value in Brown Sea Island Domestic 25 cents. Next grade at 19 cents. Brown Dry Goods Co. It

J. M. Bates, of Fort Worth, arrived Monday of this week and will be with the Burton Lingo Company for some time.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 Mr Horace Tatum will be set apart for the gospel ministry. This service will be solemnized by the laying on hands of the elders and prayer.

Many churches much older than the Merkel Church have never had occasion to have such a service as this. It is with pride and joy that the church has called this service. Mr Tatum is a senior in Simmons college and only this summer answered the divine call to preach. When the church heard him preach they were ready to encourage him to develop his gifts, and now that he has been called as pastor at Maryneal the Merkel church has called for his ordination.

It is hoped that the friends and members of the Merkel Baptist church will be able to be present at this service.

All services as usual next Sunday except no B. Y. P. U. as our young people will go to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon to an Association B. Y. P. U. meeting. Training class Monday 7:30 p. m. Beginning new book in Post Graduate work, "Monuments and

the Old Testament."

Ladies Meeting Tuesday 2:30 p. m.. Pastor Parrack will deliver the first of a series of talks on "Women of the Bible" the first will be "The Shunemite or the Woman called Great in the Bible This will be a short pointed address and all women of the church are invited to hear it.

The Ordination service will take the place of the regular Prayer-meeting Wednesday 7:30 Come and find a hearty welcome at any and all services.

Roy Holmes came in first of the week from Quanah, where he has been for several months for a visit with home folks and friends.

See the big cut in silk hosiery by Brown Dry Goods Company.1

SEARS WELL SHOT NOW CLEANING OUT

We understand that on last Thursday afternoon the Sears well was given a shot at the 2490 foot sand, with the result that the well bridged to about 300 feet above.

Work of cleaning out the well is now under way, and it is expected will be finished within a few days and at which time the question of whether this test will produce oil in paying quantities or not will be decided.

It is thought beyond any question of a doubt that this well could have been made at least a small paying well had it been handled right earlier in the game. And these familiar with the oil which has come from the well, say that it is very high grade.

Tom Mayberry and family of Fort Worth, arrived Tuesday and will make Merkel their future home. Mr Mayberry, we are informed is a splendid carpenter and formerly resided in Merkel, some years ago.

REV. MURRELL RETURNED HERE

At the meeting of the North West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, at Clarendon which closed Monday of this week, Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the local church for the past two years, was again assigned to the pastorate here.

His return here by the Conference, is as was hoped for by the entire congregation of his church and also by all the people of this city and surrounding community.

Rev. Murrell and wife returned to the city this (Thursday) morning and he requests that we announce for him, there will be all the usual and regular services at the Methodist church next Sunday.

Again we say, all Merkel is proud to have Brother Murrell and his good wife with us for another year.

NOTICE TO HOTEL PATRONS

Owing to conditions over which we have no control, we regret to announce that the Woodrum Hotel will not serve any more meals to the public after Sunday October 31, 1920.

We regret very much that we are compelled to close our dining room, and take his method of thanking each and every one who in any way patronized us during the time we have been in the hotel business. We will continue our rooming department.

Respectfully,
Woodrum Hotel

THE HONOR ROLL MERKEL SCHOOLS

The following pupils of the Merkel High School have been neither tardy nor absent during the first grade period of six weeks, have made 90 percent in deportment, and have made an average of 90 per cent or more. They therefore deserve to have their names placed upon the Honor Roll of the Merkel High School.

Second Grade—
Edith Smith, 94; Leona Rose, 93; Lillie B. Martin, 93; Hazel Leslie, 93; Lena Rose Black, 93; Alva Haynes, 90.

Third Grade—
Selma Lee Russell, 90; Deshoro Simpson, 90; Helen Compton, 90.

Fourth Grade—
Sterling Sheppard, 90; Gladys Deutschman, 95; Annie M Brown 93; Mary Comegys, 92; Elizabeth Harkrider, 92; Flora F. Anderson, 92; Thelma Thompson, 90.

Fourth-Fifth Grade—
Oraph Patterson, 97; Alien Childress, 92; Cleburne Rose, 90.

Fifth Grade—
Joe B. Cypert, 95; Claude Will, 95; Hoyt Wills, 95; Clyde Mayfield, 94; Dorothy Higgins, 94; Lela Brown, 93; Clifford Orr, 92; Darcey Vick, 92; George West, 92; Nina Belle Russell, 92; Obeal Stubblefield, 92; Mary Panter, 91; Inice Brown, 90.

Sixth Grade—
Ruth Jenkins, 96; Ona Tatum, 96; Opal Horton, 94; Hazel Bell, 94; Mary Derstine, 94; Burnard Vick 94; Annie Lou Russell, 92; Opal Patterson 92; Jaunita Beene, 92; Buster Haynes, 92; Coma Patterson, 92; Lola Dennis, 92; Lois Barnett, 91; Junior Brown, 90.

Seventh Grade—
W. L. Harkrider, 93; Oma Jordan 93; Mary Parrack, 93; Nola Provine, 93; Melba West, 93; Lucille Guitar, 93; Dorris Durham, 92; Lucille Hogg, 92; Velma Hollaway, 92; Hallie Pike, 92; Evelyn Curb, 91; Ray Garrett, 91; Burnett Orr, 90.

Eighth Grade—
Johnnie Sears, 97; Mary F. Anderson, 96; Beryl Tucker, 95; Homer Winnians, 94; Lois Higgins, 93; Lois Swafford, 92; Dorothy Sanders, 92; Carleton Dennis 92; Maurine Tipton, 92; Maude Hardy, 91; Mary Ridgers, 91; Alma Patterson, 90.

