



Statement of Condition

# Farmers State BANK

Merkel, Texas

At Close of Business March 5, 1917

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$255,245.56
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Gty. Fund	2,717.44
<b>Cash and Exchange</b>	<b>87,275.43</b>
Total	\$361,188.43

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	29,942.03
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>284,246.40</b>
Certificate of deposit for money borrowed	12,000.00
Total	\$361,188.43

The above statement is correct.

**R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier**

Commence Business January, 1912

**Safety—Service—Satisfaction**

**We Solicit Your Business**

In calling your attention to this statement we ask that you note our growing Surplus Fund and our Large Resources

Able and willing to serve you

## The Merkel Mail

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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

We haven't heard of any of those fellows offering to enlist, who have been clamoring for war.

There sure will be some satisfaction in living at home, if we can just get our gardens up and keep our chickens laying.

That "Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign is ripening nicely. Most of our citizens are already practicing the plan on their own premises. A general effort is necessary in order to reach out and make the work entirely complete.

The page announcement in issue of Homer L. Easterwood is self-explanatory. We are glad to say that Merkel, in this instance, retains one of her most worthy sons. Many of his friends were for a time fearful that business interests would call him into other fields. He is to remain and will continue his progressive measures as heretofore. We predict for him a very successful career.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" will be shown here on Monday and Tuesday. So high does this production stand in the critic's eye, and of such vast, vital educational import is the plot, together with such thrilling interest from beginning to end, that we do not hesitate to recommend the production in the highest terms, and every man and woman who has not seen it will find it well worth while at any price. We merely call attention to the show because of its real worth to the mind, and further because it is meritorious.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney enjoyed a visit last Saturday and Sunday from number of friends and relatives of Roscoe and Stamford. Those visiting for Saturday only were Mrs. B.H. Baird, Reginal Knox and May Belle Baird, Mrs. A. H. Goldstickler and Miss Lola Mae Stevenson, all of Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe, who remained through Sunday were accompanied home by Miss May Belle Baird, who will spend some time visiting in Roscoe.

I have decided to discontinue a credit business. It is my purpose to render service, and I appreciate your patronage. J. A. Brown, harness, saddlery and shoe repairer. t2ch

F. H. McDaniel and sons, B. F. and Leon, of Stith, Route 1, paid us a visit the past week. While in the city they took in the carnival.

**Advertised Letters.**

Broyles, Mrs. May.  
Gillette, John W.  
Wilson, W. R.  
Sharp, J. D.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on March 28th. H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

\*Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

**DAINTY THINGS SOIL EASILY**

But why should you care?

Dry cleaning now and then will keep the daintiest dress or waist always like new.

We are masters in the art of perfect dry cleaning.

Entrust your garments to our hands. We charge no more.

**MRS. C. L. CASH**  
At Star Store,  
Merkel, Tex.

STATEMENT OF THE

# Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Monday March 5, 1917

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$227,230.17
U. S. Bonds—par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	5,900.00
<b>CASH AND EXCHANGE</b>	<b>191,764.13</b>
Total	\$440,556.80

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	38,441.44
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>370,865.36</b>
Total	\$440,556.80

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct.

**THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.**

# NEW GOODS

Arriving This Week---Bought with Cash

Men's Suits  
Boys Suits  
Mens Pants  
Boys Pants

"Walk Over,"  
Shoes & Oxf'd.  
H. Brown S. Co's  
Oxf'd & Shoes

Hats for Men and Boys. Hosiery for Men, Ladies, Boys and Girls.  
Underwear for every body. 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00  
Ladies, See Our New Silks. Quality, Style and Price is right.

You can trade Fast with us, as our cash buying gets all the Jew out, and having no bad debts to figure the price to you, we have a less price for you without having to waste time on the price and quality proposition.

