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## OUTLOOK BRIGHT SAYS NEWYORKER

The following telegram sent from New York by Murry Carleton, president of the Carleton Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis to his house was in turn transmitted to W. D. Woodroof of this place and gives the views of Mr. Carleton who has been in the east studying the war situation since the first declaration of war.

New York Ny. Aug. 11th 1914.  
W. D. Woodroof,  
Merkel, Texas.

There is no visible or real cause for anxiety regarding the further improvement of general business conditions. This view is the result of many interviews with leading merchants and bankers, all of whom are optimistic and cheerful and regard the measures of prevention taken some days ago as having brought confidence to all and given stability to the future. There is no doubt in my mind either as to the purpose or those charged with the duty and the responsibility of the present time to take care of the situation in a satisfactory manner. Plans are practically nearing completion for the exportation of grain, cotton and other commodities and this will remove the obstacle to the free return to natural and normal business relation and will serve to stimulate all trade activities.

Murry Carleton.  
10.20 PM.

### Superintendent Cox Arrives.

T. S. Cox, superintendent for the Merkel Public Schools arrived last week from the eastern part of the state and is now engaged in doing some preliminary work in connection with his future work here.

When seen the first of the week Mr. Cox could not say definitely when school would open but placed September the 14th, as a probable date to be selected at the next trustee meeting. In addition to the arrival of Mr. Cox upon the scene Mr. Witt who is elected as principal is also here making preparations for the years work.

### Five Bandits are Killed.

Williamson, W. Va., Aug. 17.—The five mutilated bodies found in a mountain cave near here after it had been dynamited by a pursuing posse have been positively identified as the Italians who last Friday killed Joseph Shaler, paymaster of the Glen Alum Fuel Company, his two companions, and made away with the mine pay roll, amounting to \$8,000.

The death of the bandits brought the total number of fatalities in connection with their escapade to eleven. Detectives Landon, Tiller and Squire Belcher having been killed by the fugitives in a battle yesterday in which more than 1,000 shots were fired.

The outlaws had sought refuge in the cave and dynamite bombs were used in the mouth of the cave which resulted in their destruction.

## FORWARD AND HIGHER

Russia, France, Germany, England and Austria, with a population of about 200,000,000, including the savages, are gripped in a struggle of blood and destruction.

The United States has 100,000,000 men women and children effective for honorable commerce, for fair business and for peace. One hundred million people enlisted under one flag, under the leadership of one man, should not lose heart in contemplating any prospect and should not falter in overcoming any obstacle.

The combined energies of this force should be equal to anything within the power of human possibility.

There has been confusion since Aug. 2, when Germany flung her battle flag to the winds and called upon the God of war for protection.

Our channels of commerce have been disturbed. Our avenues of trade have been obstructed. Our exchanges have closed. The methods of doing business when the world was at peace were for the moment paralyzed.

The trade-carrying fleet of the world, all of which flew the flags of the warring nations, rushed to cover.

The Atlantic became a waste, relieved here and there by black-painted warships. Trans-Atlantic cables were cut, wireless was interrupted and letters were stopped.

It looked for a moment as if there might be a panic. It looked for an instant as if we, too, might be swept into the world wide maelstrom of war.

The past week has drawn our people together. Even the men of Money in Wall Street began to show the Americanism that was in them. They were called into conference by those whom they themselves had criticized and who had criticized them.

It was no longer a question of taking a profit or driving a hard bargain. The duty of the hour was to keep intact the credit of the nation and to make it so that American business could fulfill its obligations and comply with its contracts.

In the west, the engineers and other employes of 40,000 miles of railroad were at the point of striking.

The president, almost crushed by the fatal illness of his good wife called upon these American locomotive engineers and upon their employers for a truce. In the name of their common country he called, and they responded as Americans. The settlement of their differences was postponed.

The wheat fields of the north and west had given fourth bountiful harvest. The fruit of the golden grain was filling our cars and elevators and granaries to overflowing. There was enough to feed our own people, 100,000,000, for a whole year and to feed England or France or Germany for a year.

In the south the output of the forests has been enormous. Europe was about to take much of our lumber. The railroads on the impetus of more traffic were encouraged to the point of beginning to give out orders for timbers.

In the south also the first bolls of the cotton which promises to yield 14,000,000 bales were opening. All the productive forces of this country in agriculture and mining were fully energized when Europe went to war.

The first paralysis has passed. People are beginning to take stock.

As the forces of the warriors are being marshaled for great battles, our forces are getting in line for another great battle. Their battle is one of which the harvest is wasted. Ours is for conservation of what we have and for enjoyment of those things that peace and prosperity bring.

We are fortunate in the person of our president. His policy of watchful waiting in Mexico did not always find favor, even with his staunchest supporters. Now we are beginning to see that the president was not humane, but that he was wise beyond our understanding.

The business interests of the country, which want things to remain as they are and have been, were fearful that in business affairs the president was about to run amuck.

President Wilson esteems peace with honor above all things. Moving under this principle, we may be sure that in this crisis of the word his leadership will be safe as it is possible for a human being to insure safety.

The business of money and exchange will be arranged in a few days. The instrumentalities of finance under the direction of financial leaders and of our reserve banking board are rapidly becoming adjusted.

The problem of the wheat is well towards solution. The problem of cotton, when it becomes involved, we believe, will be solved in a way that will give relief to those who produce it and who have pledged it for their debts.

In times like these, it is well for us to remember that the natural resources of this country are enormous, that its agricultural possibilities are tremendous and that our people by standing together, by co-operating, can come through the present crisis with a small impairment of the forces.

In a time like this our people should cultivate the spirit of patience and forbearance. What is more, they should erect an altar of fraternity in their hearts. They should share their brothers burdens. The strong should throw their arms around the shoulders of the weak. The soul that falters and is afraid should be made to feel that a better day is coming.

The American people have been put to a severe test, but the genius of the republic will remove the artificial difficulties that confront us and make all things well, if we in turn but do a man's full duty to himself and to his neighbor.

Business will improve, because the elements of natural wealth that we have and the property we have and the lands we have are not wasting.

In those things that make for happiness, contentment and health we are richer than we were two weeks ago.

Confidence in ourselves, in our business institutions and in our republic will soon restore all things to a normal condition or will enable us to find a way to remove any artificial condition which the war in Europe has created.

All will be well with us if we go about our day's work confident in the sure reward for honest effort.

Let us be thankful to Providence for the bountiful crops and for the rain that has fallen, and grateful that under our far-seeing, wise and peace-loving president we are united for peace with honor.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal in giving space to the above is quick to follow the trend of thought now inoculated in the entire business interest of our country. Even in the New York noted cotton exchange the manipulators of that sanctum look forward to only a few days more of depression over the cotton market and then our country will see cotton selling for more than it has in years. Already the American Mills and manufacturers are working double time. Here-to-fore the consumption of American raised cotton has been 35 percent in the United States, with the running double time this consumption has increased to 65 or 70 percent. England and France evidently see the absolute necessity of keeping the high seas open to commerce for they are now masters of the situation and the balance of the American cotton, not over 30 or 35 percent of our entire crop will find a ready market in the English mills. Why? Because England derives a large part of her sustenance from milling the products of the American people and will be forced to maintain shipping facilities for their own protection. These views as given out by American financiers seem to indicate that America will within the next 30 days find conditions and prosperity better than ever before in our country.

## MERKEL FARMERS IN NEED OF HELP

Two weeks ago there appeared an article in the Merkel Mail headed "20,000 Bales of Cotton for Merkel." This was taken of then as a very conservative estimate of what the Merkel country would produce.