Ninth Grade—
Elba Cox, 96; Hattie Proctor, 96; Vennie Heizer, 96; Ora Porter, 91; Gladys Middleton, 90.

Tenth Grade,
Mary Proctor, 90; Alvis Wilkins, 90.

11th Grade, Seniors—
Sewell Harvell, 96; Lucille Russell, 94; Mae Beidleman, 92.

Respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

AN OVERSIGHT.

IN our item last week regarding the opening of the Chevrolet business in this city by Mr Roy C Barton, of Abilene, we overlooked to mention the fact that Mr George B Henry, who has been connected with this firm for some time as one of their most successful salesman, will be connected with the house the firm was opening in Merkel.

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to announce that I am a candidate for the election of Constable of the fifth precinct, Taylor county. Your votes and influence will be appreciated. My name will not appear on the ticket and those who wish to vote for me will have to write in my name.

C. M. Moss, 1tp.

R. A. Musgrove of Sherman, Andy Card, of Mississippi, were here last week the guest of May or J. J. Stallings, and other friends and relatives.



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DROP in PRICE of COAL FORECAST

Washington, Oct. 25.—A sudden drop in the prices of bituminous coal was forecast today at the Department of Justice, as a result of negotiations now in progress between the Government and the coal operators. Full agreement by the operators to slash their prices and quit manipulating the prices through certain existing arrangements with the jobbing interests, is expected by the department.

The Government's representatives meet the operators tomorrow in a conference at Cleveland when the operators will be given the alternative ether of lowering coal prices and eliminating certain resale abuses, or of facing prosecution at the hands of the Department of Justice.

To remove billious impurities in the system and be made internally clean and healthy, you need the fine tonic and laxatives properties of Herbine. It acts quickly and thoroughly. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store Oct.

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Miss Ruth Holloway returned Monday evening from attending the Dallas Fair.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee and family attended the State Fair at Dallas last week-end.

SAVE MONEY—Buy your flour and meal at A. L. Jobes and save money.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Association B. Y. P. U. Rally—Sweetwater Association. October 31st at Sweetwater Texas. 2:30 P. M.

Song—Loyalty to Christ. Prayer—Rev. T. Y. Adams, Sweetwater.

Election of Temporary Chairman and Secretary.

Purpose of Meeting—Yates Brown, Merkel—3 Minutes.

Roll call of B. Y. P. U.'s Represented.

Special Music Arranged by Sweetwater B. Y. P. U.

Purpose of an Associational B. Y. P. U. —Miss Alma Phillips—Colorado, 5 Minutes.

Relation of a B. Y. P. U. to a Church—Miss Margaret Goodnight—Abilene, 5 Minutes.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. Standardized—Miss Bertha Deal—Merkel, 5 Minutes.

Announcement of Committee. Intermission of Thirty Minutes.

4 P. M.

Special Music Arranged by Colledge Helghths B. Y. P. U.

Prayer. Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers. Open Discussion.

Adjournment.

All Baptist young People of Sweetwater Association are urged to be present.

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Penalties.

He was looking over the family bills for the month, while his wife glanced through the evening paper.

"Oh, John," ashe said, "it tells here of a young fellow who was fined \$25 for flirting."

"He got off a blamed sight cleaner than I did," retorted her husband, his eye still on the bill.



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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Loyce Dry)

You should see how our school spirit has improved this year. More than ever each pupil realizes that he cannot simply "get by" and is working. Then, too, the deportment is better than usual, perhaps, maby it's due to the pupil's wanting to get out at 3:20 instead of at 4.

Our new play ground equipment makes us happy. One hundred thirty dollars has been raised by the teachers and pupils for purchasing this equipment. There two tennis courts on the ground, three basket-ball courts and one volley-ball court. The tennis practice is encouraging; not there, you missed something.

the volley ball stunts surprising and amusing. Twogiant-strides and som see-saws will be put on the ground at an early date for the use of the lower grades.

Merkel was put back on a fifty per cent basis last Friday, having won over Big Springs in foot ball by a score of 7 to 0. All the boys need, to keep and raise this per cent, is more rooters and more support.

The home and visiting teams were royally entertained Friday evening by Misses Carlisle and Deal.

Everybody who heard the Angelus Trio, in the second number of the Lyceum, Wednesday night voted it a success. If you were not there, you missed something.

Charlie Taggart, a noted musical humorist, will be here Monday, Nov. 22. A man who furnishes records for the victrola people will certainly be worth listening to. Dont miss it.

The primary rooms already look "Hallowe'ing with their rows of jack o'lanterns and witches around the walls, and their pumpkin faces in the corners.

We have already seen the posters put up by the ambitious candidates for the Senior Class president. Kenneth Sharp,s conspicuous one reading: Give a good fellow a chance-me for president-etc.

The seniors are proud of their good record for the past six



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An ex-senior sends back the words—work, work while you are in high school if you expect to make college.

You would know there are green freshmen and wise fools if you heard the freshman ask—"Do you have a telephone?" Sophomore—"Yes, but it's not with me."

When is a high school pupil not a high school pupil? When he gets too many demerits.

Oh, gee! I wish I could get out at 3:20.

Found—where the high school crowd goes on Lyceum nights—To the Copeland Bros. show.

Don't forget your duty, when you vote for the "better schools" amendment on Nov. 2.