We are here to do you and ourselves Good by using money and ability right.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS

# The Brown Dry Goods Co

Spot Cash Makes Small Prices

# THIS IS THE FIRST

PAID ADVERTISEMENT I HAVE EVER RUN IN THE MERKEL MAIL--AND

# IT IS CHARGED

## Read It Carefully

### MONEY TO LOAN AND LOTS OF IT

After having guarded the coffers of the Merkel Mail plant for some pleasant years, I take pleasure in announcing to the general public of this cherished section that I must find a channel in which I can place an awful lot of money (not mine however). My many friends who known of my personal affairs for the past quarter of a century or longer can surely appreciate this fact.

In establishing a loan business in this city I have to offer a service that is second to none in all Taylor county. Loans from \$1000.00 up at the prevailing rate of eight per cent, taken on approved security of desirable farm and ranch property in any part of Taylor, Jones, Nolan and Fisher counties.

In considering a loan at 8 per cent I offer a service absolutely free of the many expenses a client often finds when making an application. I make no charges for inspections or for the examination of titles. The man who borrows \$1,000 from me will receive the same courteous treatment and attention that an applicant for \$10,000 will receive. Recording fees and abstracts of title being the only necessities the client must give.

I would not advertise that I had six or seven per cent money to loan and then advise some interested party that a brokerage commission of two, three or five percent would be added together with expenses of inspection and examination of title. Such a condition would not be in reality either six or seven percent. My motto will be, to do exactly as I advertise to do, and give exactly what I advertise to give, dealing fair and honest with each and every individual and am expecting the same treatment in return.

I am prepared to give quick action on all applications for loans where security is good and the risk first class, and with an unlimited field of action in front of me and an unlimited amount of money behind me I ask for your patronage, your investigation and co-operation. Call on me at any time for any sized loan you may want.

### REAL ESTATE TO BE SOLD

Exclusive Bargains only Considered

Real estate transactions and loans on land often go hand in hand and I propose to offer an exclusive real estate service equal to the loan service I am making.

If you have anything to sell, no matter how small or how large, give me the exclusive listing locally and I will exert every ounce of energy to land a satisfied buyer.

No listing of local property, either residence, farm or ranch land, will be considered unless given exclusively. The owner, however, reserving the right to sell at any and all times to any person not my client. I ask this from the fact that I intend to advertise in a legitimate way every bargain that is given me for sale.

**THE TIME TO SELL**—The time to sell real estate is when you find a buyer. You can seldom find one if you have your prices too high. People with money are always looking for bargains and you may have one to offer. If so, let me list it at the earliest date possible.

**A SPRING ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN**—Forthwith I will launch a Spring Advertising Campaign of Merkel country bargains. It is my intention to make it a regular bargain sale, more decisive than a sale under the hammer, more graphic and alluring than a sheriff's order (apologies for copying), but in each instance giving and describing true conditions, thereby hoping to interest people who will not be in the least disappointed on investigating what I might have to offer.

**LIST YOUR LANDS NOW**—And have them included in this list, which will be published and distributed at the very earliest date possible.

### TRENT MEN HAVE BIG ASPIRATIONS

Messrs. Lee Stevens and Ed. Massey have sprung a surprise for the western end of the county.

Both these esteemed gentlemen, one of which has been referred to as our contemptible friend, have recently returned from Kansas City, where they planked down some good hard earned money in some registered short horned durham cattle.

Eight head of fine registered cows and a registered bull constituted the herd shipped into Trent. Both parties are equally interested in the prize bull, but have separate interest in the cows, Mr. Stevens owning five and Mr. Massey three. These two herds make the third of the kind in that section, as John Elliott, a prosperous young farmer of that vicinity, is dealing in the same kind of stock.

Better cattle and better hogs, better chickens, ducks and dogs are a godsend to any country and our friends on the west are certainly not to be found wanting in this respect. As for the dogs we suppose Mr. Stevens has a pack of good hounds around the house, we would bet our bottom dollar that John Elliott has.

### Stamford vs. Merkel.

On the local grounds Friday evening the Merkel High School baseball boys will cross bats with Stamford High School team. The game promises to be a good one, for Merkel has a fast team and the report is that Stamford has a "crack" team. The game will be called at 4 p.m. Come and help us win. This is the second game of the season, the other one being with Caps, where the final score was 12 to 5 in favor of Merkel.

