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NEW TEACHERS ARE EMPLOYED

Records Show new Pupils Enrolled are from Several other states and Many Points in Texas

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of the Merkel School, two more teachers were added to the faculty to care for the great increase in enrollment since the holidays. There were more than one hundred pupils enrolled since the holidays. Miss Alzada Pogue was employed to care for the new pupils from the third and fourth grades. She and her husband have recently come from Bridge to Merkel to make their home. Miss Ruby Goss was employed to care for the overflow pupils from the fifth and sixth grades. Both above come highly recommended and are living up to recommendations by doing their work to start.

The school is not crowded in the intermediate department and this change, though all the teachers have all that can be cared for. New pupils are beginning to be enrolled. It is to be hoped that the rooms will not become so crowded as to necessitate employment of any more teachers. Already the board has compelled to go the financial committee to care for the increase caused by so many moving to Merkel and their children in the here.

Records of the teachers that these new students to Merkel from Oklahoma, Texas, West Virginia, Colorado and all parts of Texas. These enrollments from everywhere show in a way Merkel's growth this year due to enormous crop and oil elements. Let's give it to them.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry & Gambel, Drug Store.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published, State of Texas, on the 16th day of Jan., 1920.

RESOURCES	
Dis., personal or collateral	\$439,703.79
Real estate	11,042.25
Stocks	32,163.67
Real estate (banking house)	7,850.00
Real estate	706.16
Real estate	4,500.00
Other Banks and Bankers	
Approved Res. Agts. net	362,070.80
Real estate	19,106.41
Real estate	67,596.00
Real estate	3,911.66
Asst. Dep. Guaranty Fund	3,445.73
Unpaid and Bills of Ex.—Cotton	282,075.45
Resources	7,728.24
Total	\$1,238,887.28
LIABILITIES	
Stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund	35,000.00
Undivided profits, net	
Banks and Bankers	
Not to check, net	81,532.27
Deposits sub. to check	1,058,420.11
Certificates of Deposit	17,147.68
Checks	9,372.21
Real estate and Discounts	
Real estate	10,500.00
Real estate	1,495.67
Total	\$1,239,608.03

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
J. S. Swann, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Jan. A. D. 1920.
W. O. Boney
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Attest:
R. O. Anderson } Directors
M. Armstrong }
Sam Swann }

MRS. VANCE FOR CO. TAX ASSESSOR

In the announcement column of the Merkel Mail our readers will find the name of Mrs. Florence Vance, as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

For a number of years Mrs. Vance has been the chief assistant in this office under her husband, and according to those who know of her work has a wonderful record for accuracy and efficiency, and with her four years experience she feels that she is better able to even render more competent service if elected. She is well qualified and thoroughly capable of conducting the affairs of the office with satisfaction to her constituents and credit to herself, and we would respectfully ask our readers to carefully consider her claims when casting your vote for this important office.

S. A. COATS FOR COUNTY COM.

We are authorized to place the name of Mr S A Coats in our announcement column as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of this precinct, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Mr. Coats, is a successful farmer, is well qualified to fill this position with satisfaction to his constituents and honor to himself, and promises his best efforts in conduct of the affairs of the office.

He has been a citizen of the county for 18 years, is fifty-two years old, and has never asked for public office before. He will appreciate your giving his claims fair and impartial consideration before casting your vote for this one of the county's most important positions.

PASS IMPORTANT CITY ORDINANCES

The City Council met in regular session Monday night on January the fifth and passed certain laws regulating sanitation for the City of Merkel, also making the City Health Officer responsible for the inspection, from a sanitary point of view, with authority to enforce these laws by trial thought the Corporation Court of the City.

Dr. R. I. Grimes was elected City Health Physician and City Sanitary Inspector.

All persons receiving notice from him requesting a more thorough attention to the sanitary condition of their premises or any other measure relating to the health situation for the City of Merkel are hereby given notice that he is acting by authority of the City Council of the City of Merkel.

J. J. Stallings, Mayor
G W Johnson, Secretary

Meeting of School Representatives of Taylor Called For January 17.

All the schools in Taylor County that expect to have a basketball team are requested to have a representative at a meeting at the County Superintendents office at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Jan 17. This meeting is called for the purpose of arranging a schedule in basketball. Any school that can not send a representative please notify County Athletic Director, P T Shotwell, Abilene, Texas.

3RD. LYCEUM NO. HERE JAN. 20TH.

On the night of January 20th at eight o'clock the third number of the lyceum course will be given at the High School Auditorium. At this time Geo. C. Aydelott, famous lecturer and entertainer, will deliver his lecture on "The Man for Today". Though he is a good entertainer, this is not his first thought. He is on the platform to bring men, especially young men, to the realization of the great things a man may do in his own community and the world. His lectures are inspiration and full of sound thought. No young man should fail to hear him. His work with the Young Men's Christian Association especially fits him for his task.

The press of the country speak in most commendable terms of his lectures in their towns. At Enid Oklahoma they say of him: "Especially was his lecture an inspiration to the young men and to those whose lives are devoted to the uplift of the boys of our land. His lecture alone was worth the price of a season ticket."

No matter what the weather may be, the auditorium will be made comfortable. Come, and enjoy an hour of rich inspiration. Don't forget the date, Tuesday, January 20th, eight o'clock, at the High School Auditorium. To those not holding season tickets, the single admission price will be fifty cents.

Cleveland Baker was in Eastland on business the first of this week.

Rural orders appreciated and promptly filled by Lowry & Gambel.

Cow Feed at G M. Sharps.
Eat at the Arcade.

ROUTH FOR CO. TAX COLLECTOR

In our announcement column the voters of Taylor county will find the name of J. N Routh, as a candidate for the office of County Tax Collector, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

Mr Routh is too well and favorably known to most of the people of this county to need commendation from us, as he has served them faithfully and efficiently as District Clerk of Taylor County for two terms. He is making the race for Tax Collector strictly upon his merit and splendid record as District clerk, which will add very much to his already splendid qualifications to properly conduct the affairs of the office.

He was principal in the Merkel School during the years 1910-11, and has a host of true friends who really know his worth and ability.

We ask that you kindly consider his claims in making up your choice for this position.

OUR APOLOGIES

Owing to the fact that the Editor was absent from the office for several days since last issue, having gone for our family. And after the usual turmoil and hard work incident to moving, coupled with rain and railroad delays we succeeded in reaching Merkel Wednesday about noon, and as soon as our household effects arrive we will count our selves as full fledged Merkelites.

We trust that you will overlook our short comings of this week, and we will promise you a paper full of more interesting news next week. We shall also enlarge the paper at any time the advertising patronage is sufficient to justify same.