Since that article appeared over five inches of rain has fallen in the Merkel country and it would be a physical and mental impossibility to estimate at the present with any degree of accuracy as to how much cotton will be produced in this section within the next few months.

One fact that is confronting the farmers is that they are facing a very serious situation. Hands to gather the cotton the Merkel country promises to produce could not be raked and scraped together in this part of the state and many farmers are now making preparations to get cotton pickers from other parts of the state.

### Raises Fine Honey.

R. A. Ellis of this city has extracted 60 pounds of fine honey from two bee hives. The upper supers of two of the five hives produced the above amount.

This is the second time this year Mr. Ellis has gathered honey, the first time from one hive only and at each harvest he has gotten an average of about 30 pounds per hive. The grade of the last honey is very fine and clear of any dark color. He will rob the other hives within the next few days and expects them to keep up the average.

### Merkel Lady Honored.

In the election of officers of the West Texas I. O. O. F. and Rebecca Association held at Cisco last week Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman was elected treasurer of the association for the ensuing year.

Several Merkel people attended the association together with many west Texas members of the two orders and the west bound trains on Thursday were comfortable filled with delegates wearing three links strapped to their coat sleeves, emblematic that they had participated in the meet at Cisco.

### Hill County Man Here.

W. W. Mobley of Hillsboro is here visiting his brothers J. E. and T. O. Mobley of Route 4 and sister Mrs. J. H. McMurray of Trent, Route 2.

This is the third visit Mr. Mobley has made to this country within the last few years and has never seen crops in general here as fine as they are at the present time.

### Keeps up Hunting Record.

J. W. Childers of Route 4, one of the best known farmers in the Merkel country and a man who finds time when not busy with work on the farm to hunt some was in town Wednesday purchasing a few necessities of life.

During the last week Mr. Childers caught a average of one coyote per day, however he added five skins to his collection in one day's hunt.



IF THAT RAINY DAY COMES WILL IT FIND YOU WITHOUT A DOLLAR IN THE BANK?

"Some days must be dark and dreary; into each life some rain must fall." Storms often come up suddenly. "Alas, how easily things go wrong." But it is a protection against most ills to have plenty of money in the bank. To have a bank account, you must START one. WHO gets the money you earn? Put it in our Bank and YOU will have it.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**  
MERKEL, TEXAS

## MRS. DANIEL HERE FROM PANAMA TRIP

Mrs. J. W. Daniel returned home Saturday morning from an extended visit with her daughter Mrs. S. P. Miller of Colon, Panama, whom she accompanied to the Canal Zone several weeks ago.

In returning to Merkel Mrs. Daniel relates some very interesting experiences in regard to her trip to Panama and her return trip home. On reaching Panama the ship she was sailing on was held up for inspection against the Bubonic Plague, as were all other ships that sailed from New Orleans to foreign ports. On returning home other interesting experiences were given those aboard the ship. When one day out of the Canal waters the captain of the ship which was a British steamer received a wireless, according to Mr. Daniel's statement, that German cruisers were in the vicinity. The captain changed his course and during one entire afternoon and half a night hid his ship in a small bay protected from view by a range of mountains and sailed out only when he had received a wireless from his company to go. All fights about the ship were put out and no windows allowed to remain open and under the cover of darkness the boat slipped out of its hiding place and began a race against danger. From that time on the regular course of the boat was not followed and each night for seven nights no lights were allowed in any part of the ship for fear of discovery by a German Man-O-war.

### Fishing in the Lake \$15.70.

Charged with "fishing in the lake" brought about the prosecution of one boy Archie Rose for having fished in the Martin Tank near the city limits on the west of town.

Trial was held here Monday evening and Archie pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$15.70. In the course of the trial his companion was brought into the matter and was found to have been fishing on the other side of the tank at the same time as was Archie and he too drew the amount of \$15.70 for his trouble. For the benefit of those who do not watch the ads in the Merkel Mail closely, we will say that this tank of Martin's is posted and the owner Mr. Vol Martin has so advertised the fact to our readers. It pays to read advertisements.

### Stop That Rheumatism.

Get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. This is the remedy that everyone is talking about because it stops the pain so quickly. For neuralgia and headaches there is nothing better. Ask your druggist.

### Altercation Here Saturday Night.

Constable R. E. Counts arrested Bob Barnes Sunday morning on a charge of aggravated assault according to information received here.

Parties who were up town Saturday night state that Barnes and Emzi Burroughs the participants of the melee, came to blows when Emzi asked Bob for the return of a loan of 30 cents which the latter resented as a result of which Bob came out with a "banged-up eye" and Emzi with several cuts about the face, neck and arms, some of which were deep enough to necessitate being sewed up. The cut on the right fore arm being the deepest one. Emzi was probably saved from a deeper cut in the neck according to his statement owing to his having on a high stiff collar, which served to ward off the lick that penetrated through the collar and reached the neck, making a slight wound.

The Barnes boy was taken to Abilene Sunday but up to Monday evening had not made bond assessed against him to the amount of \$500.

### Not so Strange After All.

You may think it strange that so many people are cured of stomach trouble by Chamberlain's Tablets. You would not, however, if you should give them a trial. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Mrs. Rosie Rish, Wabash, Ind., writes, "Nothing did me the least good until I began using Chamberlain's Tablets. It is decidedly the best medicine for stomach trouble I have ever used." For sale by all dealers.

### New City Depository.

The Farmers and Merchants Nat'l. Bank of this city are the successful bidders as custodians of the city's funds for the ensuing year.

The City Council met Friday afternoon to receive sealed bids for the care of the city funds and the task was awarded to the F. & M. Bank at a rate of 5.60 percentum per annum, based on daily average balance.

### Headache Gone

Rub a little Hunt's Lightning Oil on and the pain is gone almost instantly. For neuralgia and rheumatism it seldom fails to give instant relief. Don't suffer pain when this splendid remedy can be purchased at your drug store.

### Notice for Selecting Depository.

By virtue of Sec. 52 of the General School laws of Texas the school board of the Independent School District of Merkel will on the first day of September 1914 receive bids from any person or corporation who offer satisfactory bond as provided by law and the best rate of interest on daily average balances for the funds of the said Merkel Independent School District.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. S. Swann, President,  
O. J. Adcock, Secretary

### Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

Smith, Mrs. Velma  
Williams, Mrs. G. W.  
Cara Jose  
Garcia Pedro  
Ornelas Florensio

These will be sent to the dead letter office August 29nd.

H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

### W. O. W.

Merkel, Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C.  
S. Hamilton, Clerk

R. J. Adcock returned home Tuesday evening from Ft. Worth where he has been the past two months visiting his daughter Mrs. E. E. Kunze.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed. R. Wallace and daughter Miss Victoria are at home from a visit with their daughter and sister Mrs. T. H. Field at Ransdell.

Mrs. J. W. Dennis is at home from Sweetwater.

Mr. J. O. Davis and family of Nevada were guests of the family of G. J. Jones the former being a brother of Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. M. S. Wiman is at home from Dallas where she attended a family reunion.

Miss Carroll and Eugenia Rister are at home from Brownwood where they visited relatives.