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On Wednesday and Thursday but a glance down Merkel's principal business street and one was cognizant of an advance in the cotton market. A number of times on these days, there were six or eight wagons and trucks carrying, each, from three to six bales of cotton. Local buyers state, however, that the price paid during these two days was a little under the high price of Tuesday. In fact, Thursday's price showed considerable slump in the market.

Business is beginning to feel the effects of the rising cotton market, in that trade is becoming somewhat livelier. Local dry-goods men, especially, are beginning to note an increase in their daily sales. Business men are indeed optimistic over the outlook and are expecting the upward trend of the cotton market to place the farmers in more buoyant spirits. It is expected also that the tension will somewhat ease and that business

will ere long assume its usual fall proportions.

The Honey Grove Signal says: "A woman in Houston has brought suit against the election officers, asking that she be allowed to vote without payment of a poll tax. Come on with the money sister, come on. It's worth the price to get to vote against the wicked Republicans."

It is not every one who prays loud and beautiful who performs the greatest christian deeds.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Good cane five cents per bind in the field. Any amount. See Dan Ridenbach, Route 3. 3tpd

FOR SALE

Pure bred unregistered Duroc Pig, ready for delivery about Nov. 15th—\$10.00

J. T. Warren. 2t

For Sale—Six room residence, with a lot and a half, one Block of business section. East and south front. See T. F. Harris, on Route 2, Merkel, Texas. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—200 acres of land well improved, about half in cultivation. Located about 2 and one half mile from Trent. If interested see S. L. Reneau, Trent, Texas. 3t—pd.

WANTED—To buy a good young milk Cow. See S. F. Haynes Merkel, Texas. 1t.

WANTED—To buy or rent a comfortable home in Merkel. Might buy a small farm well improved and close in. Please give full and complete descriptions in first letter. S. G. Flemmings, Forney, Texas. 3tpd.

LOST—A pair of double Lenz gold-framed spectacles on last Saturday, in an alumnnum case. Finder return to Merkel Mail or W. E. Adams. 1tp.

Prince Albert 15 cents. Ray 1t

FOR SALE—Four-room house and two lots, windmill and barn and out houses. All for \$2800. Also have some vacant lots, close in. See me at J. B. Bell's, J. S. Burkhead. 1t

STRAY—Cow and calf at my place 3 miles West of Merkel. Came to my place about a month ago. Red and white spotted, both of them. Owner can get them by paying for this adv.—L. T. Early 2tpd

FOR SALE—Have a lot of second hand lumber, sash, doors, brick, ect., J. S. Burkhead, at J. B. Bell's. tf.

FOR SALE—One wheat drill, one double disc, one cream separator. See Mrs. R. B. Rains, Merkel, Route 1, Box 65. 2t29pd.

FOR SALE—Have some pure Mediterranean Wheat for planting. See Dub Diltz at Farmers State Bank. 1tpd.

Wood FOR SALE—Have some good cord wood five miles south east of Merkel on the W. D. Haynes place, at \$4.00 per cord.

FOR SALE

The Gem Confectionary. Stock and fixtures with rent paid on building up to May 8th 1921. If interested see me at Confectionary at once.

W. H. Reese.. tf

FOR SALE—One pair good 6 year old mule; one span of mares; three riding cultivators; three riding planters; 2 double section harrows; one double disk breaking plow; one Sulkey; one 14 inch John Deere Lister; one 12 inch walking plow; one stalk cutter; Set of Black-smith tools; most all good as new. Also, 133 acres of cotton, 7 acres of feed, already cut and bound. 20 bales of cotton open, 20 more to open. A good Crew of pickers already located. Going to sell all to first man for \$1750 and give possession in three days afterward. See J. B. Early, Blair Texas, Rt. 5. 1t

COZY THEATRE

THE CREAM OF AMUSEMENTS

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday Oct. 29

Admission 10-20-30c

Wm. S. Hart

Snub Pollard

in

in

"The Cold Deck"

"Back Fire"

Monday Nov. 1

Admission 10-20c

Joe Ryan

Leo Maloney

in

in

"Hidden Dangers"

"Blazing the Way"

Universal Comedians in "Gailbirds"

Thursday Nov. 4

Admission 10-20-30c

"The Leopard Woman"

An Associated Producers Special, from the book by Stewart Edward White, featuring Louise Glaum

Bray-Review

"Ambros" Comedy

Saturday Oct. 30

Admission 10-20-30c

Dustin Farnum

Charlie Chaplin

in

in

"Duran of the Bad Lands"

"Behind the Screen"

Mutt & Jeff in "Three Raisin Cake"

Tues. & Wed. Nov. 2 & 3

Admission 10-20-30c

"The Mystery of the Yellow Room"

A Real Art Special

From the book by Gaston Leroux

Topics of the Day

Wm. Franey Comedy

—COMING—

Mack Sennett's New Comedy Sensation

"Down on The Farm"

FOURTH AND LAST WEEK OF OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY SALE

On this last week of our sale we are offering the people of our trade territory additional reductions. Our entire stock is at your disposal at less than market prices. Be sure and come in and supply your needs this week. Positively your last chance.

Sale closes Saturday Oct. 30 at 6 p. m.

Extra Special -- \$75 Value Free

We will give a ladies \$75.00 Plush Coat to lucky ticket holder on Saturday at 6 p. m. Tickets to be given with each \$1.00 purchase. Be sure and call for your tickets.

Some one is going to be lucky

The Economy Store

Third door East of Corner Store

S. M. N. Marrs Speaks in Merkel

Just before the rainstorm and norther last Saturday afternoon, S. M. N. Marrs of the department of education, Austin Texas spoke just in front of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank to a fair-sized crowd. Had it not been Saturday afternoon with all its hurrying and business, an indoor meeting would have been held.