NO. 7481 Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Dec. 31, 1919	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$ 558,810.56
Overdrafts, secured.....None; Unsecured.....None.	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	6,250.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Owned and unpledged	10,236.25
War Saving Cert. and Thrift Stamps actually owned	93.47— 20,079.72
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged	5,361.77
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	1,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	98,941.95
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	323,264.54
Net amounts due from banks, bankers and trust companies	
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 16)	2,071.15
Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17	\$325,335.69
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	9,086.05
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	247.85
Total	\$1,025,176.09
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	18,736.89
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	4,907.55
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies (other than included in Items 29 or 30)	3.20
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	19,201.42
Total of items 30, 31, 32 and 33	\$19,204.62
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	908,844.00
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	3,050.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve	\$911,894.00
Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	13,050.00
Postal savings deposits	1,133.03
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 40, 41, 42 and 43	\$14,183.03
Total	\$1,025,176.09
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:	
I, J. T. Warren, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
J. T. WARREN, President	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Jan., 1920.	
Correct—Attest:—L. R. THOMPSON G. F. WEST, J. T. WARREN Directors	

ELECTS OFFICERS INCREASES CAPITAL

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers State Bank of this city the following officers and directors were elected: President, T. J. Toombs; R. L. Bland and John Sears, Vice-Presidents; R. O. Anderson, Cashier; and F Y Gaither, Assistant Cashier. The Directors elected were H L Propst, R. L Bland, John Sears, M Armstrong, H H Toombs, T J Toombs and R O Anderson.

Another important move by the shareholders, was to increase the capital stock to \$50,000 and also increase the surplus fund to \$50,000.

The officers and directors of this institution are all home men of splendid character and financial standing, and it will no doubt continue to grow and improve and in fact rank among the safest and strongest banks in West Texas.

AUSTIN FITTS OUT FOR RE-ELECTION

We respectfully call our readers attention to the fact that the name of Austin Fitts, present County Treasurer, is placed in our announcement column as a candidate for re-election. Mr. Fitts has served in this position most faithfully and efficiently, and from all reports has a most excellent and enviable record, and with his experience he feels that he is much better qualified to serve the tax payers of Taylor County.

Mr. Fitts was a Merkel business man some years ago, and was quite successful, and at the same time made many lasting and close friends, as is his custom every where.

We kindly ask that our readers give his claims fair and due consideration before casting the vote for this office in the coming Democratic Primary.

BEASLEYS BUY OUT WARREN

Messrs Davis and Robert Beasley have recently purchased the interest of the former partner, Mr. Booth Warren in their Automobile business, and the firm will be known hereafter as Beasley Bros.

Mr Warren's duties as Assistant Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank becoming heavier all the time, he decided to dispose of his interest in this firm, so as to give his entire time to his bank duties.

Beasley Brothers are too well and favorably known to need introduction to this people from us, but we will say that they are live wires and will no doubt continue to succeed in pushing their business to the front. They expect to keep a good stock of their splendid make of cars on hand as near as possible. Also will carry a nice line of Automobile parts and accessories.

Well, "hello" to everybody, I just wanted to let you know that the Quick Service Mattress Factory is now ready to make your old beds over. We will be here for just a few days. Call 189 and let us tell you about the Quick Service Mattress Factory in Merkel Texas.

Rural orders appreciated and promptly filled by Lowry & Gambel.

SAYS THE FIELD HAS BEEN PROVEN

Another Test Going Down near Trent, Also Compliments Merkel Mail upon last Issue

H. L. Houghton, prominent oil man of Texas who is connected with the Security Banking and Investment Company of Fort Worth, is complimenting the last edition of the Merkel Mail also talks as follows about the oil development in the Merkel field:

The Alcester people have completed their organization and are ready to push their drilling project with vigor. We understand this test well will be drilled near Trent, possibly about a mile and a half north and a little east. Mr Houghton further says. "We have proven the field, and I am more confident than ever that we will soon have two good producers, and not it's only a matter of patience and pluck, which we surely possess.

SEARS WELL BREAKING INTO LIME-LIGHT AGAIN

Late reports from the Sears well seven miles northwest of Merkel are the most encouraging that have come from any part of the oil field in many week. That the well has formed a habit of flowing "over the top" every day is the well substantiated report received here from persons in close touch with the situation at the well. A few days ago his flow amounted in one day to 30 or 40 barrels. Last Sunday the well spouted oil for a few minutes at the rate of a barrel a minute sending the crude up into the derrick.

High Grade Crude.
The oil is coming from the sand at around 2,500 feet, rising between the 6 and 8-inch casing. The sand was found some months ago and was known then to give much promise, but the owners, the Securities Banking & Investment Company of Fort Worth, decided to look for bigger pay. The well is now 2,850 feet deep.

The crude from the Sears well is of high grade, especially suited for lubricants. A test made this week gravity of 44, comparable to some of the richest of the Pennsylvania crudes.

The territory about the Sears well is getting and will continue to get some deep tests. The same company's Bland well, four miles west of Merkel, is getting down to an interesting depth.—Texas Oil Ledger.

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1919, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 16th day of Jan., 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$300,965.22
Overdrafts	105.70
Holds and Stocks	5,700.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	12,007.16
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	32,268.23
Cash items	15,706.21
Currency	19,229.00
Specie	575.74
Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund	1,282.10
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.—Cotton	30,249.95
Total	\$324,825.31
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,947.40
Individual Deposits Sub.to Check	283,338.68
Time (certificates of deposit)	125.00
Demand Certificates of Deposits	4,514.23
Total	\$324,825.31

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, W. E. Hammer, as vice pres., and Homer Easterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
W. E. Hammer, Vice President.
Homer Easterwood, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Jan. A. D. 1920.
(SEAL)
L. E. Adrian
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: R. O. Anderson } Directors
J. S. Swann }

STATEMENT Farmers State Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Dec, 31, 1919

RESOURCES	
Commercial Paper.....	\$246,800.00
Other Loans.....	200,946.07—\$447,746.07
U. S. Certificates of Deposit.....	25,000.00
Banking House.....	7,850.00
Other Real Estate.....	706.16
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Stocks, Stamps and Liberty Bonds.....	7,163.67
Interest in Guaranty Fund.....	3,445.73
CASH AND EXCHANGE.....	\$460,200.20
Bills of Ex.—Cotton.....	282,075.45— 742,275.65
	\$1,238,687.28

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus funds, earned.....	35,000.00
Dividends unpaid.....	10,500.00
Reserved for taxes.....	1,438.67
DEPOSITS.....	1,156,748.51
	\$1,238,687.28

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

OFFICERS

T. J. Toombs.....	President
R. L. Bland.....	Vice President
John Sears.....	Vice President
R. O. Anderson.....	Cashier
F. Y. Gaither.....	Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

H. L. Propst.....	R. L. Bland.....	John Sears.....
M. Armstrong.....	H. H. Toombs.....	
T. J. Toombs.....	R. O. Anderson.....	