### Chadwick Wins Wrestling Bout.

John Chadwick, wrestling champion of the Mulberry community, went to the mat last Tuesday and Wednesday nights with Del Vernon, who claims to be the champion wrestler of Indiana, and came off victorious at both encounters. Mr. Vernon is traveling with The Southern Amusement Company, who has been holding carnival in Merkel for the past week. This only goes to prove that he who goes up against our Merkel Country boys must come off second best.

### FALLS 30 FEET TO GROUND OFF POLE

Manager A. C. Lomax of the Southwestern Telephone Company was perhaps seriously injured at eight o'clock Thursday morning when he fell from the top of a thirty foot telephone pole, hitting a guy wire during the decent and landing on his back in such a manner as to inflict a bad injury to his spine.

Dr. Armstrong, who was called to attend the injured man, was interviewed immediately after the accident and stated that his true condition and the extent of his injuries could not be clearly ascertained at the time. We hope, however, that the injuries will not prove as bad as his present condition seems to indicate.

Jesse Blair's Comedians will be here next week and all ladies free Monday night.

### New Gin Plant

The foundation for the new cotton gin plant of Will Terry at Blair has been completed, and work on the superstructure will be pushed to completion. Mr. Terry will install a modern plant with a daily capacity of 50 bales. No expense will be spared to make it complete in every detail. The Blair people are proud of this improvement, and Mr. Terry looks forward with fond anticipation to the patronage he expects from that section. He is by no means an amateur in the business, having operated a splendid plant in Merkel the past season.

### Mrs. Boden Dead.

Mrs. G. B. Boden, mother of R.T. Boden, died at the home of the latter last Friday, at a ripe and honored age. Funeral services were held at the Christian Church, conducted by Elder Cybert. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Boden's friends of long standing testify to many virtues and numerous acts of charity, and in the community where she lived so long there is universal mourning. To those left behind goes a full measure of our sympathy. Of Mrs. Boden it may be said that she wrought well, sacrificed much and ever beamed with that hope that lives beyond the grave.

## Buy a Home, Stop Paying One Fourth or One Half of All You Make

It is possible for a man of comparative small means to own his own farm home by taking advantage of the extensive loan service I can give. The man who goes on from year to year, paying from one fourth to one half in rents, soon gives up enough to pay for a home. By making a small substantial payment and taking advantage of my loan offers, you can own your own home. You can take the one fourth or one half you have been paying and apply it to the proceeds of paying out something that will within a few years be your own. Such a move is even better than Life Insurance. You are thereby giving your family what they should have and at the same time laying up something for yourself in old years. Think this over and call on me.

Office at Rear of  
Farmers State Bank  
Merkel, Texas

# Homer L. Easterwood

Office at Rear of  
Farmers State Bank  
Merkel, Texas

# The Battle Cry of Peace

INTERESTING

EDUCATIONAL

ROMANTIC

TIMELY

The Biggest Picture Ever Brought to Merkel  
IN NINE PARTS

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 19th AND 20th

ONE COMPLETE SHOW EACH NIGHT, BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 8:30  
Special Music Screen Time 2 hrs. 15 min.

Prices 25, 35, 50c

Seats now at the Elite

Special Matinee Tuesday at 4:15

**COZY THEATRE**



Miss Evelyn Williams, Editor

Monday being Miss Jewell Toombs' birthday, on that evening a few friends surprised her by coming in for the evening. The time was spent in candy-making.

Those present were Misses Virginia Swafford, Marion Hairston, Edyth Brown, Ruby Hamm and Gladys Haynes, Messrs. DeVerle Johnson, William Brown and William O'Briant.

The S. D. S. S. Q. girls were entertained by Miss Edyth Brown on March 11. These girls never lack in ideas for good times and the mere pleasure of being together seems all sufficient, but on this occasion they chose as the special diversion carding.

Those present were Misses Gladys Haynes, Marion and Irene Hairston, Ruby Hamm, Jewell

Toombs, Virginia Swafford and the hostess.