Mr. Marrs spoke in behalf of the "Better Schools" Amendment. He urged that in justice to the rural and small town schools of Texas that they be given the same privileges when they so desired of voting enough school tax to adequately support their schools. It is no more than democracy that a majority of the tax-paying voters of a school district be allowed to vote taxes for school support without any 50 cent restriction, just as the voters are allowed to do in any large city. He urged this as a local self-government measure. The rural schools of Texas will almost cease to exist should the amendment fail to pass on November 2nd.

Tuesday evening good cotton was bringing around the 25 cent per pound mark, where as this time last week it was bringing about 17 cents. A wide difference. There's a reason.

See our cut price 25 to 38 cent Gingham. They will go a flying. Brown D.G. Co. 1t.

We regret to learn of the death of the six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Morrison, which occurred Monday of this week. The remains of the little fellow was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery Tuesday, Rev. Ira L. Parrack pastor of the Baptist church officiating. The Mail extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and parents.

New Ford for sale. See P. C. Jones, at Chas West Barber shop. 1tpd.

Spuds 60c per peck, Ray at Blair.

QUALITY FURNITURE ON EASY TERMS

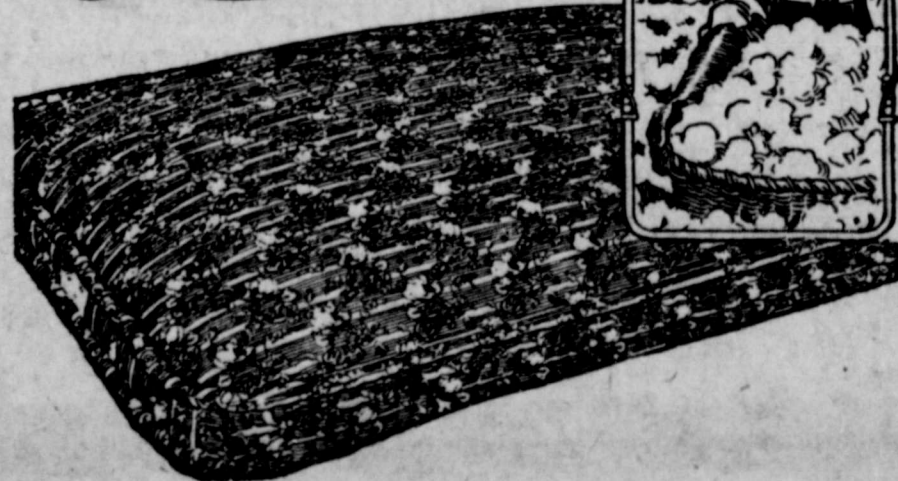
Realizing as we do that many of our customers have put off buying furniture they really needed, we are going to sell Hoosier Cabinets and Sealy Mattresses all next week with payment of \$1.00 on delivery and \$2.00 each week thereafter until paid in full. These are unusual terms and will be good only one week, beginning next Monday, Oct. 25th. Also remember that our store is headquarters for better furniture at better prices than can be had elsewhere.

Unquestionably the world's largest selling Kitchen Cabinet. So arranged that the steps necessary in preparing a meal are reduced to a minimum, thereby proving that it does save miles of steps.

Priced from \$50.00 to \$75.00
\$1.00 down—\$2.00 per week
(Next week only)

"A Pillow for the body"

The Sealy Sanitary Tuftless Mattress



As a Special Offer we will give a set of Kitchen Cutlery with every Hoosier sold during this sale. These are handy and useful articles around the kitchen

HOOSIER

— the Kitchen Cabinet that saves miles of steps



The Sealy is really and truly a mattress of individual comfort, as it is so soft and fluffy that it readily fits every curve in your body. No bed is perfect without a perfect mattress, and the Sealy is as near perfect as any we know of. Price \$45.00.

\$1.00 down—\$2.00 per week
(Next week only)

J. T. DARSEY & COMPANY

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

The B. Y. P. U., the Young Men and Young Womens Bible Classes of the Mekel Baptist Church will enertain at a Halloween social, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robinson, Merkel Route one, on Friday evening October 29th.

The entire party will meet at the church at seven-thirty o'clock and all go together from that place. There will be conveyances furnished those not having a wa to go.

P. L. McClary local building contractor, started a force of men at work Tuesday on the erection of the second story to the brick business house of Johnnie Ray at Blair, which will be owned and used by the Odd Fellow Lodge at Blair for their Hall.



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 microbes which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely.

Little'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 50 cents bottle, Large size \$1.00
JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

VOTE AND WORK FOR THE SCHOOL AMENDMENT ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

(By Annie Webb Blanton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.)

NEED OF MANY WORKERS.

It is when we try to inform the people of Texas as to the merits of any measure that we realize that Texas is not really a state—it is an empire. Compare the Lone Star State, with its 252 counties, with its neighbor, Oklahoma, which has 77 counties, or with tiny Delaware, which has three. It soon becomes obvious that to give adequate publicity to even the most meritorious measure, an army of workers is needed.

When we remember, further, that the general attitude in Texas has been to vote against constitutional amendments, we realize that, the patriotic citizens of Texas must go out into the highways and byways to arouse the necessary enthusiasm for the educational amendment to make it the notable exception to the rule its friends all predict it will prove to be.

NATURE OF THE AMENDMENT.