THE GROWTH OF A BUSINESS

hinges largely upon the quality of service rendered customers. This Bank has many advantages to offer to its customers. Its established policy, which has never changed in the slightest degree, is to place the best interest of its customers ahead of every other consideration.

GUARANTY FUND BANK

Price-Leeman Wedding

It required but a peep out of doors Sunday evening to verify the fact that something of unusual significance was about to happen. Duncan was to join in the excitement of a brilliant society wedding. The recipients of 400 invitations were threading their way to the Methodist church to witness the marriage of Miss Wi Leeman, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Leeman, to Mr. Kenneth Thomas Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Price, thus uniting two prominent families.

Altho the ceremony did not occur until 9 o'clock, at 7 o'clock the ushers, young manly brothers of the bride, found their task completed, as the capacity of the large edifice was taxed to overflowing, and autos were parked for two blocks. The bride was preceded by as long a cortege as a Duncan wedding has ever known—an imposing group of handsome young manhood and beautiful buds of womanhood.

It was a "rainbow" wedding, and the soft pastel colors were reflected in the dainty gossamer gowns and hats of the bridesmaids, and in the transparent little frocks of the fairy flower girls with their art baskets of rose petals which they scattered down the path to the nuptial altar, where they paused beneath a huge white wedding bell whose ribbon streamers they grasped until the close of the ceremony, when a magic pull brought a shower of spowy petals down upon the bride and groom. The bridesmaids halted opposite the groomsmen upon the alter forming a typical rainbow crescent.

Miss Edith Kirby signalled the procession by singing in a sweet, bird-toned voice "O, Promise Me," with Miss Tilla Carter of Fort Worth as accompanist at the piano, after which the enchanting peals of Mendelssohn's wedding march began, skillfully executed by Miss Carter.

With the exception of her years in college, Miss Wi Leeman

has lived in Duncan since babyhood and endeared herself to all by her gracious, lovable character and many accomplishments, and as she came down the aisle leaning upon the arm of her devoted father, she was truly a moving vision of queenly grace in her bridal gown of shining soft satin, with its richly embroidered design on panel and court train in crystal beads, enveloped by the mist-like veil which fell from a rare duchess lace cap and wreath of orange blossoms. The bridal bouquet was a shower of bride's roses and Formosa fern buds dangling at intervals in the tulle and ribbon streamers.

They were met at the altar by Rev. N. A. Phillips, the expectant happy groom and his best man, Mr. Wesley Hite, a student of the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Miss Maude Oliver, maid of honor, and Mrs. M. C. Houston, matron of honor. The impressive ring ceremony was used, while the piano dropped into a soft love-breathing strain. Petite Allene Wright bore the ring, hidden in the heart of a rose, while the tiny train bearer, little Sammie Nell Jones looked like a dainty bisque doll.

The personell of the party was; Bridesmaids: Misses Marcelle Jones, Edna Stuard, Frances Gordon, Edna Burch and Faye Biffle, Waurika; Thelma McCambell of Fort Worth; Moselle Price and Lorena Grooms, Duncan.

Groom's attendants: Messers Jack Turnage Waurika; Gilbert Bond, Hughes B. Davis, Jack Atkins, Joe Tillerson, Lee Cates, Meador Tillerson and Ernest Porter, Duncan.

Flower girls: Mary Jim Price, Ruth Morris, Helen Sittin, Helen Jackson, Drue Stansell and Louise Dicken.

A few friends joined the party and relatives after the ceremony at the home of Mr and Mrs Leeman to enjoy a delicious fruit punch and the huge bride's cake. Cutting for the hidden symbols caused much merriment. The glittering array of presents from far and near were intensely admired and will find their way to

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business December 31, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand.....	\$468,269.05
Cotton Loans.....	90,541.51
Stock in Federal Reserve.....	1,500.00
Other Real Estate.....	10,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
United States Securities.....	25,441.40
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
CASH AND IN BANKS.....	433,363.69
Total.....	\$1,024,928.24

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	48,396.59
Circulation.....	6,250.00
DEPOSITS.....	945,281.65
Total.....	\$1,024,928.24

I certify the above statement is correct.

L. R. Thompson, Active Vice President

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President.....	G. F. West, Vice President.....
L. R. Thompson, Vice President.....	
J. T. Warren.....	C. P. Warren.....
G. F. West.....	Henry James.....
	L. R. Thompson.....

LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs L R Angus have returned to Fort Worth.

Put your funds in a National Bank.

Mr and Mrs Mose Cauthen gone to visit friends at Clyde

Dr Johnson, Dentist has offices with Dr M Armstrong.

J M Porterfield of Deport is visiting in Merkel this week

Tanlac for sale at Lowry & Gambel's.

J. P. Hutchins has been real sick for the past two weeks. He is slowly improving at last reports.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

A J Hartley is visiting relatives in Collin County. Mrs Hartley, who has been there some time will return home with him.

C. & C. Market, Phone No. 25, for your meat. It will be delivered to your home. See my advertisement in this paper.

Beloe Ellis of Lamar Co. is here visiting his brother, V E Ellis and looking over the country.

You are invited to become sharers in the fine service offered by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry & Gambel, Drug Store.

No Great Act of Heroism Required.

If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring, out when it is only necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indication of croup appears, there are many who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within the reach of all and is prompt and effectual.

EXTRA VALUES

We are making reductions on all Men's and Boy's Suits. These Suits are all Wool and we have any Color and Style you may want both for young and old.

Ladies Coats and Suits

LADIES! Don't forget we are making reductions on all ladies Coats and Suits. We have a large stock to select from, any material you may wish.

We can save you money because we buy our goods for cash and sell for cash

One Price to All

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

a cozy little home in Duncan where Mr. Price enjoys a relative position as a prominent architect.

This was the culmination childhood's sweetest dreams, with love and youth, they rich indeed. May life's vicissitudes deal gently with these happy hearts, and health and happiness be their constant companions.

Out of town guests were: and Mrs. F. H. Herring, of Fort Worth; Judge and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Miss Ila Jones, Mrs. Lawrence Jones, Mrs. Stue Mrs. Carter and Dorrance Cliff of Waurika. —Duncan Banner

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been used by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood, the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will get great improvement in your health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Mrs Earl Diltz and daughter Phala, have returned to Waukegan, Oklahoma, after spending holidays with Mr and Mrs Compton and Mr and Mrs Diltz.