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**Bucklen's**  
**THE ONLY GENUINE**  
**Arnica Salve**  
**KEEPS FLESH IN TONE**  
**FROM SKIN TO BONE.**  
Heals Everything Healable. Burns, Boils, Sores, Ulcers, Piles, Eczema, Cuts, Corns, Wounds and Bruises. SATISFIES, OR MONEY BACK. 25c AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

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**A GENERAL TONIC - TAKE GROVE'S**

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is Equally Valuable as a General Tonic because it Acts on the Liver, Drives Out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. For Grown People and Children.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic as the formula is printed on every label showing that it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic and is in Tasteless Form. It has no equal for Malaria, Chills and Fever, Weakness, general debility and loss of appetite. Gives life and vigor to Nursing Mothers and Pale, Sickly Children. Removes Bilioussness without purging. Relieves nervous depression and low spirits. Arouses the liver to action and purifies the blood. A True Tonic and Sure Appetizer. A Complete Strengthenner. No family should be without it. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

**WANTED: Clean Cotton Rags.**

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Rev. and Mrs. Garland Shell of Winters after an extended visit with the latter's sister Mrs. H. E. Bullock of this place and to attend the Presbyterian meeting, returned to their home Thursday.

I carry a complete line of fresh drugs at all times. See me for your wants. Mrs. E. M. Rust, proprietor, The Rexall Drug Store.

Miss Jessie Sutphen is at home from Meridian where she visited her brother Vernon Sutphen and family.

Mrs. T. F. Compton is at home from near Sylvester where she visited her daughter Mrs. Philip Diltz.

Miss Ruby Cannon of Abilene has returned to her home after a two weeks visit with her aunt Mrs. Will McDonald of Stith.

T. J. (Tom) Coggin is again at home from the border country for a short stay.

Mrs. N. E. Ray of Dallas returned to her home Thursday after a six weeks visit with her granddaughter Mrs. W. M. Borning of this place.

Monogram and fancy box stationary at Burroughs.

J. P. Sharp, proprietor of the dry good firm of his name, is at home from market where he purchased an extensive line of dry goods for his establishment.

Oakly's Sandlewood Toilet water at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans of this city are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a boy to them Thursday morning of this week. A telephone call to their home at noon Thursday found the father quick to answer the call with the news that Mrs. Evans and the baby were in the best of health.

Messrs D. C. Cunningham of Palo Pinto and W. E. Jackson of Waco were visitors in our city Tuesday.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman of Trent visited here Monday.

Mrs. J. M. C. King returned home Thursday from Collin County where she has been visiting. Her father Johiah Nichols age 93 accompanied her home for a visit.

Special price on Singer sewing machines, the best machines on earth. Sold on one, two and three years time without interest. E. D. Coats.

Mrs. Joe Winters and sister Miss Anna Burleson of Trent visited here Saturday.

Hat brushes, nail brushes, in fact any kind of brush you need at Burroughs.

Mrs. Terrell Winters of Shiloh visited here Tuesday.

Try "Massatta" the sweetest talcum on earth at Burroughs.

Mrs. S. R. Morton of Big Springs is visiting her mother Mrs. E. L. Eason at Noodle.

Messrs W. D. Woodroof and W. Parten have returned from eastern markets and report that while there is lots of war talk going on, the outlook according to versions of leading business men in the larger towns in the east seem to indicate that conditions in our country will suffer but little from effects of the European war.

**YOU POCKET \$10.00**



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**MAKE TO YOUR**

**MEASURE A  
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**Of Real \$25 Fabrics for Only**

The **DIFFERENCE** between buying a \$25 suit in **THIS STORE** and buying it elsewhere is **JUST \$10**. If you order your suit of the **SCOTCH WOOLEN MILLS** you **KEEP \$10**, and if you order elsewhere you **LOOSE \$10**.

That's **ALL**, and isn't that enough? If you have been paying \$25 for your clothes, isn't it worth your time to come to **THIS STORE** and get **PRECISELY** the same for just \$15?

You don't really **WANT** to throw \$10 away do you? Certainly **NOT**. Well **DON'T** do it. We can save you \$10 because the **SCOTCH WOOLEN MILLS'** fabrics come direct from the mills thus eliminating several profits which otherwise you would be **COMPELLED** to pay. Through our connection with the **SCOTCH WOOLEN MILLS** we are enabled to save you \$10 on your suit.

How **CAN** any tailor or clothier, not enjoying this privilege **COMPETE** with us?

**DON'T** buy a suit at **ANY** price, either ready-made or made-to-order, until you see **OUR** goods. We'll **POSITIVELY CONVINC** you that we make to order a suit of the classiest \$25 fabrics you ever saw for only \$15.

Please bring this circular with you.



**THE STAR STORE**  
MERKEL .. .. TEXAS

Order Alta Vista fancy Ice Cream and Ices for your social affairs. Burroughs.

H. T. Merritt was in the city visiting with his family from Saturday of last week until Tuesday night of this week.

W. A. Scott was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Let Burroughs figure with you on your paints and oils.

G. E. Comegys is in Dallas this week looking after business matters.

Mrs. W. S. Smelser was in Abilene Monday visiting relatives.

Miss May Underwood enroute from her home at Monaham to Dallas to visit her sister Mrs. Shelby was the guest of Miss Lela Norrie.

T. D. Compton of Route 2 when seen by a reporter Wednesday morning stated that he expected better results from his farm work this year than he has ever gotten while a resident of his country.

Miss Annis Burnett of Sulpher Springs arrived in Merkel Wednesday morning from St. Louis where she has been for some time purchasing a fall line of millinery goods which she will soon have on display at the Parten Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. J. A. Davis of Toyah left for Abilene Tuesday morning after a short visit with Mrs. J. F. Shaffer of this city.

Pure apple and grape cider always on tap. The Elite Confectionery.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Luther Swafford has returned to his position at Dallas and leaves Mrs. Swafford and his daughter in fine condition with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent of Route 1.

Miss Alma Harris of Mexia who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Jno. Gaither returned home Tuesday.

Fancy monogram stationary at Burroughs.

Mrs. Roy Isom and baby of Abilene are here this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Misses Martha and Vera Cary and brother Frank of Maryneal visited the family of William Cary of Route two the past week.

**See my Fall Winter samples before ordering your overcoat.**  
**L. J. Renfro, Tailor.**

Miss May Valentine returned to Merkel Wednesday after an extended visit with friends at Ivan in Stephens county.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake Wilson and little daughter who have been visiting Mrs. Wilson's aunt Mrs. M. A. Massey of Route 1, returned to their home at Sherman Tuesday.

James Clarkson of Blair, Okla., returned to his home Sunday after a short visit with his sister Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Rufford Evans came in the first of the week from his home at Dallas to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Evans for a short time.

**Better have that Palm Beach suit fixed up now.** L. J. Renfro, Tailor.

G. O. Cozart of Myndus, N.M., was in Merkel Wednesday afternoon for a short time having come in from Trent where he was called by the sudden dangerous illness of his father W. A. Cozart. The aged Merkel country citizen is suffering from a combination of troubles which connected with his very mature years makes his chances for recovery very small, he is at the home of his daughter Mrs. T. L. Stephens, south of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watters of Cleburne who have been here visiting the former's sister Mrs. G. L. Baker of Route 1 for the past five weeks returned to their home Tuesday. Mr. Watters had naught but praise for the Merke country when seen just before his departure for his home in fact expressed himself highly pleased with our town and country in general.

**Order your clothes from Lamm and Co., and have fits.**  
**L. J. Renfro, agent.**

Miss Willie Harris and Johnnie Cox of Stanton who have been here visiting relatives and friends for the past two weeks left for their home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cavitt of Red Oak returned to their home Tuesday after a few weeks visit with Walter and Oliver Boden of the canyon country.