Texas now has a district tax limit of fifty cents on the hundred dollars of property valuation. Only two states, Texas and Virginia, have so low a limit. Half of the states of the Union have no limit on the tax that districts may vote for school purposes. The unjust side of this tax limit is that while large cities are exempt from this provision, the village school and the country school are shackled by its terms. The proposed amendment to article 3 of section VII of the constitution will grant the same privilege to all schools—it will permit the country school district as well as the city to vote for its schools such support as it deems necessary.

THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT RAISE TAXES.

The proposed amendment does not raise taxes, nor does it permit any school board to increase taxes. It simply leaves each district free to continue its present support to its schools, or to increase this support, if it chooses. Before any tax can be increased, the rate must be decided by a vote of the taxpayers of the district. This amendment is, therefore, a measure of local self-government.

ATTITUDE OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

The state democratic convention of 1920, at its recent meeting in Fort Worth, endorsed the passage of this amendment as a part of the platform of the democratic party. The republican candidate for governor, in a recent address, stated that he would prefer that the people of Texas should fail to vote for him than to fail to vote for this amendment. At this writing, other parties have not expressed their attitude.

A MISTAKEN IMPRESSION.

A few persons have expressed the opinion that, since their districts receive from the state more than they pay to the state, it would be best to vote against the amendment, and let the state support their schools. The mistake in this is (1) that the state can not and will not continue to support those who do not help themselves and (2) that such an attitude is condemned by most of the right-minded patriotic citizens of the state. The four million dollar appropriation was made by the legislature to tide over the emergency until the amendment can pass. The legislature will have no convenient surplus next year, to appropriate; for the tax rate has been lowered. Moreover, many members of the legislature have declared that, if the people vote down this amendment in November, they will make no more appropriations to the schools from the general revenue. Some of them have asserted that they will even vote to discontinue the two-million-dollar appropriation for rural schools. If the amendment fails to pass, the schools will have no recourse. Two thousand of them closed their doors last year. Our teachers will flock to other states, where a living wage is offered. Many have already gone.

STATE SUPPORT THE SAME FOR CITY AND COUNTRY SCHOOLS. The politician frequently harps on the difference in support of country and city schools. This difference lies in local support. The state gives the same per capita for the country and the city child. It favors the country child, in that it makes a special appropriation of two million dollars for rural schools. While Texas stands tenth in state support of schools, it ranks as forty-fourth in local support. Shall this continue?

OUR RANK IN EDUCATION.

The Russell Sage Foundation in its recent investigation of all the states of the Union ranks Texas as thirty-ninth in education. Shall a state that is first in size, first in agricultural products, third in production of oil, and seventh in wealth be satisfied to remain thirty-ninth in education?

DANGER TO DEMOCRACY.

Texas is about ten per cent illiterate. Twenty-five per cent of our children do not advance beyond the fourth grade. The average is the sixth grade. That means that, in future, we shall have a sixth-grade citizenship. The only safeguard of the democratic institutions founded by our forefathers, the best protection against bolshevism, the wisest economy for the state, is education. Give the country boy and girl a fair chance! Work and vote for the Better Schools Amendment on November 2nd.

PLAN TO WAREHOUSE ALL TEXAS COTTON

It has long been realized in Texas that the cotton crop ought to be housed. The manifest inconsistency of sheltering such low-priced products as hay and sisal while leaving cotton out in the wet has long been the subject of comment. Nevertheless we have moved rather slowly and in spurts in the provision of warehouses. To prevent the large loss resulting from country damage to cotton alone would justify building enough warehouses to shelter the entire crop, and yet such loss is a small fraction of the injury sustained, for the loss resulting from that Mr. Theodore H. Price has called the

autumnal dip" is much greater. Cotton is rushed to market early largely because of the maturity of existing obligations and the failure to secure extension of these, which failure in turn is largely due to the want of warehousing room. Those who buy the cotton at low prices obtain in this season reap large profit, and unfortunately most of them reside outside of the cotton growing area, so that the entire Southern community shares with the cotton growers in the deprivation.

Manifestly it would pay the community to provide the needed facilities, even though the farmers did not participate. It is our belief that a sufficient warehouse system should be erected as a

private enterprise, and we shrink from the idea of public ownership of the same. But it is becoming evident that if private enterprise does not arise to the duty and opportunity, the State will be called upon to supply the need, and probably will do so. Mr. Jefferson declares that Federal encroachment upon the States would be encouraged and invited by weakness upon the part of the state Governments, and similarly it is evident that a weakness upon the part of private enterprise encourages the following of the State ownership idea.

Mr. D. E. Lyday, vice president and general manager of the Texas Division of the American Cotton Association, has made public the plan of that organization to speed up a warehouse system in this State. The next Legislature will be called upon to amend the State Warehouse Law so as to provide for the appointment by the Governor of a State Warehouse Commission, composed of citizens directly interested in growing and marketing cotton which commission is to appoint a Warehouse Commissioner. It will also provide for a tax of 50 cents a bale, to be collected at the gin on each bale of cotton, the funds to be used in building warehouses local and central. The funds collected in each county are to be used to build temporary warehouses within it until the local needs have been supplied and then the surplus funds are to be available for building permanent fireproof central warehouses. After sufficient central warehouses have been supplied, the commission is to go back to the counties and use the funds for the building of permanent fireproof local warehouses. All the warehouses are to be operated by the commission which shall fix the charges. Mr. Lyday expresses the belief that, with such a law, within 8 years the warehouse capacity of Texas will be sufficient to store the entire crop.

As we have already suggested in the foregoing, we shrink from the idea of the State taking this large step into the field of business. We would prefer to see

private capital supply the warehouses, but if private capital will not or can not organize to do so, probably some measure as is proposed will be put through. It is a way by which the farmers themselves may finance a warehouse system—Dallas News.