C. & C. Market, Phone No. 25, for your meat. It will be delivered to your home. See my advertisement in this paper.

The Best Cough Medicine When a druggist finds that his customers all speak well of certain preparation, he forms a good opinion of it and when he needs such a medicine is almost certain to use it himself and his family. This is why so many druggists use and recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. J. B. Jones, a well known druggist of Cubrun, Ky., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family the seven years, and have found it to be the best cough medicine I have ever known."

FORCED SALE!

In order to make room for our immense stock of new spring merchandise, which is arriving daily, we are going to sell every item in the store at a

Discount of 25 Per Cent

We are going to quote only a few items that are reduced as space won't permit listing every article

\$40.00 Coat Suits.....	\$30.00
37.50 Coat Suits.....	28.00
30.00 Coat Suits.....	22.50
22.50 Coat Suits.....	15.00
\$25.00 Ladies coats.....	\$15.90
25.00 Ladies dresses.....	18.75
\$50.00 Mens suits.....	\$37.50
40.00 Mens suits.....	30.00
35.00 Mens suits.....	26.25
30.00 Mens suits.....	22.50
\$16.50 Mens Shoes, special.....	\$11.50
15.00 Mens shoes, special.....	10.25
10.00 Mens shoes, special.....	7.50

On our counters you will find one lot of mens shoes, well worth \$5 and \$6 per pair, marked down to.....	\$3.15
\$10.00 Mens Sweaters.....	\$5.90
5.00 Mens Sweaters.....	3.50
4.00 Mens Sweaters.....	3.00
\$10.00 Ladies Silk Sweaters.....	\$7.50
\$5 and \$6 ladies half wool and silk sweaters.....	\$3.90
\$10.00 Stetson Hats.....	\$7.50
9-4 Pepperell Sheeting, special, per yard.....	79c
\$6.00 Mens overshirts.....	\$4.50
\$20.00 Mens over coats.....	\$12.90

Those who have traded with us before know something of how much they can save by trading with us. Every item in our store is reduced

The Economy Store

S. POLTRYU AND DAIRY

By R. Kenneth Evans.)
The last two years was a hard one for the chickens and turkeys in the Merkel country; ordinarily all of the farmers have large flocks of chickens, and heavy shipments leave Merkel for El Paso and Douglas, Arizona, so the past few weeks; in it has been falling off for some time.
There are several reasons for this decline.
The reason was that during the dry spell the farmers did not have the feed, and did not think it better part of thrift to purchase high priced food stuff to feed their chickens. The shipments then were very small, and since it has gradually fallen off until at the present time it is practically nothing.
The immediate reason for the falling off of what was left is the cotton picker is living on the chickens. The growers are sending their chickens to the cotton pickers and it is taking what was left of the previous shortage. However much breeding stock has been left and next year will be a big increase in the price of chickens; for this is a wonderful poultry section of the great southwest; there are fewer diseases to combat with; it takes less shelter than in other climates there are several flocks of chickens in this section now; but there will be no heavy shipments at now that feed stuff is plentiful next spring the Merkel country will be eating hen fruit, fried chicken again.
Despite the fact that other sections of the new farming districts of the southwest, the Mercurio farmers—and the city of them are thrifty, and the advantage of having a flock of chickens, a few and a good milk cow or so, is the real farm life—and the best way to cut the high cost of living.
The prominent strain of chickens raised in this vicinity is the Rhode Island Red; it is that before the slump in chickens, that there were more

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out, and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

"More than 300 papers have suspended within the last six months, with more quitting business and closing their doors every day," says the Roysse City News-Times, "and all on account of the scarcity and high cost of newsprint." Publishers who wish to avoid disaster must make substantial advances in subscription and advertising rates. There is no other alternative.—Ft. Worth Record.

We were glad to have a call one day this week from our fellow townsman, and splendid citizen, Mr S P Martin, who is now reaching the seventy's but still hale and hearty for a gentleman of that age. He has also been one of the pioneers of the Merkel country, having come here near thirty years ago, and has witnessed the great development of the country.

J. C. MASON WRITES

Merkel, Texas Jan 13, 20
Editor Merkel Mail:

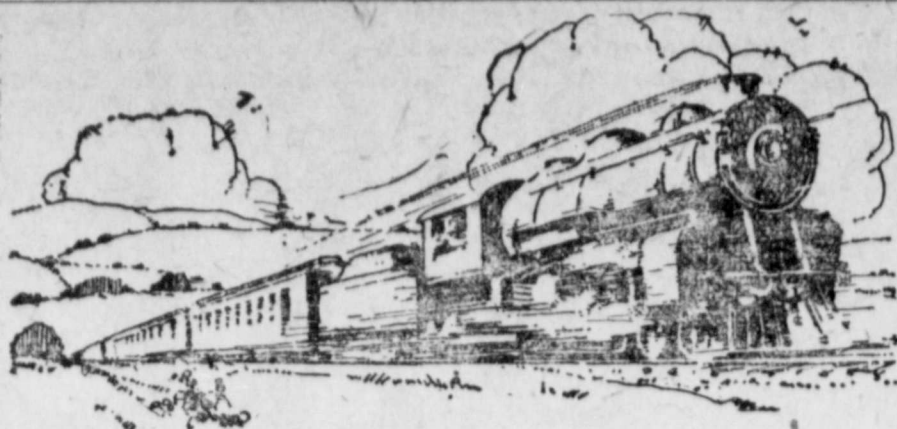
I note what was said last week through your valuable paper about a Cotton Seed Oil Mill at Merkel, and quoted the writer to some extent, and for that reason, I take the privilege of imposing on you to the same extent, by saying, you are quite right in all you said about the good an Oil Mill would do for Merkel and this splendid country.

In 1902, I lived in a town of 500 inhabitants, with no banks or brick buildings in the place. 14 miles from any Railroad. We conceived the idea that we needed an Oil Mill, so we, the farmers and merchants of that little town joined our forces together and built an Oil Mill of 40 Ton Capacity, and it is still running and is not only proud to be a good investment to the individual, but was also one of the greatest assets to that town. More than any other business of the town. Banks and stores not excepted. We now have in the town mentioned two good banks, 12 good stores, all brick buildings and a \$255.00 School house, a railroad and this was all brought about an account of the Oil Mill. Lands and property trebled in value in six months after the Mill begun operations. That Mill cost \$42,000, then and can't be bought today for less than \$85,000 and all stock holders have received their stock back in dividends.

If Deport with 500 inhabitants, off of any railroad, can build and operate an oil mill, why not Merkel with all her wealth and population build an -85,000 Mill.