J. S. Slape was a business visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

Stock chloroform in quantities at Burroughs.

New plaid skirts for ladies. The fall line of tailored garments already on display. W.D. Woodroof.

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 GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
 GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE,  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN.  
 TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAIL ROAD.

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 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,  
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### AMERICA A REFUGEE HEAVEN.

America has for years and years been the "Excelsior" for the constant flow of refugees, some came to be free from governmental oppression and a few from other reasons. Now the influx of humanity has momentarily stopped but what will the cessation of hostilities bring.

When war is ended in Europe, if it ever is and the indications are that a few months will see the larger part of the turbulent countries completely devastated and starvation staring the people of the land in the face. As result of such a "Move to America" will be the order of the day and our country will be overrun with people many of whom will be illiterates and absolutely unfit for citizens of our country. That this will be the ultimate outcome of immigration, seems certain and present inadequate immigration laws of our country will in no way stop the flow that assuredly will be overwhelming in comparison to the average rate at which foreigners have been settling up our land within the last decade.

Many erstwhile friends of ex-Senator Bailey are much displeased with his activities in Texas politics and they say he is showing entirely too much spirit of spite, and will be everlastingly steam rolled all over Texas as he was at El-paso. — Snyder Signal.

Not so fast there. Isn't Bailey and the present administration on the same side of the fence in regard to National Woman's Suffrage and National Prohibition? Are the people going to steam roll Wilson for his stand on those two questions, are they going to steam roll Bailey for taking the same stand. The reason of Bailey's getting caught in the greased gears at El Paso was not from the fact he opposed National Woman's Suffrage and National Prohibition but from the fact he was trying to have them inserted in Ferguson's platform. Individually Ferguson and Bailey have about the same views on these two questions. In summing up this recent Bailey matter, let's don't count him out until we see that he has been beaten to a frazzle, he may be a regular come-back even with that notorious jump-the-fence Cylone at the state line.

If Joe Bailey succeeds in having a limit placed on the campaign expenses of all candidates in Texas he will not need to again speak against Woman's Suffrage for the limited expenditure bill will kill the aspirations of any woman candidate who ever had a bee in her bonnet. Think of a woman making a campaign without first having a new and expensive wardrobe.

Shop early and avoid the rush for the poor shop girls will be tired on Xmas eve.

### PASTED PARAGRAPHS.

Let us now enjoy a little music. Says the Cincinnati Enquirer:

I had a friend;  
 I loaned him ten;  
 I haven't seen  
 My friend since then.

Emboldened by this the Boston Transcript pipes up:

I had one, too,  
 I went his bail,  
 I wish he now  
 Was back in jail.

Whereupon the New York Tribune becomes reminiscent and adds:

A friend had we,  
 But joined the strife  
 Against the frump  
 Who's now his wife.

Not being able to keep out, the Yonkers Statesman appends:

We had a friend,  
 He lived next door,  
 We traded nags—  
 Must we say more?

Being somewhat in a hurry we are tickled to death to have the Detroit Free Press say:

We had a friend—  
 He doesn't speak;  
 A summer home  
 We shared a week.

And The Memphis Commercial Appeal soulfully remarks:

I had a friend;  
 My friend I moan,  
 For he bought him  
 A Graphophone.

After all we rise to report:

We had a friend,  
 He was a joke,  
 Met our best girl,  
 And then eloped.

If the French, English and other allies ever get on the offensive and cross Germany's frontier they will just about make a bee-line and capture Limberg-er, and the stink they will stir up will circle the globe.

Al Jennings the defeated ex-highwayman, candidate for governor of Oklahoma has not gotten the war blood out his veins as is given out by press notices of his going to Europe as a war correspondent for a New York paper. His wife has accompanied him and will join the Red Cross service as a nurse.

All stray cotton pickers should be headed toward the Merkel country and given an order to double-quick in getting here.

Old "Jupe" certainly emptied his dampened feelings on west Texas last week.

The manipulators of sugar prices in the United States have in a nice way asked the common people to sweeten-up in a sure lose game for the people.

The shades of Travis and others of the Alimo seems to be breaking out in the forts around Leige.

The peace bird has gathered her brood under her wing and gone into premature winter quarters.—Commercial appeal. The old hen will have to keep one eye open or Teddy will scare her off the nest.

## It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

# CARDUI

## The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

### Get a Bottle Today!

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IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER  
 OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

## HOW "TIZ" HELPS SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.



You May Talk to One Man

But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community.

Catch the Idea?

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Noodle.

All the farmers have a big smile on their faces since the rain the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Wright are visiting in Nugent this week.

Mrs. Nora Gulidge of Snyder is visiting her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Witt.

Mrs. Ida Bain of Okla. is visiting her sister Mrs. T. E. Goode.

Robert Wright has returned to his home at Altoona, Ala. after an extended visit with his sister Mrs. J. E. Jones.

Quite a number of the young folks played croquet at the home of W. J. Bicknell Friday evening.

Mrs. C. Ely has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church entertained the young folks last Saturday night.

Rev. Horn filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Ruth Thompson visited her brother W. Thompson the past week.

In every home where there is a baby these should always be a bottle of McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, wind colic, Diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H.C. Burroughs.

### Compere.

Rain, rain, we are having too much rain. Feed that is ripe or cut down is sprouting again.

Compere is having a singing school. Mr. McCaleb is our teacher. We are not having as good attendance as we should.

W. N. Moore and Roman Palmer made a business trip to Merkel Saturday. They report the roads to be real muddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry are the proud parents of a new girl at their house.

Crops are fine around here.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Nubia.

The revival at Nubia is now over. It has accomplished a great thing. There were two who turned from the worldly ways.

Messers Roy Stephens and C. Campbell were in Nubia Sunday.

U. K. Blackburn of Knox County is here visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Francis Hendrix is visiting her sister Mrs. B. B. Reynolds.

Ernest Boyd furnishes a great deal of the fun these days. Hurrah! Earnest.

The rain here has been one continuous thing and the roads in some places are almost impassable.

Mrs. Dora Cordell returned Monday from Truby where she and her son Hugh visited her brother.

Henry Porter is building more storage room for his feed crop.

The rain ruined some small grain this time.

### Blair.

Elder Price Bankhead closed his meeting Sunday night which has been going on the past week. Although it was unusually bad weather the interest and attendance was good.

The Presbyterian meeting will begin next Sunday Aug. 23rd.

Quite a number of the messengers who attended the Primitive Baptist Association, which convened at White Church last week, left Sunday afternoon for their homes.

S. E. Adcock went to Buffalo Gap Sunday returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Horton of Okla. are visiting their daughter Mrs. A. J. Meeks this week.

Geo. Meeks and family who have been visiting relatives in the Blair community left for their home in Brown County Monday morning.

Mrs. Mary Clark is visiting her sister Mrs. Stanley this week.

The hands are at work now repairing the Blair gin for the big cotton crop.



## Ready For Fall Business

We have just received a car of JOHN DEERE WAGONS, made in their factories at Moline, Ill., these wagons represent the ACME of PERFECTION in WAGON BUILDING. If you are figuring on a New Wagon do not fail to look at the JOHN DEERE WAGON before buying. We have on hand a full stock of Buggies at interesting prices when the quality is considered. We handle the DARLING line of STOVES and RANGES, they are reckoned as quick bakers and fuel savers, they are handsome in appearance and easily kept clean. For long lasting and dependable stoves buy the Darling. Also we handle the CLARK-JEWEL OIL STOVES, they save time and oil. Full line of Cutlery, Shelf Hardware Queensware, Tinware, Poultry Netting, Wagons Sheets, etc. Your business will be appreciated and prices always as low as possible, quality considered.