No. 2 Tomatoes, 2 for 25. Ray at Blair. 1t.

To get rid of worms in children give them White's Cream Vermifuge. The little sufferer improves at once and soon becomes healthy active and robust. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

FOR SALE—Second hand wagon in good condition. See G. F. Turner, Route 1, Box 15. 2tpd.

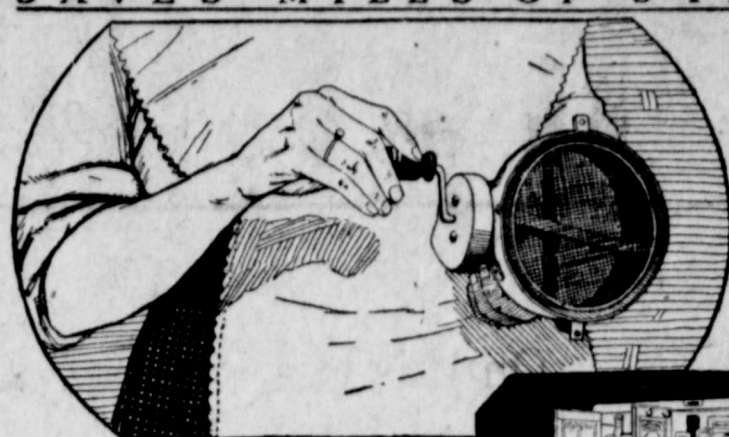
FOR SALE

One seven-room house and six lots. One seven-room house and two lots. One Store building to rent. Call on W. P. Duckett at store or residence. tf

FOR SALE: 1919 Model Ford Touring Car—First Class Condition. See W. P. Mahaffey. tf.

Now's the Time to buy that HOOSIER

SAVES MILES OF STEPS

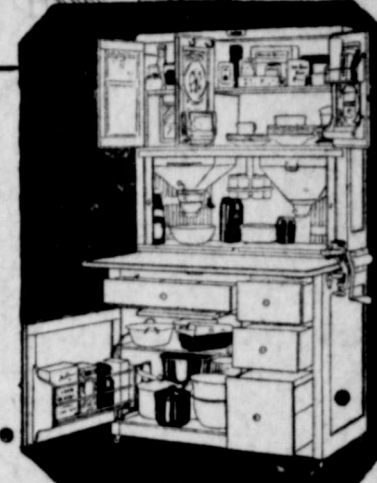


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While we are offering special inducements. Aside from the \$7.50 reduction, makes the Hoosier price considerably under the present market price, and just as cheap as you can expect to buy one in the near future.

Don't do without the greatest convenience it is possible to have in your kitchen. Your wife deserves a Hoosier. Your wife wants a Hoosier. Why not increase the happiness of your home, and buy a Hoosier now?

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At No Extra Cost



Floor Coverings

We are now offering some special inducements on our entire line of floor covering. If you are thinking of Linoleum, it will save money to buy now. Don't wait till cold weather to lay your linoleum, as you get better service from it if laid in warm weather. We have a great variety of patterns both in Linoleum and Congoleum.

All Kinds of Rugs

A good warm rug on your floor will add beauty and comfort to your home. We can save you money on your rugs. We have one of the largest assortments in the west to select from, and our prices are absolutely good.

Mattresses

We have all grades and prices on mattresses. We can sell you a mattress cheaper than you can have one made. Let us show you what we have, and we will convince you that we can save you money on mattresses.

We are selling the famous Sealy mattress at \$40.00, a saving of \$5.00 to you.

You'll find prices throughout our entire store strictly in line with the downward trend

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BUY PROPERTY NOW

Farm and city property values can hardly decline. There is promise of big crops this year. If you intend buying, let us show you now. Doubtless we can save you money.

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Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property.

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THE A. B. C. SUPER ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINE

Washes dainty laces and filmy garments gently and thoroughly. The same washes and cleanses equally well the heavy blankets. Large or small, slightly soiled or really dirty, if soap and water will clean them, the electric washer will do the work quicker, better, cheaper and without destructive rubbing.

Now while it is so hard to get laundry work done, come and let us prove to you that you can afford to own a washer, that you can't not afford to be without one.

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25 Actors, Musicians, Vaudeville Artists, Uniformed BAND, Superb ORCHESTRA, Presenting the

LARGEST and BEST PLAYS. A different one each Night

MONDAY NIGHT—"The Country Boy"

Prices, Adults 40c, Children 25c—including war tax

Doors opened and Band Concert 7 p.m.

Performance begins at 8 p.m.

Any old show can stay one night—it takes a good one to stay a week.

We play at Night Only

The Roll Call.

Mrs. White—Why, what is the matter?

Mrs. Green—My husband did not return home last night and I'm afraid he's starved to death, because he only had \$100 with him.

Troubles of a Small Boy.

A school teacher said to her boys: "Now, I am going to give each of you three buttons. You must think of the first as representing life, the second, liberty, and the third happiness. In three days I want you to produce those buttons and tell me what they stand for." On the appointed day the teacher asked one of the pupils for the buttons. "I ain't got 'em all," he sobbed. "Here's life and here's liberty, but me mither went and sewed happiness on me trousers."

In all malarial countries the popular remedy is Herbine. People find it a good medicine for purifying the system and warding off the disease. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store

Her Specialty

Mrs. Sutton advertised for a woman to do general housework, and in answer a negro girl called, announcing that she had come, for the position.

"Are you a good cook?" asked Mrs. Sutton.

"No, indeed, I don't cook," was the reply.

"Are you a good laundress?"