Since the notice appeared in the Mail of last week about the Cotton Seed Oil Mill at Merkel, quite a number of people, both farmers and business men have been inquiring about the matter and are anxious to take stock in same. It seems to be just what Merkel needs and the people want. What shall we do about it.

J C Mason.



Out of accumulated capital have arisen all the successes of industry and applied science, all the comforts and ameliorations of the common lot. Upon it the world must depend for the process of reconstruction in which all have to share.
—JAMES J. HILL

The Successful Farmer Raises Bigger Crops

and cuts down costs by investment in labor-saving machinery.

Good prices for the farmers' crops encourage new investment, more production and greater prosperity.

But the success of agriculture depends on the growth of railroads—the modern beasts of burden that haul the crops to the world's markets.

The railroads—like the farms—increase their output and cut down unit costs by the constant investment of new capital.

With fair prices for the work they do, the railroads are able to attract new capital for expanding their facilities.

Rates high enough to yield a fair return will insure railroad growth, and prevent costly traffic congestion, which invariably results in poorer service at higher cost.

National wealth can increase only as our railroads grow.

Poor railroad service is dear at any price. No growing country can long pay the price of inadequate transportation facilities.

*This advertisement is published by the
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Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

FOR SALE—Avery stalk cutter in good condition. See L ee D. Williams. 16t2p

FOR SALE—One pair of seven year old mules, and one pair of mares. Sam Butman.

Best eats at the Arcade.

FOR SALE—A good five passenger Ford Car. Will take a good fresh milk cow in on deal. See J. B. Early. 1 mile north of Blair, Texas 16t2p

WANTED—Some one to clean out a dug well. J. R. Hester. 1tp

C. & C. MARKET

NEW MEAT SERVICE

To the good people of Merkel we wish to Announce that we are now prepared to deliver your meat to your homes. The price is the same as before and the meat is the best that money can buy. We will appreciate your business and are prepared to take care of your orders on 30 days time.

Crouch & Sons

Phone : 25

FOR SALE—Pair work mules. R L Bland 16t1c

FOR SALE—Eight head of good young Percheron mares 3 to 6 years old, weight from 1300 to 1500 pounds. Also 22 head of good young mules mostly 3 years old and ready for the harness. Priced to sell, in spans of two or more. B R Knox, West Side Square, Sweetwater, Texas.

LOST—Light off ord car. Reward. W O Boney. 16t1c

HULLS-HULLS—Car of hulls right away. T J R Swafford. Phone 291 16t2c

FOR SALE—Car of nice jersey milk cows, located at the Jacobs place north of Merkel. Tom Laragout & Jinks Winters. 16t1f

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr O F McMaster, Port Lavaca, Texas.

FOR SALE—My 200 acre farm 5 miles west of Merkel. W H Stamps, Sweetwater, Texas 3tc

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday With The Baptist

Sunday school Sunday morning at 10. We are again qualified for the A-1 Standard. This makes three years that this school has maintained this standard and we are now looking forward to the double A-1 standard. Come and help us make our Sunday school better. Preaching by the pastor both morning and evening. Morning subject, "Doing Exploits." Evening subject, "Lots Mistake." Juniors 3:30. BYPU at 5. Teachers meeting Monday 7:30. Ladies meet in circles Tuesday afternoon. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 pm

In the Sunday morning we will have the installation of Officers for the year.

It is hoped that we may have a full attendance at this service, if the weather permits as it is one of the most important services of the year.

Ira L Parrack Pastor.

Elder Dave Black of Tharp Springs a brother of our townsman, Jim Black, preached for the North Side Church last Sunday. His sermon was enjoyed by all.

M L Vaughn of Abilene will preach for the North Side Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear him.

W G Cypert.

B. Y P. U Program Jan 18... Subject, Four Great Truths. Leader, Ruby Campbell Introduction, Leader.

Without Christ We are Lost. Ola Sharp

God Loves Us in Spite of Our Sins, Pearl Tompkins.

Special Music, Lula B Sharp.

Jesus Died for us, Joe Riney.

We are Saved by Trusting in Jesus Willie Swann.

Conclusion.

Harris-Blackwell Wedding

One of the most important weddings in sometime yet, one characterized by simplicity, took place at the Blackwell home 3 miles northwest of Merkel at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 11, 1920, when Miss Annie Blackwell became the bride of Mr Hubert Harris. Though to some the day seemed gloomy and unpleasant, but it did not impair the joy of the happy young couple, but rather, to them, the happiness of the occasion seemed to brighten the day into one of splendor. Shortly after the wedding the bride and groom drove to the home of Mr and Mrs W A Harris, where a splendid supper awaited them. They, together with all that were there enjoyed the supper very much.

Both Mr and Mrs Harris are social leaders in the community and they have a host of friends who wish them a long happy and successful voyage on the sea of matrimony.

Mr Harris has been with his father on the farm, but we do not know what his plans for the future are.

There are many friends who know and love that wish for them much happiness.

at the Arcade.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion
No ad. taken for less than 15c

WANTED—A man to cut cord wood at \$2.00 per cord Sam Butman, Sr., 5tf

FOR SALE—Good milk cow well freshen not later than Jan. 15 price \$100.00 would like to sell soon. See Julia Popham R. R. No. 2, Box 4, Trent, Texas.

See our Pathe Phonograph Indestructible Records. Lowry & Gamble's

FOR SALE—Three seeder attachment for Disk Harrow Earl Lassiter 2t pd.

FOR SALE—A Shetland Pony See Earl Lassiter. 2t pd.

SYRUP—The best East Texas Ribbon Cane syrup that money will buy at W T Daniels Confectionary. 9t3p

75 RED COWS FOR SALE—Many good milkers, will sell any amount wanted by farmers. This is your chance to stock up and eat out your fields. See Will Butman.

FOR SERVICE—Full blooded bull, \$2.00. Tell your boys. J H Craig.

WANTED—To rent 100 acres of land. Prefer it in cotton. Apply at Mail.

COAL AND WOOD—Have limited quantity wood, dry or green. Expecting supply of coal. T J Swafford. Phone 219 9t

FOR SALE—Wagon and team T J R Swafford. Phone 291.

WANTED—Man with small family to work on farm a ranch by the month. Sam B man

FOR SALE—I have several hundred bushels of Texas Red Rye proof oats, that tested 33 pounds to the bushel, at 90 cents a bushel. W. D Haynes. 16t

FOR SALE—A good young jersey milk cow. H L Props 10t

WRIGLEYS

For mother, father, the boys and girls. It's the sweet for all ages—at work or play.

When you're nervous or tired, see how it refreshes!