## Crown Hardware Company

### Salt Branch.

The health of the community is very good at this writing.

W. B. Robertson and wife returned from the plains Sunday where they have been visiting relatives for the past month.

J. E. Wheat of Coleman is visiting relatives here for a few days left Tuesday for Roscoe on business.

Jim Ingram and family of the Mt. Pleasant community were visiting relatives in this community Sunday.

Carl Lyles and wife of near Stith attended singing here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor are in Loraine on business this week.

W. W. Hendson of Ovalo was visiting S. W. Teaff and family one day this week.

Sunday School and singing were very well attended Sunday considering the bad roads.

Our protracted meeting was postponed on account of recent rains.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall Family Pills for constipation.

### LOCAL DRUGGIST

#### MAKES A STATEMENT

We always advise people who have stomach or bowel trouble to see a doctor. But to those who do not wish to do this we will say: try the mixture of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ika. This simple new remedy is so powerful that JUST ONE DOSE relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation INSTANTLY. People who try Adler-ika are surprised at its QUICK action.

H. C. BURROUGHS, Druggist

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Every time you take this powerful drug you are in danger. Take Dodson's Liver Tone instead. Calomel is made from mercury, and while mercury has many valuable uses, it is a dangerous thing to swallow. If calomel stays in the system very long it salivates. Even when it works naturally, its after effects are often bad.

T. L. Grimes will sell you Dodson's Liver Tone, which is positively guaranteed to take the place of Calomel. Liver Tone stimulates the liver just enough to start it working, and does not make you sicker than ever—As calomel often does. You feel good after taking Dodson's and it won't force you to stop eating or working after taking it. It is as beneficial for children as for adults.

Try a large bottle for fifty cents under the guarantee that your money will be given back cheerfully if you are not satisfied.

### Meeting Closes at Hebron.

Rev. W. L. Stewart of Hebron and Rev. W. M. Greene of Abilene were in Merkel Sunday afternoon and reported the weeks meeting which closed at Hebron Sunday as one of the most successful short meetings they had ever taken part in.

In all there were nine conversions and eight additions to the church. At the baptizing on Sunday afternoon, five of the nine conversions were admitted to the church by baptism. Rev. Greene left Sunday night for his home while Rev. Stewart left for Gordon to participate in a meeting there.

Constipation is the starting point for many serious diseases. To be healthy keep the bowels active and regular. HERBINE will remove all accumulations in the bowels and put the system in prime condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

### Butman.

August 17.—We are now having some delightful weather. The clouds have blown away leaving everything in a glad and refreshed condition.

We are glad to report there is no sickness to report this week.

The cotton prospect here is excellent. The recent copious rains will insure the making of the crop. A good many squares and boles are falling off. This is due to the drouth, but, as there is an unusual number there, there is no fear from this. The worms are the only thing the farmers dread now.

There will begin, at Butman next Monday, Aug. 24th, a singing school, taught by Mr. Burton Pritchard of Abilene. It will last twelve days, and the terms will be \$1.00 per scholar. A large attendance is expected, all who possibly can, are asked to come.

Rev. Purcer will begin his meeting at Butman next Friday night. Everybody come out and hear him, as there are no other meetings in progress here the people will be caught up with their sleep.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman visited at the home of Mr. Latimers Sunday.

Some of the farmers are replanting some of their feed which is cut and shocked in the fields which was injured by the rain.

### SO DECEPTIVE.

Many Merkel People Fail to Realize the Seriousness.

Backache is so deceptive. It comes and goes—keeps you guessing.

Learn the cause—then cure it. Possibly its weak kidneys. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective.

They are especially for weak or disordered kidneys.

Here's a Merkel case. D. T. Dodd, Merkel, Texas says: "For a long time I suffered night and day from kidney trouble and my rest was broken. The first symptom of kidney complaint was being unable to control the kidney secretions and it steadily grew worse. Doan's Kidney Pills were finally recommended to me and they did me so much good that I cannot endorse them too highly. My kidneys are now normal."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—The same that Mr. Dodd had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Butman.

A splendid rain fell over the Canon last week and everybody is full of hope and encouragement. It fell slowly and therefore was of great benefit. The precipitation amounted to a little over one inch.

Many of the farmers have their wheat and oat stubbles planted in cane and maize which, since the rain, will now come up.

European war news affords the principal topics of conversation among the people around here.

The Methodist protracted meeting started at Nubia Friday night Rev. Wilson began the meeting. Rev. Davis, who has been holding a meeting at Elm Grove, joined him Sunday night. A large attendance is expected as the meetings at Butman and White Church have closed.

Sam Butman, Jr. has been visiting relatives at El Paso and Big Springs and other points in the West returned home last Thursday.

Owing to the busy times the Singing School was postponed for another week. They are talking of teaching only in the afternoons so the farmers can use their children in cutting feed and heading maize in the mornings.

Johnie Latimer, according to his custom and mode of procedure, filled his regular speaking date at Mr. Sowell's Sunday. He seems to think a great deal of Earl and Wesley and when asked about going there he turned off, laughed and never gave any reasons.

Miss Jewel Anderson returned last week from a pleasant visit to her relatives at Hermleigh.

We are glad to report that Bennie Lewis' hand is doing nicely since Dr. Martin lanced it.

Who does not feel grateful toward dear America during these warring times? She is a heaven of rest, a pacifier of nations and a delightful land in which to live.

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver and bowels—they are torpid. The medicine that gives results in such cases is HERBINE. It is a fine liver stimulant and bowel regulator. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### Shiloh.

Sunday School was very well attended Sunday.

There was a singing at J. H. Gray-Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy and Miss Lena Pomroy returned Saturday night from their trip near Semour.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends at Hawley.

Wilbur Grayson came in one day last week and spent a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson. He returned Sunday afternoon to his home in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Noodle spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

J. W. Hardy and daughter of the Noodle community, G. W. Scott and Mrs. Barclay and daughter Miss Mary were guests of W. B. Beavers and family Sunday.

There were several from Shiloh trading in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were trading in Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe Barnes is visiting her daughter at Anson this week.

The Baptist protracted meeting will begin next Saturday night at Shiloh to continue through next week.

Next Friday is the day set apart for the men of this community and adjoining communities to meet and clean off the cemetery and fix up the tabernacle for the meeting.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT and don't be talked out of it, because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Lucas-Horton.

Sunday evening at 3:30 Mr. Oscar Lucas and Miss Carrie Horton both young people of the Comperre country drove to the home of R. A. Reagon of Route 2 and inquired for a preacher. They were directed to the home of J. M. Williamson only a short distance from there where two ministers of the gospel had just finished a chicken dinner.

Rev. W. M. Greene was the first one to respond to the call and spoke the words that united Mr. Lucas and his bride in the holy bonds of matrimony. The contracting parties then returned to the home of the groom's parents.

Miss Evelyn Gaddy and her Sunday School class gave a lawn picnic at the home of Mrs. Jno. Sears on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. A number of kindergarten songs and games were enjoyable features of the afternoon for the class members and their little friends. A box luncheon was spread on the lawn followed by a watermelon feast a surprise given by Mrs. Jno. Sears. Those present were Miss Gaddy, little Misses Evelyn Hamm, Hazel Harkrider, Geneva Tipton, Girlie Howard, Nellie and Annie May Swann, Mary Eula and Mossie Sears, Ona Fay Bland, Maurine Cobb, Lillian Craig, Lillie Pratt and Johnnie Sears and Mrs. Sears.