"I wouldn't do washing and ironin'; it's too hard on the hands."

"Can you sweep?" asked Mrs. Sutton.

"No, was the positive answer. 'I'm not strong enough.'"

"Well," said the lady of the house, quite exasperated, "may I ask what can you do?"

"I dusts," came the placid reply.

When your clothes need cleaning, pressing, repairing or altering, bring them to me, Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailoring Co., Phone 180.

Robin Redbreast Cream Meal \$1.25. Ray at Blair.

In the state of Louisiana the Governor has asked the gins of that state to close down for 30 days in order that the producers might receive a just price for their product. It might be an effective move if participated in by the ginnerers of the entire south. In unity and cooperation there is strength. But as usual, the farmer has ever been unable to unite in any move sufficient to make a strong showing.

Shot Gun Shells, 85 cents. Ray at Blair. It.

I sell three of the best cars in the west for the money, the Essix, Hudson Super six and the Oakland Sensible Six. H. D. Simpson.

Ease the pain of a rheumatic attack by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves tenderness and strengthens the joints. Three sizes, 30, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store Oct.

THE UNAPPRECIATIVE.

Temple Mirror: Harding seems to have Taft, Johnson, Borah and that bunch reconciled, but we believe that State Press of The Galveston-Dallas News and George Bailey of the Houston Post are both peeved at the way he is conducting his campaign.

Wrong as to State Press, The fact is that S. P. doesn't care a continental ding how the Republican nominees, national or State, conduct their campaigns. All that S. P. is entirely durably cer-

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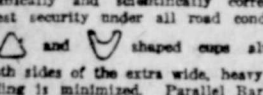
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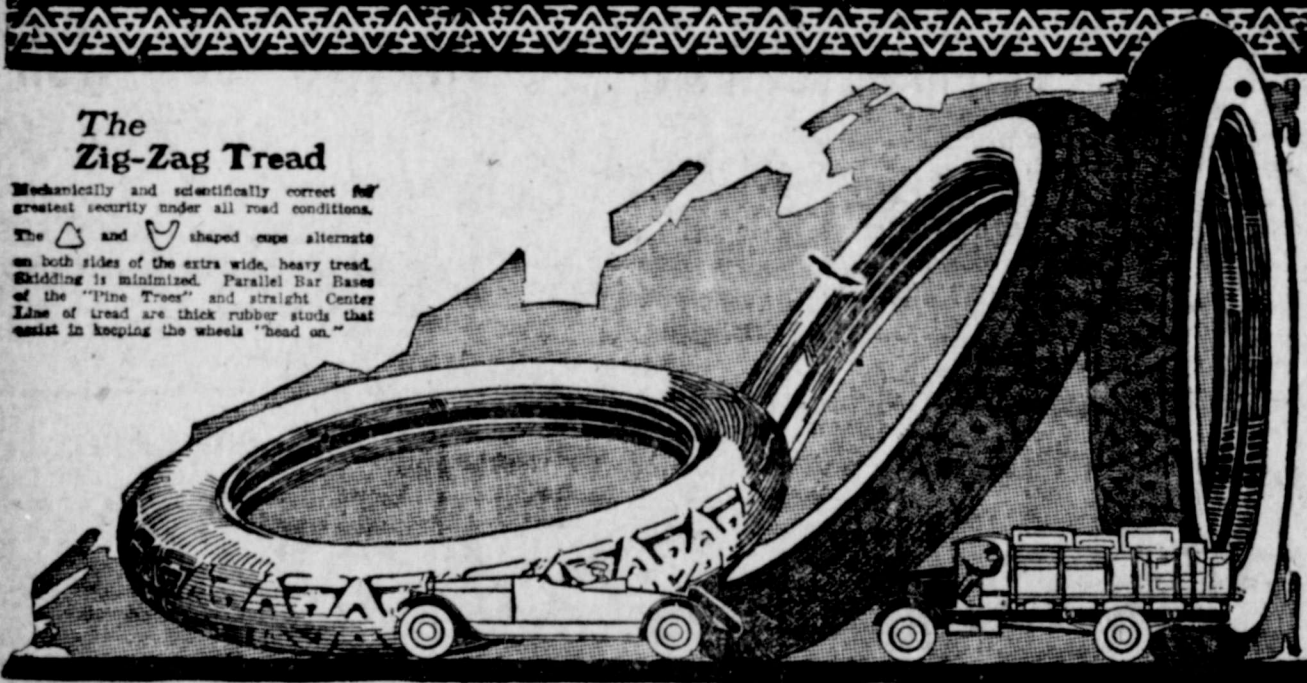
GEM CONFECTIONERY

We are headquarters for, cold drinks, ice cream, fresh fruits, cigars, cigarettes and candies.

We also have secured the agency for the Acme Graphophone and records and will have same on exhibit at the Gem.

The Zig-Zag Tread

Mechanically and scientifically correct for greatest security under all road conditions. The  shaped caps alternate on both sides of the extra wide, heavy tread. Sidelining is minimized. Parallel bar bases of the "Tire Tread" and straight Center Line of tread are thick rubber studs that assist in keeping the wheels "road on."



Three Types of Tires for Three Kinds of Use

YOU don't want a truck motor in a touring car; you use a different oil in the cylinders than in the transmission.

Different conditions must be met differently. That is why Lee builds three types of tires for three kinds of uses. The right type for your purpose is the one built especially for that use.

Consult us on tires. We'll survey the conditions your tires must meet and prescribe the Lee Tire that will serve you best—the Lee Tire that will give you maximum mileage and comfort.