The Flavor Lasts

WRIGLEYS DOUBLE MINT CHEWING GUM

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Best Investment in The World

There is but one crop of land. That is being rapidly harvested. Land offers the best investment today. Tomorrow it will be worth many times as much money.

Land don't burn up, it rarely ever depreciates in value, but every year it usually increases in value.

You have money to invest. You want it invested in a safe proposition. Buy land.

We have 100 acres at \$35 an acre.

See that 180 acres, with all lease and royalty, every acre good tillable land. This is an exceptional bargain.

80-acre tract near Merkel. Not rented. Can give possession. Small payment and easy terms.

We have several other attractive buys. If you contemplate buying, see us. We can save you money.

Our sales for the week runs high into the thousands of dollars.

See us for best bargains.

Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic
gives vitality and energy by purifying and
regulating the blood. You can soon feel its strength-
invigorating effect. Price 60c.

FORCED SALE!

In order to make room for our immense stock of new spring merchandise, which is arriving daily, we are going to sell every item in the store at a

Discount of 25 Per Cent

We are going to quote only a few items that are reduced as space won't permit listing every article

\$40.00 Coat Suits.....	\$30.00
37.50 Coat Suits.....	28.00
30.00 Coat Suits.....	22.50
22.50 Coat Suits.....	15.00
\$25.00 Ladies coats.....	\$15.90
25.00 Ladies dresses.....	18.75
\$50.00 Mens suits.....	\$37.50
40.00 Mens suits.....	30.00
35.00 Mens suits.....	26.25
30.00 Mens suits.....	22.50
\$16.50 Mens Shoes, special.....	\$11.50
15.00 Mens shoes, special.....	10.25
10.00 Mens shoes, special.....	7.50

On our counters you will find one lot of mens shoes, well worth \$5 and \$6 per pair, marked down to.....	\$3.15
\$10.00 Mens Sweaters.....	\$5.90
5.00 Mens Sweaters.....	3.50
4.00 Mens Sweaters.....	3.00
\$10.00 Ladies Silk Sweaters.....	\$7.50
\$5 and \$6 ladies half wool and silk sweaters.....	\$3.90
\$10.00 Stetson Hats.....	\$7.50
9-4 Pepperell Sheeting, special, per yard.....	79c
\$6.00 Mens overshirts.....	\$4.50
\$20.00 Mens over coats.....	\$12.90

Those who have traded with us before know something of how much they can save by trading with us. Every item in our store is reduced

The Economy Store

S. POLTRYU AND DAIRY

By R. Kenneth Evans.)

The last two years was a hard one for the chickens and turkeys in the Merkel country; ordinarily all of the farmers have large flocks of chickens, and heavy shipments leave Merkel for El Paso and Douglas, Arizona, so the past few weeks; in fact it has been falling off for some time.

There are several reasons for this decline.

The reason was that during the dry spell the farmers did not feed, and did not think the better part of thrift to purchase high priced food stuff to feed their chickens. The shipments then were small, and since it has gradually fallen off until at the present time it is practically nothing.

The immediate reason for the falling off of what was left is the cotton picker is living on chicken. The growers are sending their chickens to the cotton pickers and it is taking what was left of the previous shortage.

However much breeding stock has been left and next year will be a big increase in the tribe of poultry; for this is a wonderful poultry section of the great southwest; there are fewer diseases to combat with; it takes less shelter than in other climates; there are several flocks of chickens in this section now; but there will be no heavy shipments at now that feed stuff is plentiful next spring the Merkel poultry will be eating hen fruit, fried chicken again.

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DOG TAX NOTICE

Every person that owns or keeps a dog in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel must pay the tax on it. One dollar for each dog and two dollars for each bitch. Please call at the office of G W Johnson and pay the dog tax and get a tag.

All parties that have not paid their street tax can pay it to G W Johnson, there is no exemption for discharged soldiers boys some seem to think. If you don't pay you will be required to work the streets five days. There is a penalty of \$10 on all tax not paid before the first of February J Stallings, Mayor.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry & Gambel, Drug Store.

The Arcade gives service.

PROFESSIONAL

DR. GAMBILL

—D-e-n-t-i-s-t—

Office Hours 8—12 a.m.; 1—5 p.m.
Over Woodroof-Bragg Co.
Office Phone 116

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Over Woodroof-Bragg Company
Physician and Surgeon
Eyes Tested and Glasses
General Practice

DR N. J. SMITH

Physician and Surgeon

Office hours 10 to 12 a. m. 2 to 5 p. m.
Phones 105-163. Res. 237

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Insurance—Notary Public
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Merkel —:— Texas

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Real Estate, Fire, Accident and
Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.
Office over Crown Hardware Co.
Merkel —:— Texas

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Merkel and Abilene, Texas
Office in rear Farmers
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Ladies and Gents Work.
All Work Guaranteed
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Surgeon Dentist

Over Farmers State Bank
Office Phone 306

E. D. COATS

Real Estate, Oil Stock, And
Notary Public
Represent Pocahuntas Lease and
Royalty Co. of Dallas
Front St. over Geo West.
Building

Farmers & Merchant Nat-
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mission to increase their capital
\$25000. to \$50000.

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FORDS FOR SALE

We have plenty of them Brand
920 Model, with and with-
out starters. I receive from 3 to
4 loads a week and can deliv-
er one any time you come.
Pickens Burton 1415 Pat-
terson Ave. Dallas Texas 1244c

COZY THEATRE

Friday January 16

A FOX FEATURE

WITH

Gladys Brockwell

IN

"The Call of the Soul"

also

2 REEL SHUNSHINE COMEDY

Saturday, January 17

Paramount Program

With

BRYANT WASHBURN

IN

"Love Insurance"

also

2 Reel Paramount-Sennette Comedy

Monday, January 19

Smashing Barriers No. 7

ALSO

A 2-Reel O. Henry Story

and

Big "V" and Mutt & Jeff Comedies

Tuesday, January 20

Paramount Program

with

Marguerette Clark

IN

"Out of a Clear Sky"

ALSO

2 Reel Paramount-Sennett Comedy

Wednesday, January 21

Vitagraph Feature

WITH

BESSIE LOVE

IN

"The Wishing Ring Man"

ALSO

2-Reel Vitagraph Comedy

Thursday, January 22

Metro Feature

with

BERT LYTELL

IN

"The Blind Man's Eye"

ALSO

Good Comedy

We now have a good supply of
Refined Oil and Gasoline.

We have quite a few cars of
coal now in transit and sincerely
hope that we will soon be able
to give better service.

H. M. Rose & Son.

C. & C. Market, Phone No. 25,
for your meat. It will be delivered
to your home. See my adv in this
paper.

Tanlac for sale at Lowry &
Gambel's,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements
are made subject to the action
of the Democratic Primary in
July, 1920.