The Baptist Aid Society held its business and devotional meeting at the church Monday afternoon.

A business meeting of the program entertainment committee of the Merkel Alumni Association was held Monday evening at the home of Miss Evelyn Williams to perfect plans for its annual social meeting.

Those present were Homer L. Eastwood, President, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Victor Harris and Mrs. O. W. Williams refreshment committee, Misses Eva Williams, Mary Gunn and Simpson Christopher program committee.

Epworth League, Aug. 23rd.

Leader; Georgia Moore. Song. Prayer. Song. Scripture Reading. History of the work of Young J. Allen; Victoria Wallace. Our Missionary Need of today; Vida McNeas. Instrumental Solo; Carroll Rister. "The Blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church"; Ezma Alday. Quartet; Robert Hicks, Leslie McNeas, Frank Smith and Ollie Shaffer. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

### The Case of L. L. Cantelou.

The case of L. L. Cantelou. Clarendon, Texas is to that of many others who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says, "After trying a doctor for several months, and using different kinds of medicine for my wife who had been troubled with severe bowel complaint for several months, I bought a 25c bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using the second bottle she was entirely cured." For sale by all dealers.

### To Prevent Blood Poisoning

Apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Note liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00.

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### TEXAS FACTS

#### AGRICULTURE

Texas has more farms than any state in the Union—417,770 in number.

The Texas farms produce \$662,598,000 annually.

Eighteen new farms are opened up in Texas every day.

The value of all Texas farm property is \$2,218,645,000.

Texas ranks third with other states in value of farm property.

Fifty-three per cent of the farms of Texas or 219,575 are operated by tenants and 198,195 or 47 per cent are farmed by their owners and managers.

Texas has more farm home owners than any state in the Union.

Sixty-six per cent of the farm home owners of Texas have no mortgage on their property.

The average Texas farm contains 269 acres, 65 of which are cultivated.

Fifty per cent of the wealth of Texas is invested in agriculture.

Texas farm property increases in value at the rate of \$3,500,000 per day.

The value of the average Texas farm is \$5,311; of this amount \$3,909 is invested in land, \$503 in buildings, \$136 in implements and machinery, and \$763 in livestock.

The average value of Texas farm land (improved and unimproved) is \$14.53 per acre.

There are 318,988 native-white farmers, 28,864 foreign-born white and 69,918 negro farmers in Texas.

The average tenant farm of Texas contains 115 acres while the average size of those operated by owners is 353 acres.

About 33 per cent of the Texas farms are mortgaged. The mortgage indebtedness is approximately \$225,000,000.

The average mortgage debt of a Texas farm is \$1,548; the average equity \$4,619.

Texas has more large farms than any state in the Union.

A new shipment of "Redfern" Brand ladies tailored suits has just arrived for your inspection. Woodroof & Co.



WANTED—To sell some high-grade pianos. Will take young horses or mules as part payment. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—Tombstones of all kinds and styles at various prices. E. D. Coats.

S. J. Abernathy who lives 1 and 1/2 miles north of Stith gave the following crop report of his section of the country when seen here Tuesday morning. Mr. Abernathy has 70 acres in cultivation 40 of which is in cotton and estimates conservatively that at least a bale per acre is assured now in the above crop, while his feed 30 acres all of which is late is very fine, especially 10 acres of feteritta the first he has grown. In all Mr. Abernathy seems fairly well pleased with his prospects for the year 1914.

Russian Tunic skirts, the very latest for ladies at Woodroof's.

C. A. Bickley of Merit left for his home Wednesday night after a two weeks stay here, during which time he made extensive improvements on farm property he has near Merkel and in the Trent country. Before leaving he swiped the sample heads of maize that have been on exhibition in the Mail office for several days and took them home to show his neighbors. We will gladly let Mr. Bickley keep the feed and trust that at some time he see fit to make his home in our section of the country where samples of such will not be needed.

Dewey Brakeen who lives just within the city limits in the northwest part of town was in the Mail Office Wednesday evening showing an open bale of cotton.

See N. D. Cobb for Tombstones and Monuments.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riney of Nubia are reported the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday night of this week.

Let us powder your face for you. Burroughs.

### TEXAS FACTS

#### TEXAS LEADS THE NATION

Livestock.

Land area.

Wild game.

Railway mileage.

Uncultivated area.

Number of cattle.

Number of Farms.

Number of mules.

Number of goats.

Number of Turkeys.

Number of cowboys.

Number of counties.

Production of cotton.

Production of pecans.

Production of mohair.

Number of cotton gins.

Agricultural production.

Production of livestock.

Production of seed oats.

Number of farm laborers.

Production of polo ponies.

Production of watermelons.

Number of colonies of bees.

Number of asses and burros.

Number of cotton compresses.

Production of butter on farms.

Number of farm home-owners.

Interurban construction in 1913.

Number of cotton seed oil mills.

Production of early strawberries.

Production of winter vegetables.

Production of big league ball players.

Manufacture of cotton gin machinery.

All ladies should see the new fall tailored suits at Woodroof.

The newest trimmings of Roman stripes are used.

### TEXAS FACTS

#### COTTON.

In hauling the Texas cotton crop to market the services of 400,000 teams and wagons are required, which form a procession 2,400 miles long.

One year's cotton crop of Texas will clothe 300,000,000 people.

In Texas there are 4,670 gins, 113 compresses, 228 oil mills and 15 cotton mills.

Dallas, Texas, is the largest cotton gin machinery manufacturing center in the world.

Cotton constitutes 47 per cent of the agricultural production of Texas.

Twenty-five per cent of the cotton seed oil mills of the United States are located in Texas.

The cotton seed crushing establishments of Texas represent a capital investment of \$21,506,000. They furnish employment to 4,000 persons.

One seed of Texas cotton will produce one stalk of about 20 bolls. There are 80 cotton seeds in one boll.

It takes 25 pounds of cotton seed to plant one acre.

It takes 1,650 pounds of seed cotton to make a bale of 500 pounds lint, and 1,160 pounds of cotton seed.

The seed from a bale of cotton will yield 17 gallons of oil, 350 pounds of meal, 300 pounds of hulls and 25 pounds of linters.

The compress reduces the size of the cotton bale one-half.

Three-fourths of the Texas cotton crop is sold in Europe.

Texas has 26 per cent of all the land in the world, which is at the present time considered capable of growing cotton.

More new cotton gins were installed in Texas during the 1910-1911 ginning season than in any other state in the Union.

We have one gin to every 2,500 acres planted to cotton.

To manufacture all the cotton we produce in Texas will require an additional investment of a quarter of a billion dollars in cotton mills.

The importance of cotton as a necessity of life is made manifest when we consider that during the past century the world's population has increased 120 per cent, while the uses of cotton show an increase of 3,700 per cent.

The leading cotton-producing counties of Texas are Ellis, McLennan, Hill and Williamson.

The greater part of the Texas cotton crop is planted in April and matures in October, although some of the crop is marketed the latter part of August.

The largest cotton crop ever produced in Texas was in 1912 and amounted to 4,880,210 bales of 500 pounds each and sold for \$321,430,000, including the value of the seed.

The seed from the Texas cotton crop sell for \$39,690,000 annually, and weigh 2,171,000 tons.

An acre of cotton, in Texas, the leading cotton state, yields \$11.00 more than an acre planted to corn in Illinois, the leading corn state, and \$14.00 more than an acre of oats in the leading oat-producing state, which is Iowa.