The Choral Club met for rehearsal at their regular time last Thursday evening. Owing to so much illness among the members the attendance was not good and it was decided that a meeting would not be held again until more of the membership would be able to attend, which will probably be in two or three weeks.

The Methodist ladies served an oyster and pie supper Saturday afternoon and evening in the Hamblett building on Front Street. This was well attended and the ladies realized a neat little sum from their work, which will be used in improving the parsonage property.

The XXth Century Club members were entertained the past Thursday afternoon by Miss Mims. The lesson was entered into with much zest and was very interesting for all present. Eight members were present and Mrs. J. T. Pue a guest for

the afternoon, was elected to membership.

After the critic's report the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Mims, served delicious refreshments, consisting of perfection salad with sandwiches.

The Merry Wives were entertained last Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hicks. After the departure of the gentlemen from luncheon the ladies spent the afternoon playing forty-two.

Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

Miss Mamie Mann of Dallas, who has been visiting Mrs. H.C. Burroughs Sr., returned to Abilene Tuesday where she will be the guest of Mrs. L.W. Woodroof, who accompanied her to Merkel and visited Sunday in the Burroughs' home. Mesdames H.C. Williams and H. L. Rudmose also drove with Mrs. Burroughs to Abilene Tuesday where they visited friends.

Misses Netilie and Lillian Womble of Fort Worth were week-end visitors of Miss Jess Sutphen.

## PURE JERSEY MILK

We want your milk trade. Our daily "capacity" now is about 30 gallons, with an expected increase by the first to 40 gallons. We milk in barn and use covered milking pail, and milk is as clean as can be produced.

Our churn has just started, Pure rich jersey milk delivered twice daily.

Help us give the town a good, sanitary dairy farm.

J. B. Walton  
Phone 597-R21

## FREE-FREE-FREE

Rent your house and rooms. If wired for electric service, we will list them on our rental board, in our show window free of charge. We will not act as your agent, only assist in renting your vacant property.

Merkel Power Company.

Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

FRESH

## HOME-BAKED BREAD

10 Cents a Loaf

Hot Rolls—Cinnamon and Plain

Baked Under Most Sanitary Conditions

Customers invited to visit Plant

We will appreciate your trade and show you every courtesy

## The Merkel Bakery

Opposite Postoffice  
N. HANCOCK, Prop.

# WAR DECLARED

ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

## diplomatic Relations Have Been Severed

Universal Cry for Lower Priced Merchandise will Find Ready Response at The Star Store

### FREE FREE FREE

To the first thirty-six ladies to enter our store Saturday, March 17th at 9 a. m. on our opening day, we will give to each of the thirty-six ladies a box of beautiful handkerchiefs absolutely Free.

Tell your Friends

### GET THE DATE-SALE BEGINS

## Saturday Mch. 17

AT 9 A. M.

### FREE FREE FREE

To the first person entering our store Saturday, March 17th, at 9 a. m., making a purchase of \$10 or more we will give \$5 in gold. To the second person making a purchase of \$10 or more \$3 in currency. To the third person making a purchase of \$10 or more \$2 in silver. Absolutely Free. Tell your Friends.

# 15-Whirling Bargain Days-15

### Help Wanted

We will need the services of Ten Salesladies, Five Salesmen, One Bundle wrapper, One Cashier. Apply to Mr. Alexander.

These Prices are for Cash Only

# The Star Store

Merkel, Texas

### Store Closed

\$25,000 under lock and key Friday, while an army of clerks are preparing for your convenience. Open Saturday, 17th, at 9 a. m. Tell your friends

# Foreword to All Humankind

Owing to failing health this drastic measure of entire Liquidation has been made necessary. Embrace the opportunity to save or leave it, as you wish, our advice to you is that you be on hand the first chance that presents itself. You have seen Sales on top of Sales, for that reason you may be skeptical. All we can say to you is this--If for any reason known to you, you do not feel justified in purchasing your needs after you have seen and inspected each and every price, then you will be under no moral obligation. You shall be the judge and the jury, and there is no law in the land that compels you to purchase anything that you do not want. We warn you of the danger of classing this great Liquidation with any so-called Sale you have ever seen. Mr. Parten's health fast failing makes this action necessary.