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tain of is his own fealty to the Democratic party, come good or come bad days. He is not the kind here and refer back to it three years from this time. And every flush times without giving the Democrat party a single thank for it, and then at the first ebb of the tide, turn on the party of his inheritance and curse it and its chiefs. State Press may be several kinds of a reprobate, but he is not an ingrate nor a fair weather Democrat. His conviction at this moment is that Senator Harding will be elected President, and he is aware that not a few Texas Democrats will be glad of it. Three years from now or in less time than that, those same gleeful Democrats will be abusing the calico statesman from Marion Ohio, and reviling him for a South-hating, Wall street servant of a senatorial oligarchy. State Press will not be of that number. He will believe the Republican President an honest and well-intentioned man, but he will regard him then as he regards him now, as a man of small personal force, with a subservient mind and a sectionalized viewpoint. If there are any Texas Democrats who look upon the Republican party as a patron of the South as favorable to Southern

agriculture of Southern Commerce, they should stick a pin in it here and refer back to it three years from this time. And every Texan who is now anathematizing the Federal Reserve System may look back from the future date and regret that this vital force in the stabilization of the Nation's business was ever permitted to become organized into an adjunct of the Eastern money power under the auspices of a Republican Administration believing in centralized capital in autocratic hands—Dallas News.



The shelter of your live stock, your implements, at the prices they bring today is an important saving to you each day.

Sheds will pay for them selves over and over again in added weight to livestock, in less food they conserve, in added life to the implements.

We feel that every time we sell you shed lumber you have made money.

A TEXAS WONDER

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



J. S. Burkhead formerly of this city, but for some time a citizen of the thriving and growing city of Eastland, has been here for some time, doing some special brick work for a number of old friends. Mr. Burkhead has considerable property in Merkel and is making improvements and looking after same while in Merkel.

Will Unload two cars of Coal Friday and one Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30. One car of Dawson Fancy Egg and one of Colorado. H. M. Rose & Son. Coal strictly cash. It.

W. D. Butler and wife of route four, were in the city Monday, and while here dropped to this office for a few moments, renewing for the Mail, and for which we are indeed thankful.

Brown bed wide sheeting at 59 cents per yard. A big snap. The Brown Dry Goods Co. It.

We are expecting a car of Light Crust Flour and feed in every day. Bob Martin Grocery Company. It.

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The Place Most People Trade

Pains Were Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Blufford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During ... I was awfully weak ... My pains were terrific. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach ... I simply felt as if life was for but a short time. My husband was worried ... One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took it faithfully and the results were immediate," adds Mrs. Gregory. "I continued to get better, all my ills left me, and I went through ... with no further trouble. My baby was fat and strong, and myself—thank God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

Take Cardui

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While Merkel has several nice up to date Cafe's as are usually found in towns much larger than Merkel, it is retatable, to learn that the Woodrum Hotel is to close its dining room and stop serving meals on the first of the month. Mrs. Collins closed her dining room a short time ago, and now Mrs. Woodrum is to close hers, both of which we feel sure is detrimental to our city. It is to be hoped that there will be some reconsidering with regard to the matter.

Will Unload two cars of Coal Friday and one Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30. One car of Dawson Fancy Egg and one of Colorado. H. M. Rose & Son. Coal strictly cash. It.

The management of the Merkel Mail is indeed thankful to the many who have lately dropped in and either subscribed for the paper or renewed their subscription to same.

We are expecting a car of Light Crust Flour and feed in every day. Bob Martin Grocery Company. It.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned last Saturday from an extended trip through east and north Texas. Their trip included Temple, Belton, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Miss Mamie Ellis arrived first of the week from Dallas, where she attended the Fair.

Some people are popular in church because of the influence of their wealth and social generosity.

Mrs. E. L. Wills and daughter Hettie, returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where they attended the fair.

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Cottoline \$1.90. Ray at Blair 1

C. F. Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton, of Columbus, Ohio, came in last week for a visit to his parents, other relatives and friends here. At present the young Mr. Thornton is employed in the Service Supply Division of the Government, located at Columbus. Prior to this time he had been with the American Army, having a position as trained nurse, in some of the largest hospitals. And by his honesty and efficiency Mr. Thornton has steadily climbed to higher positions in the government service.

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Let all those attending the B. Y. P. U. Halloween social Friday night at Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robinson remember that they must be masked to obtain entrance.

Penn's or Tinsley's Tobacco \$1.10 Ray at Blair. It

The fellow who's been howling for local self government should b shouting his head off for the proposed "Better Schools Amendment", for if that amendment carries, every county school district in th state, not otherwise barred, will have the opportunity of votin just as much or just as little tax upon themselves as they choose In other words, if they want a good school they can have it, while if they had rather not have any school, wishing to raise their children up in ignorance they can have that privilege.

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No doubt the heavy down-pour of rain the first of the week did considerable damage to the cotton crop in this section, but with out further damage, a great crop will be harvested here.

FOR SALE—Slightly used Dodge Touring Car. See Dr. Gam bill. 2t pd

FAMILY REUNION.

At the home of Mr. and . Mrs W. A. Thornton on last Sunday a family reunion was held in hon or of their son C. F. who is here on a visit.

Allmembers of this splendid family were present to enjoy this occasion with the exception of five, there being 18 present counting their sons, daughters, and their children, besides enjoying a fine dinner, a pleasant day was spent socially.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunda School, 10 a. m. . All are welcomed to worship with us.

Mr Chalmer Patterson and Miss Audie Spears of Blair were married last Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. C. C. Dooley performing the ceremony. They will make their home in the Blair Community.

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