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COMMERCIAL CLUB SHOW AT COZY

Free To Merchants, Business Men, Farmers, Stockmen Their Wives
And Sweethearts Who Are Interested in a
Commercial Organization.

The Cozy Theatre will be open, Friday night in a free show to business men, merchants, farmers and stockmen of Merkel and Merkel country.

The purpose of this will be to complete an organization of a Commercial League and Credit Rating Association, all business men who have already signed the Commercial agreement are urged to be present. Mr. Oldham formerly of Dallas has been employed to come here at a very early date to take charge of the work as a Commercial League Secretary and Credit Rating man. He is experienced in this work and should do our town an abundance of good.

Not For Children.

This show is not for children, the purpose is to make this a business meeting and all those interested are invited. Be on hand at eight o'clock, a good program has been arranged.

Let every man interested in Merkel's future be present. Ladies are urged to attend and bring their husbands. Admission Free.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

The meeting of the school patrons at the Methodist church last Friday evening was a great success. A large crowd was present. Superintendent Parker talked on the progress of the school and drew comparisons of the present with the past. He said that we have about secured affiliation with the University, provided we have a nine months' school and some other things. Everything is in a fair way to get this affiliation, and told of the great benefits to be received from it. It would admit the graduates to any college south of the Mason and Dixon line. This year we will have to have tuition school for 30 days.

Following Mr. Parker, Mr. Mefford made a very interesting talk, showing the necessity of athletics in school. He outlined the requirements necessary to take part in athletics. Athletics are organized and work on a program just like the school program. They are laid out in such manner that all who make grades are allowed athletic privileges. They have been a wonderful success thus far this year.

Mr. Burgess made a very interesting talk on the work as a whole. The School Board and students were spoken of in high terms. It seems that every interest is working in perfect harmony for a better school.

T. A. Johnson spoke on the financial conditions. He told of the amount received and expended each year. To his astonishment there was not a person present that could guess within \$1000 of the amount available for school purposes here. He tried to show the economy used along all lines, and the board was doing exceedingly well in keeping the school going eight months on public money, when the expenditures for salaries are \$1000 a month, when our total income is only \$7200 in round figures. This has been supplemented in tuition, which it is usually considered will only meet the expenses for incidentals in general. He called attention to the lethargy that exists in the election of school trustees, that in the recent election only 17 votes were polled.

Mr. Parker resumed his talk at this point and told of the plans for the extra month this year. On a tuition basis, \$2.00 for the primary, \$3.00 for the intermediate, and \$4.00 for the High School, payable in advance, and will go into the school fund, to be disbursed in the regular way. Those in favor of this plan were asked to stand, and the entire audience stood up.

Plans for the future, if carried out, will eliminate the necessity of subscription for any part of the term. These plans were not made known at this time as the work has not progressed far enough to be certain what the plans will be at this time. The spirit of co-operation in the school has been fine. The student body stands loyally by the principal, the teachers and the system, and with such co-operation

we can not fail to have the best system that can be built.

Proclamation by N. D. Cobb, Mayor of Merkel, Texas.

Whereas, the State of Texas has recognized officially the organization known as the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas association, thereby endorsing its active principles; and

Whereas, this association, in its zeal to serve the interests of the state by its propaganda to urge Texans to buy Texas-made goods, has announced and declared a "Buy It Made In Texas Week"; and

Whereas, the association, has by its past course earned and should receive the support of every loyal Texan in this altruistic movement, it is

Hereby declared in the city of Merkel, Texas, that the week beginning May 7th and ending May 14th shall, and is, hereby, set aside for "Buy It Made In Texas Week," during which time all of our people are urged to lend encouragement to the manufacturers of the state by purchasing, all things being equal, Texas-made goods, which all retail merchants and distributors will have prominently on display during said period.

N. D. COBB, Mayor of Merkel.

BAD RAILROAD WRECK.

Just east of Merkel, early Tuesday morning, the eastbound freight train piled up in one of the worst wrecks ever experienced in this country, to be free from loss of life. It is a miracle that no one was hurt. The wreck was caused from a hot box burning one of the axles in two. Nine cars went into the ditch, two being badly demolished and two being reduced to kindlings. The contents of the cars were scattered all about the track. The track was torn up for a considerable distance. Traffic was delayed eight or ten hours before schedules could be resumed. Nearly every one in Merkel visited the scene of the wreck. One party said that he had traveled extensively, had seen many bad wrecks, had been in wrecks, but never in all his life had he seen anything that approached this in the matter of total destruction. The mails were delayed somewhat and traffic in general was interrupted. So badly damaged were some of the cars that no attempt was made to repair them, and the wooden parts were removed in order to save the iron.