The Great Inter-Ocean Wreckage and Salvage Co.

Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Cloaks, Skirts, Etc. Millinery, Ready-to-Wear, Furnishing Goods and wearing apparel of every description and kind for men, women and children, and the entire magnificent stock of high-class dry goods will be included in this Liquidation Sale. Ask anyone in the world to meet these prices

Children's school dresses, gingham, percales, all colors, nicely trims, very neat styles, former price \$1.50 and 1.00 to go in this sale at 98c and 49c

Men's soft cuff shirts, the very latest thing, all sizes and colors regular \$1.50 anywhere, to go in this sale 98c

Men's regular 1.50 work pant without bibb \$1.15  
Best overalls to go at \$1.19  
One lot mixed wool pant, positively worth \$2 to go at \$1.39

Oil Cloth, all colors, as long as it lasts for, the yard 18 Cents

Draperies--Echro, creams, white and floral designs in all colors, full 36 in. wide, regular price 15c, to be sold in this great liquidation sale at per yd. 10c

Domestic---Finished soft for needle work, regular price 12½ to be sold in this sale for 9½c

These are the Prices that You Will Find at the

# PARTEN LIQUIDATION SALE

## THE TENANT FARMER

The writer is by no means a newcomer in the field of journalism. For more than 15 years he contributed to the press, and will say that he has always found our great papers sufficiently concerned about matters of public import to give space for such reasoning as may contribute toward the solution of the various problems with which we as a people are ever confronted.

Through the columns of the Fort Worth Record he has for more than 10 years plead the cause in behalf of the tenant farmers of Texas and God being his helper, shall not tire along the way.

There is not a tenant farmer in the great State of Texas today who is not so handicapped by existing laws as to practically render him unfit for such citizenship as might be expected of those in the rural communities. Experience along this line long since convinced him that of all men the farmer in general and tenant in particular is more in need of some sort of helpful legislation than any other class of people.

All honor to President Woodrow Wilson for his efforts in behalf of the landless man, and for the farm loan project now in operation.

Some cruel and heartless mugwump has said that the tenant farmers of Texas move so often that it doesn't become necessary to turn out the chickens, and that when he makes a move there is nothing to do but shut the door and call the dogs. Yes the tenant farmer has heard all this and more, and yet he often calls for the God of high heaven to direct his wandering step and to have mercy on the soulless, blood-sucking gamblers who have drawn his life blood for lo-

## COMPLETE NURSERY STOCK

Splendid assortment of Shade Trees--Sycamore, Black Locust, Honey Locust, China, Ash and Mulberry.

Fine Variety of Roses. Splendid variety of grape vines, hedge plants and suitable fruit trees.

Planting season soon will close. Place your order now.

**J. D. BORING**

## Good Advice

When you want drugs think of us.  
Phone us your mail order.  
We will get it on first mail possible

**GRIMES DRUG STORE**

The place the people trade

these many years.

Some of our great dailies are slopping over now-a-days about "The Immense Wealth of the American People, the Unprecedented Prosperity of the Southern Farmer, Etc." In all his life the writer has never known the farmer to get a living price for his products but that he was forced to listen to this same old racket of prosperity, and in the meantime every necessity of life advanced in price till the old farmer could only say of his coin as was said of the wind, "We heard the rattling thereof but could not tell from whence it came nor where it has gone."

The farmer today should not be over-confident because of this "unheard-of prosperity." If the signs of the times fail not, we are about to put on the straw that breaks the camel's back. Years ago the manufacturers said that the farmer should be educated to higher prices, and so it is. So unceasing and so persistent have been the instructions along this line that the farmer has about graduated and should now sever diplomatic relations with the faculty and proceed to live at home, even though the menu consist of fresh air and branch water.

In conclusion the writer does not know how it happened that the good Lord directed our steps to the Great Merkel Country. Here we have purchased a beautiful little farm, and somehow a still small voice seems to tell us that the garden of the Gods has now been reached.