Texas factories use only one bale of cotton out of every 100 produced.

An acre of Texas cotton yields \$23.69 worth of lint and \$3.50 of seed.

The average cotton production of the world is 13 bales per 1,000 population, and the average for Texas is 1,000 bales per 1,000 population.

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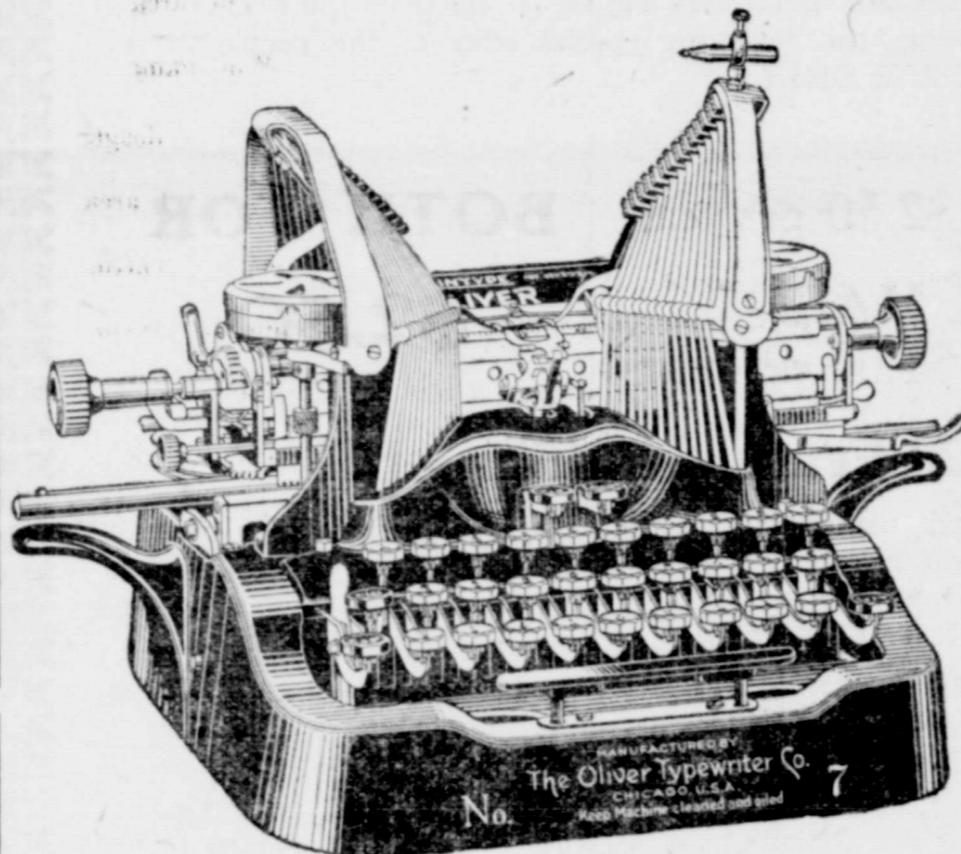
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**How to Cure a Sprain.**

A sprain may be cured in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and observing the directions with each bottle. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. J. W. Haynes and children of Brown county returned to their home Monday after a short visit with the family of G. W. Browning.

Miss Fanny May Winn of Mertins returned to her home Monday after an extended visit with the family of E. D. Coats of this place and friends in the Trent country.

Stock chloroform in quantities at Burroughs.

Mrs. J. H. Campbell of Blair visited here Tuesday.

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Mrs. Joe Parker of Pecos is visiting her sister Mrs. H. E. West at Stith.

**Motorcycle For Sale.**

A good motorcycle for sale. Apply to J. W. Daniel.

**For Sale or Rent.**

One concrete block business house across the street from the post-office.

H. L. Coleman 754 Ninth Ave. Ft. Worth Texas.

Mrs. E. M. Thomas and granddaughter Gynn Bufford of Roscoe are visiting the former's son J. A. Bufford and family this week.

Mrs. N. H. Nesbit of Fluvana is here visiting her daughter Mrs. Carl Evans.

**Notice.**

All barber work will be cash after the first of September. Please do not ask for credit.  
City Barber Shop.

**The Twenty Year Test.**

"Some twenty years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Geo. W. Brock, publisher of the Enterprise, Aberdeen Md., "I discovered that it was a quick and safe cure for diarrhoea. Since then no one can sell me anything said to be 'just as good.' During all these years I have used it and recommended it many times, and it has never disappointed anyone." For Sale by all dealers.

**Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.**

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henrietta, Ky. "In February, 1904, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

S. L. Grayson of Route 2 was in the city Saturday taking in the "broncho busting" and talking good times for Merkel country.

T. P. Arnold of Abilene was in the city Tuesday on his way to inspect a farm he has in the Warren community.

Stock chloroform in quantities at Burroughs.

**What is Best for Indigestion.**

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumkin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Rev. C. A. Bickley of Cleburne is here this week visiting his father J. C. Bickley and family. Rev. Bickley has numerous friends and acquaintances in Merkel and Merkel country who are very glad to have him pay our town visits occasionally.

Stock chloroform in quantities at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garoutte, sons Earl and Weidon, daughters Bell and Hul-n of Snyder are the guests of T. B. Garoutte and daughters this week.

**REMEMBER**

That we have every facility for turning out neat printing of all kinds. Letter heads, bill heads, office stationery, etc., furnished at the lowest prices first class work will permit.

**To Prevent Blood Poisoning**

apply at once the wonderful reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00

**Blue Nose.**

Blue Nose is a popular name for a native of Nova Scotia. Hallburton in "Sam Slick," gives the following account of its origin: "Pray, sir, said one of my fellow passengers, 'can you tell me why the Nova Scotians are called Blue Noses?' 'It is the name of a potato,' said I, 'which they produce in the greatest perfection, and boast to be the best in the world. The Americans have, in consequence given them the nickname 'Blue Noses.'"

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**MORE AGRICULTURE TEACHING NEEDED**

President Mezes of the University of Texas Gives Views.

There is no more important educational work in Texas today than the training of young men to become farmers, and the increase and distribution of information about farming. Three-fourths of the population of our State is rural; three million of its people live under rural conditions, and there are now at work on its farms 350,000 white farmers. Courses in agriculture and experiment work are carried on by the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Each of the four State Normals and the College of Industrial Arts is giving instruction to students who are preparing to teach agriculture. The State University also, as is required by the Constitution, is preparing some of its students to teach agriculture. In the agricultural courses of the A. & M. College 514 students are enrolled; in the four State Normals, the College of Industrial Arts, and the University, 1,020 students are enrolled in agricultural classes. Is this an adequate provision? Does it compare favorably in amount with the work of the eighteen literary colleges of the State? When we bear in mind the 3,000,000 of our rural population as compared with the 1,000,000 of our urban, is the type of education especially adapted to the needs of the 3,000,000 being given sufficient emphasis?

Texas needs more agricultural training rather than less, and more institutions giving such training rather than fewer such institutions. And when they are established, and all the present State institutions have adequately met the needs of their students for agricultural training, rural schools will grow up more rapidly, and enlightened, skillful, and contented farmers will multiply, and an intelligent appreciation of the possibilities and value of the fundamental calling of the people will become widespread over the state.

**Simmon's Liver Purifier,**

The mild and pleasant liver medicine, is Simmon's Liver Purifier. Its action is thorough, but pleasant, does not gripe or sicken like other medicines. Sold in 25c boxes by your druggist.