W. E. Britain, the popular representative of The Texas Company, has changed his base of operations from The Merkel Garage to the Grimes Garage. His products will still be sold at the former place. Mr. Britain, through close attention to business, has developed a large trade here for his country. He is progressive and energetic and merits the success that accompanies his efforts.

IF WE ONLY KNEW

If I knew you and you knew me,
If both of us could plainly see,
And with an inner sight could tell,
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I am sure that we would differ less,
And clasp our hands in friendliness,
Our thought would pleasantly agree,
If I knew you and you knew me.

CLASSIFIED ADS

All ads in this department will be 1 cent per word for each time

FOR RENT—House on South Side, close in. S.F. Haynes. tf

FOR SERVICE—At my barn, Bay draft stallion, black points, 5 yrs. old, weight 1600 pounds. Arthur Cranston. 23Mar.8tpd

BREEDING NOTICE — I am breeding my horse and jack at Hellums Wagon Yard, same old price of \$10.00, and will use all care in breeding, but will not be responsible for accidents. I need and will appreciate your business. G. R. Gazzaway, office in Boyce Building. tf

FOR SALE—Second hand Ford, new Ford, Second hand Maxwell, all in good condition; Terms. 2 buggies, 1 rubber tire practically new; other used some. Mc Donald & Warren. 20t3.

BREEDERS' NOTICE —Black Percheon for service at Hellum Wagon Yard. G.R. Gazzaway. tf

FOR SALE—2 Standard cultivators, \$15 each, money or good note, Mebane cotton seed, \$1.50 per bu. J. A. Patterson Jr. 27t2c

LOST—Somewhere in Merkel a Masonic pin, square and compass. Finder please deliver to Postmaster and receive reward. B. M. Black. 27t2p

FOR SALE—Ford casings, Firestone, non-skid, one set, used some. A bargain. First check for \$25.00 gets them. Dr. Miller.

FOR RENT—Close in 1 6-room house, well and mill and lights—1 4-room house and well located nicely. See W. O. Boney at once.

SOME SPECIAL BARGAINS Slightly used incubators, all standard make, nothing cheap. My stock of windmills is complete. Figure with me.

I will now sell a limited number of eggs from my famous prize winning White Wyandottes—\$2.50 per setting in the Merkel territory. 27t2c
Henry M. Rose.

Notice.

Save money by having your old sewing machine repaired and made as good as new. I will give you plenty of time to test the work and see that it is good. You will find me at the Pearce Boarding house. Give me a trial and be convinced that your machine will work as good as new. All work guaranteed. I repair musical instruments. J. A. Willis. t1p.

PROGRESSIVE STRIDES IN MERKEL

Modern Dental Apartments.

In keeping with the progress of a modern city, we seek to miss no opportunity in relating the progress made in regard to improvements. Prominently to our notice comes the splendid modern improvements of the dental offices of Dr. O. F. McMaster, in the West Building. Having leased the offices for a term of three years, the Dr. proceeded immediately to bring into practical reality the artistic design in his mind, and so well has he succeeded, that we are strongly of the opinion that Mrs. McMaster had a hand in the arrangement. We don't mean to say that the Dr. does not have artistic ideas, all right, but in this

FOR SALE—Nice young, fresh milk cow. Heifer calf. J.B. Lilly, Route 3, Merkel, Tex. 27t2p

FOR SALE—Few good red milk cows. Fresh. A. W. Hunter, Route 5, Merkel. 27t2p

TRADE — Good, new Oliver typewriter for fresh, jersey cow. Apply to MerkelMail.