Often as a tenant farmer we have looked out into the great beyond, and like thousands of other poor devils, have seen, in our mind's eye, the happy country home, free from debt and free from care. We have seen the vine-clad roof holding out, as it were, its haven of rest to the

weary soul. We have watched the busy little bees gather fragrance from the flowers and listened to that melodious strain of the mocking bird in the nearby tree. We have saluted and have said adieu to the friends and loved ones who come and go and all in pleasing contrast to the scant recognition accorded our less fortunate fellows. This is the tenant farmer and sometimes in the ecstasy of the hour he can not awaken to a realization of the sickening environment till the weary soul is poured out to its creator with that

May the great State of Texas awaken to the needs and to the real value of her 200,000 tenant farmers who ask for nothing in this world but a square deal.

W. H. Clark.

Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

**KRYPTOK**  
INVISIBLE  
BI-FOCAL



lenses give him the two visions he requires in a one-piece lens. They are truly wonderful bifocals with no lines of separation and no cemented pieces.

Come in and see them.  
H. C. FLOYD, Optician  
Office at Merkel Drug Company  
Merkel, Texas

Order now For

**That Spring Suit**

Cleaning, Pressing, Altering Guaranteed by

**Yarborough**

At City Barber Shop  
Merkel, Texas

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Office over Woodroof Bros.  
Store  
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**SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS**  
The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP

WEST & PATE : : Proprietors

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Subject to the action of the voters of the City of Merkel, in the regular election to be held the first Tuesday in April, same being third day of the month I take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of City Marshall. I appreciate highly the confidence heretofore placed in me, and assure you of my appreciation of your continued support and co-operation.  
R. E. COUNTS.

**DRAUGHON'S**  
PRACTICAL  
*Business College*  
ABILENE, TEXAS  
Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE

**New Business Building.**

John S. Hughes, a popular and aggressive business man of the rapidly growing little city of Blair, has completed the walls and is pushing work as rapidly as possible on his modern business building. He claims to have the choice location in the city and expects to do an ever increasing business in that very prosperous part of the country. The building will be completed in about 30 days and will have every modern convenience for the proper conducting of a progressive business.

**COMING**

**ALL NEXT WEEK  
Monday March 19th**

**Jesse Blair's Comedians**

UNDER BIG WATERPROOF TENT  
OPENING PLAY

**THE MAN FROM OUT  
YONDER**

**30 PEOPLE 30**

Vaudeville Between Acts  
Tent Well Heated  
ADMISSION 10 and 20 Cents

**ALL LADIES FREE  
MONDAY NIGHT**

Castle Peak News  
Castle Peak, March 12—The people of this community are all well. The men are getting into their harness to go to farming. Eddie Davis and wife took dinner with W. O. Clinton last Sunday.

John Jones left a few days ago for the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth with some of his cattle. Every one in this community is grieving over the death of Grandma Boden, who made her home in the Canyon before she moved to Merkel.

Mr. Harmon Henslee of Clyde is visiting relatives in the Canyon this week. He said there were good prospects for a fruit crop there.

Mrs. John Jones spent the evening Monday with Mrs. Bacchus.

J. M. Williamson and Eugene Reece visited the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth the past week. Mr. Williamson has in charge the Sears cattle.

Miss Wilma Garrett was a visitor with homefolks Saturday and Sunday. She is attending Simmons College at Abilene.

See Sublett, the jeweler, for your clock and watch repairing.

Mrs. Rister, who lives in the southeast part of town, is seriously sick from a relapse of measles.

Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gazzaway, Dora, are the happy parents of a baby girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Well Drilling—See R. D. Tyler, or M. D. Daniel. 22tf

C. L. Eoff has moved from Blair to Sweetwater Creek, about six miles north of Trent.

Phone Busy Bee Cafe No. 263 for service car—Marvin Boney.

H. L. Owen of Sweetwater visited his father's family here last Sunday.

Service Car day or night—Marvin Boney. Phone 263, Busy Bee Cafe. Night phone No. 9.