**Telephones in Theaters.**

On the back of each seat of a new London theater there will be coin in the slot telephones to enable persons with defective hearing to listen to what is being said on the stage.

## SALTS IF KIDNEYS OR BLADDER BOTHER

Harmless to flush Kidneys and neutralize irritating acids—Splendid for system.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in avoiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble.

### R. A. McClain to Abilene.

R. A. McClain, for three and one half years City Secretary tendered his resignation to the City Council Friday afternoon, same to take effect either immediately or not later than the last of this month.

The reason of Mr. McClain's resignation was brought about from the fact that he has accepted a more lucrative position in Abilene and goes there the first of September where he will be connected with the McLemore-Bass Drug Co. In filing his resignation Mr. McClain stated that it was with genuine regret that he severed his relations with the City Council and the people of Merkel who have during his entire residence here been loyal to him in every respect and would ever have a warm place in his heart. In accepting the resignation the city council took up the matter of appointing a new secretary to fill out the unexpired term. Mayor Stallings having had the name of F. J. Ferrier presented to him as one well fitted to take up the work, placed the appointment before the board and received the unanimous vote of those present for the appointment of Chief Ferrier as City Secretary. The Council then adjourned to meet again at a near date to consider the bond for the custodians of the city funds for the ensuing year.

### Merkel Country vs Waco.

A clipping from a Waco paper recently gave vent to the feelings of a farmer in that section of the country who claimed to have in his possession the largest and longest cucumber ever grown, the vegetable being 52 inches long.

Evidently the writer of the article has never visited west Texas or Merkel or he would have been slow to publish such for here at home one of Merkel's farmers, G. W. (Pete) Brady raised a cucumber this year that measured in total 62 inches and weighed six and one half pounds. Mr. Brady has preserved the unusual specimen and will exhibit same at the West Texas Fair at Abilene this fall.

### The Best Hot Weather Tonic

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

# To San Francisco in 1915

Whether you are or are not going to visit the great Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego next year, read SUNSET and keep posted on the progress being made. SUNSET is devoting a special Section each month to up-to-date Exposition Notes and Illustrations. This great publication, the only National Magazine published on the Pacific Coast, is no longer the property of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. It has been purchased by WILLIAM WOODHEAD & COMPANY. Mr. Woodhead has been its Business Manager for the past eight years, and we believe, as he does, that the people of the Pacific Coast will support a high-class magazine no longer dominated by Railroad rule. Mr. Woodhead promises to broaden the magazine until it becomes "The Pacific Coast Expression," free from all control. He will also make radical changes in the editorial policy.

## We have been appointed representatives

in this territory by the new publishers of SUNSET. We believe that this great magazine, the only one of which the West can boast, should be liberally supported by the people of the Pacific Coast.

In order to co-operate with the new publishers and secure for them the support that they deserve, we are making the following special offer to the people in this community FOR THIRTY DAYS ONLY:

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SUNSET contains each month, in addition to its special Exposition Section, clever short stories by the best writers in America, crackerjack serial novels, interesting articles on development, mining, irrigation, immigration, automobile tours and BEAUTIFUL PICTURES IN FULL COLOR.

SUNSET WRITERS are now in Mexico securing the latest news on the situation in that country for SUNSET READERS.

ARTHUR I. STREET, noted writer, is on his way around the world to report the impending battle between the East shores of Asia and the West Coast of America for the business supremacy of the Pacific Coast, which will follow the opening of the Panama Canal. The first article will appear in September. These articles will cover a field as yet untouched.

A new serial entitled "THE ALLISON PEARLS," by the clever California writer, EDGAR H. HURLBUT, whose detective stories in Collier's have been recent sensations, will begin in the September number. SUNSET sent Artist ARTHUR CAHILL to New York to obtain the illustrations for this novel because it would be satisfied with nothing less than the standard demanded by those masters of illustration, CHARLES DANA GIBSON, JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG and HOWARD CHANDLER CHRISTY, and the very models made famous by them will appear in the pages of SUNSET. This story is a decided innovation in SUNSET and marks the first important step of the contemplated change in its editorial policy.

THE PULSE OF THE WEST, a comprehensive editorial review of the vital happenings in the Pacific Coast Country, will be SUNSET'S leading feature in the future. The department will contain a brief resume of the important event and will be conducted by WALTER V. WOHLKE, acknowledged the best posted man in the country on western Affairs.

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OUR OFFER WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

# The Merkel Mail Printing Co.

J. E. Horton and father H. R. Horton of the Cross Roads community were in town the first of the week. The former was after lumber to be used in improving his home eight miles north of here and when seen by our reporter gave some facts concerning his part of the country. Mr. Horton has 40 acres of maize on which he expects to harvest not less than 60 tons of feed and gives the outsiders estimate of his cotton crop as having half a bale per acre of grown and almost matured boles on it. This cotton is still growing and putting on fruit.

E. M. Sherman another Trent farmer was in town this week and took the opportunity to place his name on the list of Mail readers during the next year. Mr. Sherman states that his cotton is on an average waist high and is well fruited and on making a very conservative estimate says he will make not less than half a bale per acre.

F. H. Duncan of Trent, better known to some as "Dunk" was in Merkel Saturday with a two crop story, two crops of feed and one of the best cotton prospects he has ever seen in his section of the country.

Riley Horton returned last week from an extended trip in California. In returning he made the trip through the country on a motorcycle coming by the way of Kansas and reports that the first good crops of the whole trip met his eyes when he reached the north Texas line and started for the Merkel country.

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport was in the city the first of the week looking after farming interests he has in our country. He is highly pleased with his investment in Merkel country property and expects to pay our town a return visit soon.

## GRAY HAIR BECOMES DARK, THICK, GLOSSY

Look years younger! Try Grandma's recipe of Sage and Sulphur and nobody will know.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

### Dies of Injuries.

U. G. Reagen of the Canyon country died Friday of last week from injuries he sustained several months ago.

Something like a year ago Mr. Reagen together with other parties was gathering cedar posts in the mountains near Nubia and by some accident Mr. Reagen fell in front of the wagon wheels when the team became frightened and received injuries about the spine which rendered him completely helpless and paralyzed his lower limbs. Up to the time of his death he had never recuperated to any extent from the injuries but had continued to suffer and gradually succumbed to his afflictions. Burial was given the body at Rose Hill Cemetery Saturday morning.

### Thanks Merkel People.

As it will be impossible for me to acknowledge receipt of the hundreds of letters, telegrams and verbal messages of condolence from the good Citizens of Merkel and surrounding country I take this method of expressing to them my heart felt appreciation and sincere thanks for their many expressions of love and sympathy in the great tragedy that has been enacted and which has taken from us a devoted wife and mother.

This awful shock has deprived us of all our fortitude and wrecked our lives and I am sure that our friends will never fully know and appreciate what a great help it has been to us to be able to lean on them and have such words of comfort and cheer as they have sent us.

Our dear wife and mother has been in wretched health for many years and has hinted at suicide for more than 18 years; several operations have been performed and some of the physicians thought she would be finally restored, but the awful tragedy came when we least expected and God alone can only know the anguish of our aching hearts, and he alone can know how much we appreciate the love and sympathy of so many good friends in this, the saddest hour of the life of myself and daughter.

May God bless and keep you my dear friends is all that I can say in return.

Very sincerely  
Walter L. Morris.

### Skin Disease Cured.

Sold under the positive guarantee to refund the money. Hunt's Cure has become the standard remedy for skin diseases. You run no risk in giving it a trial, because it is guaranteed. Ask your druggist.