District Offices \$15.00
County Offices \$12.50
Precinct Offices \$8.00

For County Judge:

W B. Oliver.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider

County Commissioner.

S. A. (Sid) Coats.

Tax Collector:

J. N. Routh.

Tax Assessor:

Mrs Florence Vance

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

See our Pathe Phonograph
Indestructable Records. Lowry
& Gambel's

GROCERY ANNOUNCEMENT

We take pleasure in announc-
ing to the good people of Merkel
and the surrounding country
that we now have our new gro-
cery store open and ready for
business. And while our stock is
not yet quite complete, we have
a supply of many of the staples,
and within a short time we will
be prepared to serve you with
the best and freshest there is in
the Grocery line.

We will appreciate a share of
your business, and hope by
square dealing and efficient ser-
vice to merit same.

We will also pay highest price
the market will afford for all
country produce. Come in to see
us, get acquainted, give us a trial
and be convinced that it will pay
you to buy your groceries from
us.

Respectfully,
Bradshaw & Sublett.

You are invited to become shar-
ers in the fine service offered by
the Farmers and Merchants
National Bank.

Cotton seed meal at G M Sharps

TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY VOTERS

The Legislature of the State
of Texas having removed all re-
strictions off married ladies giv-
ing them the legal privilege of
holding any public position I am
hereby making my announce-
ment in the Merkel Mail for the
office of State and County As-
sessor of Texas.

My four years experience as
Assistant Assessor will amply
qualify me for the important po-
sition to which I aspire. In Nine-
teen Hundred and Seventeen and
Eighteen I made the Non-resi-
dent Tax Roll which includes all
non-resident property owners,
Banks, Railroads, Telephones,
Telegraphs and Pipe lines, valua-
tion Four and one-half million
dollars. It required twenty thou-
sand calculations for each year.
In Nineteen Hundred and nine-
teen I made both the non-resi-
dent and the resident rolls, valua-
tion fourteen and one-half mil-
lion dollars, necessitating fifty-
two thousand calculations. All
the above work passed the ex-
pert Accountants of the Compt-
rollers Department at Austin
without a single correction. By
the aid of a long carriage type-
writer making all three copies of
the Roll at once the above work
was possible. I am forty-one
years of age now and have
lived in Taylor County twenty
years, my fidelity to the princi-
ples of Justice and Righteous-
ness and also to my blind hus-
band are open before you, in
view of this I have no hesita-
tion in appealing to the justice loving
tax payers of Taylor County to
seriously consider my claim be-
fore casting your vote.

Respectfully,

(Mrs) Florence Vance.

FROSTPROOF CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE

Cabbage plants postpaid, at
\$2.50 per 1000. Cabbage plants
express collect, \$2.00 per 1000.
Ask price large quantity, all va-
rieties.

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Don't You Forget It.

Bear in mind that Chamber-
lain's Tablets not only move the
bowels but improve the appetite
and strengthen the digestion.
They contain no pepsin of other
digestive ferment but strength-
en the stomach and enable it to
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Best eats at the Arcade.

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Our coal is now coming in.
We are adding one more
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9 Days of Stock-Reducing and Money-Raising Sale

We find after invoicing that our stock is much larger than we care to carry over and we must reduce same to a minimum before the arrival of large spring purchases, which have already begun to move from the factory

Regardless of Present Day Values we are going to Reduce Stock

Many articles quoted here were bought by us some months ago and will in many cases represent one hundred per cent saving

BIG VALUES IN OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT

Shoes are bound to be higher and prices quoted here are very much below whole sale values today.

\$16.50 Mens Fine dress shoes \$12.95
15.00 Mens Fine dress shoes 11.95
12.50 Mens Fine dress shoes 10.50
10.00 Mens Fine dress shoes 7.98
7.50 Mens Fine dress shoes 5.95

\$15.00 Ladies fine dress shoes \$11.95
13.50 Ladies fine dress shoes 9.98
12.50 Ladies fine dress shoes 8.95
11.00 Ladies fine dress shoes 7.95
10.00 Ladies fine dress shoes 7.49
8.50 Ladies fine dress shoes 6.95
7.50 Ladies fine dress shoes 5.95
6.50 Ladies fine dress shoes 4.95
5.00 Ladies fine dress shoes 3.98

One big lot ladies and childrens pumps and strap oxfords in values up to 7.50 now on special sale at \$3.49

MENS SHIRT SPECIALS

\$12.50 Mens Silk Shirts \$9.98
10.00 Mens Silk Shirts 7.98
7.50 Mens Silk Shirts 5.95
6.50 Mens Silk Shirts 4.95
\$5.00 Mens dress shirts 4.15
\$4.00 -4.50 Mens dress shirts 3.49
\$3.00-3.50 Mens dress shirts 2.49
\$2.50 Mens dress shirts 1.98
\$2.00 Mens dress shirts 1.49
\$1.50-1.75 Mens dress shirts 1.29

Special 10% discount on Mens pants and clothing.

20 per cent off on all Ladies Coats, Coat Suits, Skirts, and Wollen Dresses.

BIG REDUCTION IN OUR STAPLES DEPARTMENT

One lot 36 inch bleach domestic, our regular price 35 cents per yard. January Clearance sale price 25c

One lot 36 inch brown Sea Island domestic well worth 25 cents on sale now at 15c

One lot 40 inch Sea Island domestic well worth 40 cents per yard on this sale at 25c

One lot 36 inch Brown L. L. Domestic well worth 25 c per yard on sale now at 15c

One lot heavy shirting cheviots well worth 25 cents per yard. On sale now 29c

DRESS GOODS REDUCTION

\$2.75 Crepe-De-Chine 40 inches wide in pink, white, black, rose, etc., on sale at \$2.29

\$2.75 yard wide chiffon taffeta all colors including black on sale at \$2.29

\$5.00 Fine dress satin in all desirable colors on sale at \$3.98

SPECIAL—20% Discount on all Ladies Silk and Crepe Waists and Dresses.

One lot \$25.00 Mens Overcoats at this sale special price \$17.95

35 cent best grade percales yard wide on sale now at 29c

One lot mens dress hats in values up to \$5.00 on special sale at \$2.49

One lot mens pajamas and night shirts in \$3.50 values reduced to \$2.69

EXTRA SPECIAL—One table of ladies fine dress shoes in values up to \$15. on this special clearance sale at \$6.98

BIG TOWEL SPECIALS

Just received big shipment of Turkish towels that go in the sale.