J. N. Taff attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth the past week.

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

W. O. Dial of Nubia was a caller at the Mail office the past week. He carries with him the effects of an unpleasant experience with a young mule. He fell or was thrown from a wagon and bruised up considerably.

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 16tf

J. T. Warren left for the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth last Tuesday.

Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

Mrs. E. D. Barnett, who has been ailing for two weeks or more is reported some better.

Pure east Texas Ribbon Cane syrup. Made by a farmer. In gallon buckets at Bob Martin's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ellis of Hamlin were here last Sunday visiting the family of Rev. L.B. Owen. Mr. Ellis is agent for the Orient at Hamlin, having held that position for ten years. They were on their way to Estancia, N. M. for Mrs. Ellis' health.

Miss Garoutte, who lives about three miles northeast of Merkel, visited our office a few days ago and complimented us with a very beautiful hyacinth. She has splendid luck with this particular plant. She says everybody in her community is ready to go to planting, only waiting for a rain.

Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

**The Carnival in Merkel.**

The carnival of the Southern Amusement Company has been given the day in Merkel this week. Judging from the attendance the show must have been very good. They have a great variety of interesting features, some planned to educate, some to interest and most to amuse. The show will continue to Saturday night, and the management expects a great day Saturday.

**Friends  
And  
Neighbors**

are never out of reach with a Bell Telephone.

Bell Telephone Service cements community ties and makes possible those little touches of personal attention that deepen friendship and develop acquaintances.

Bell Service is a Social Builder



THE  
SOUTHWESTERN  
TELEGRAPH &  
TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

**VALUE**

AND VERY LOW PRICES  
go hand-in-hand here

Our display of  
**Authoritative  
Styles**

in fine suitings for  
Spring and Summer is  
most complete

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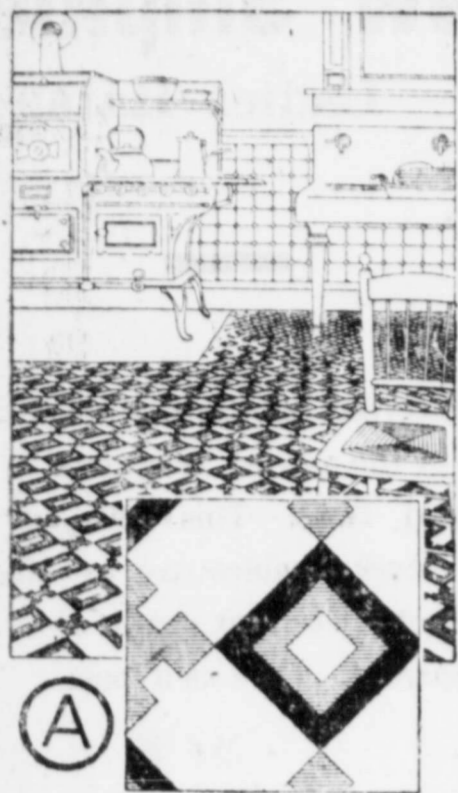
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## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. J. H. (Haynes) Hughes is now very low in a hospital at Birmingham, Ala. She and Mr. Hughes reside near that city. They formerly lived in Merkel for a number of years and have many friends in these parts. Mr. Hughes is a brother of John S. Hughes of Blair.

We cordially invite our friends to call at the Metropolitan Cafe when in Abilene. Latham Bros., proprietors. t4

A. J. Hartley, who lives four miles northeast of Merkel, was a visitor at the Mail office the past week.

FOR SALE—I still have a few sacks of pure Mebane cotton seed at \$1.75 per bushel. These seed are from Lockhart, Tex., and I think are the best that have come to Merkel. G.B. Brown t2

Dennis Lilly of Route 3 will represent the Mail as correspondent from that section.

The finest of arborvitae growing in the nursery here at 25 cents each while they last.

J. D. Boring.

## The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing in Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.

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Coming Jesse Blair's Comedians

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H. L. Woods is visiting the Fat Stock Show this week.