\$1.75 values on sale at \$1.39
\$1.25 values on sale at 89
\$1.00 values on sale at 79

BIG BLANKET SPECIALS

One lot heavy wool nap blankets in plaid and solids regular price \$7.50. Our January sale price only 5.98

One lot heavy cotton blankets in values up to \$10.00. Our sale price only \$6.95

One lot woolen blankets in values to \$15. Special sale price \$11.95

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UNION SUITS

\$3.00 union suits \$2.35
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2.00 union suits 1.59
1.50 union suits 1.29
1.25 union suits 83c

GREAT SALE OF MENS HATS

One lot mens and boys hats in values up to \$5.00 special sale price \$2.49

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See our Pathe Phonograph Indestructable Records. Lowry & Gamble's

Rev and Mrs J B Parrack of Ralls, Texas are visiting their son, Rev Ira L Parrack and family.

The Farmers & Merchant National Bank have applied for permission to increase their capital from \$25000, to \$50000.

Will Merritt has resigned his position at the Farmers State Bank and accepted a position with the Texas State Bank at Fort Worth. He will be at the home of his brother, Ben, who resides at Handley.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

Mrs Frank Sears and daughter, Miss Mossie, have returned from an extended trip to Chilacotha, where they visited relatives. Mrs Touchstone and baby returned with them. They report a delightful time

Frank Orr of Tenn., and also Will Orr of Putnam has been visiting relatives here this week

NOTICE—Turn your coal oil stoves into gas stove, burn coal oil. The burner does the work. Let me test it in your own range or heater. Mr Baker. Phone 269

FOR SALE—One sow and pigs. \$75. gets the bunch. H M Rose.

To the Dyspeptic

Would you not like to feel that your stomach trouble are over, that you can eat any kind of food that you crave? Consider then the fact that Chamberlain's Tablet have cured others—why not you. There are many who have been restored to health by taking these tablets and can now eat any kind of food that they crave.

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It is our Custom not to carry ready-to-wear from one season to another, and since we have a few dozen Coats, dresses, and suits left you can buy them for the next ten days at less than wholesale cost.

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One dozen Ladies and Misses left-over suits, out of style but good materials that can be worked over. Values up to \$20.00 while they last at **\$4.98**
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Progressive farmers by their cotton seed culled for planting purposes. We are now running our culler so bring in seed and have them culled. Mason & Ragan

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We take great pleasure in announcing to our friends and public in general, that we have purchased the W H Laney Market and will appreciate share of your business. We expect to furnish you the best there is to be had in every market. We will also buy your fat hogs and cattle, and pay all the market will afford. PATTERSON BROS

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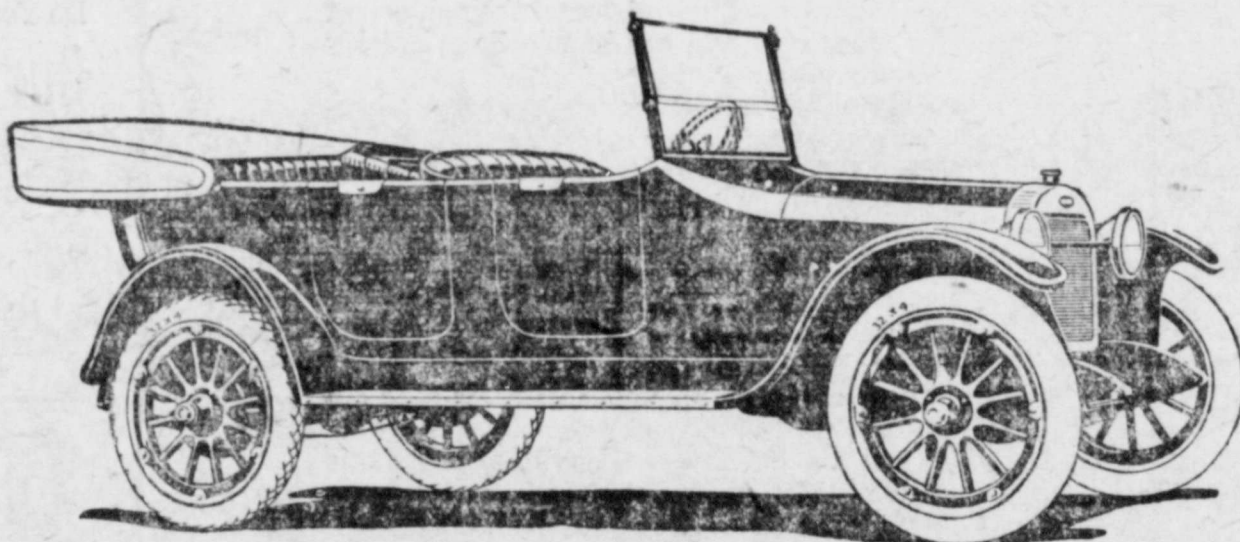
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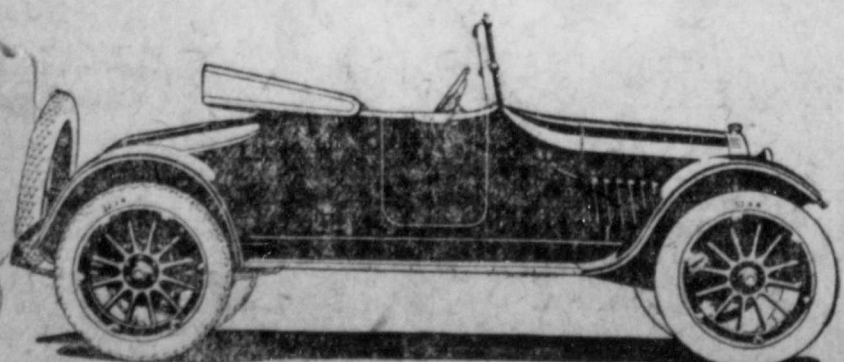
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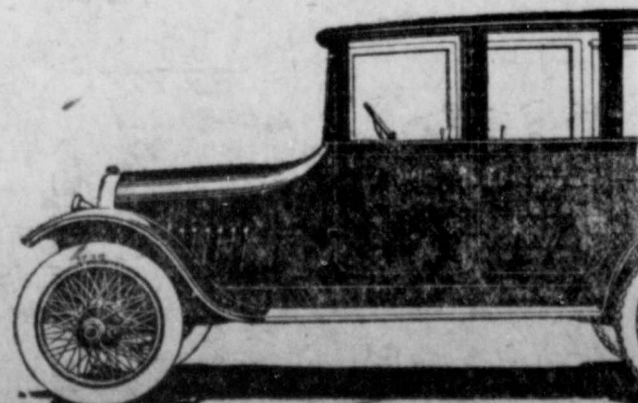
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