The Standing of Contestants on  
March — 12 — 1917

1	48,235
2	35,230
3	64,205
4	9,380
5	2,000
6	2,085
7	176,005
8	3,030
9	7,115
10	39,225
11	5,160
12	2,000
13	2,000
14	2,950
15	38,310
16	9,765
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19	2,000
20	94,935
21	5,070
22	17,620
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I will open my spring business for 10 days by making special clothing prices

Mens \$15.00 Suits	\$12.50
Mens 17.50 Suits	15.00
Mens 18.50 Suits	16.00
Mens 14.00 Suits	11.50
\$2.75 Mens Work Shoes	\$2.25
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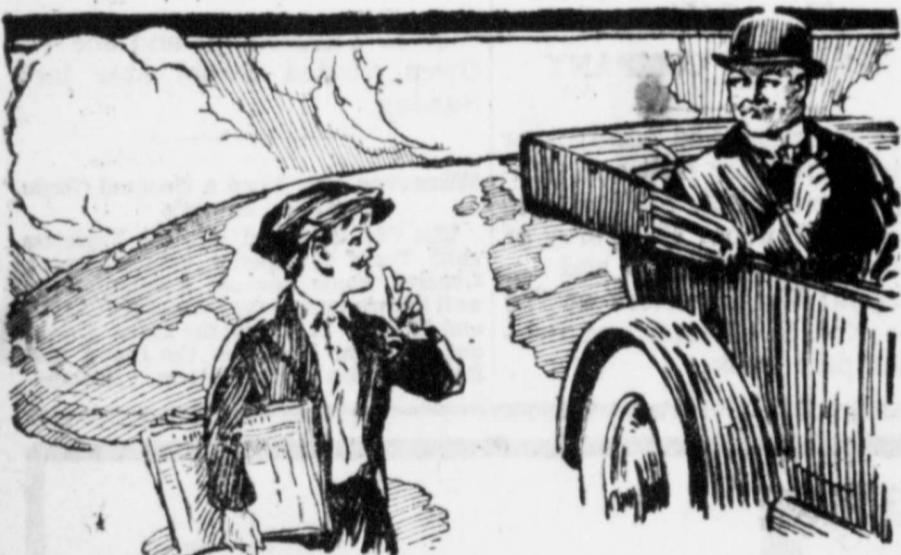
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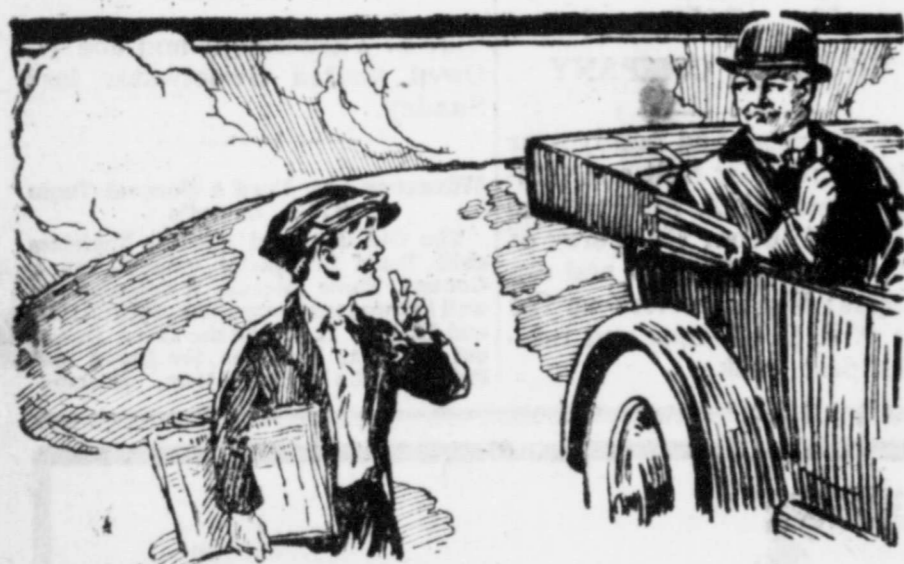
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