FOR SALE — Brown leghorn eggs, \$1.00 per setting; 2 doz. hens, \$1.00 each. E. A. Click, Merkel, Route 3. 20t3p

FOR SALE—Nice fat muttons for killing purposes. Write or telephone, Sam Butman Jr. Route 5. 27t3p.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Krit 5-passenger car, \$165, in good shape. Will trade for young stock. O.F. Leerstang, Merkel, Phone 112. 27t2p

BREEDER'S NOTICE — Full blood registered poland china boar at home of W. E. Adams, Route 2. 13t4pd

Lost—A silver purse was lost in Merkel the other day. If found call at the Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—My driving horse, phaeton and harness. Dr. Miller. 1tc

FOR SALE—Fine fresh jersey cow. Chas. Beard, Merkel. 4t2p

FOR SALE—3 full blood white Plymouth Rock cocks \$1.00 each. See me at once R.L. Adecock 2tp

FOR RENT—A very large, newly papered and painted office in the West Building. See Dr. McMaster. tfc

DRESS MAKING—Wanted by Mrs. Addie Matrel, at the Anchor Mercantile Co. Prices reasonable. Work guaranteed.

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DENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning on April the 10th, I will give a 20 per cent discount from the regular prices on all Dental work, done in my Merkel office, during the months of April and May—terms cash. I am in Trent every Tuesday.
O.F. McMaster, Dentist.

instance we feel free to express our judgment in the matter.

Occupying a spacious room on the west side of the building, he has had it divided with panel partitions of delightful design, arranging an office for himself, one for an assistant and one cozily furnished as a rest room for patients and visitors.

Along the entire length of the room is a runway, comfortably seated. The walls are newly papered and decorated with choice paintings, bearing strongly to the patriotic. In this war time the Dr. has not forgotten his country's colors, and prominently displayed the stars and stripes hang unfurled.

The office has the latest equip-

FEDERAL APPROPRIATION FOR MERKEL

Congressman Blanton Introduces Bill for the Appropriation of \$12,500 for Post Office Building for Merkel.

The following bill has been introduced by Congressman Blanton looking to the appropriation of \$12,500 for the erection of a post office building in this city:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire for the United States in the city of Merkel, Taylor county, in the State of Texas, in such manner as to him shall seem best, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a suitable site and cause to be erected thereon, according to plans and specifications to be approved by him, a substantial building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, with good, modern conveniences and improvements, for the United States post office, agricultural extension service, and other government uses, at a total cost of not more than \$12,500.

This is good news for Merkel. No city is more worthy of an institution of this nature. Coming just on the eve of the formation of a live commercial organization, we confidentially look forward to better things for Merkel.

ment, including electric engine, cabinet, flowing water, etc. In the rear is an elaborate laboratory, fully stocked and modernly equipped.

Dr. McMaster has resided in Merkel for six years, says he likes the country, and judging from the lease he has taken, he evidently does not expect to move soon. Not only are the doctor's achievements along professional lines, but in religious life he is also quite a factor, being at present superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, which is the largest organization of the kind in Merkel.

Physicians' Offices.

Adjoining the apartments of Dr. McMaster, and entering through the same reception room, which is common property, are the splendidly equipped offices of Drs. Miller & Adkisson. They have just recently gone to a large expense in making repairs to their offices, which are elaborately equipped with the latest instruments known to the medical profession. Facing the south, the light and ventilation are perfect. The floor is covered with new linoleum, and the tools and equipment are arranged with the idea of convenience and utility, in keeping with select taste as regards design. The offices, in addition to modern equipment of almost every description, include an x-ray machine.

The reception room contains a well-filled library of medical lore, together with tastily arranged furnishings.

The entire arrangement would do credit to any city, and is expressive of the merit and ability of the occupants.

The Johnson Home.

The lovely home of T. A. Johnson is undergoing extensive repairs an addition. Modern porches are being built on the back and front, adding greatly to the charm of an already civic beauty spot. For years the Johnsons have cultivated the growth of beautiful shrubbery and flowers, until now the attraction of the place is greatly enhanced by their growth. The new addition adds so much to the building that it seems snugly nestled away in charming artistic fashion, a real home, the outcome of well thought out design. The inside has been gone over thoroughly. The rear porch will be used for sleeping purposes. The improvements will cost about \$1500. This will include 220 feet of cement sidewalks and curbs.

The Collins House.

The proprietors of the Collins House have been making extensive improvements to the property recently. The house is new, in fact has not before been quite finished. The work just completed includes cement veranda, steps and walk, and screen work. This work has brought out the beauty of the place no little. Doubtless in the near future other improvement work will be made to the building, as the owners are very anxious to keep right in the front rank with a

modern hotel, overlooking to point in the furtherance of their desires. The story of the building of this hotel by Grady Collins has already been recited in these columns. With little experience he went to work on the building and that wrought well is testified by the structure itself. The finishing touches bring his plans into greater prominence. Eventually the building will likely be made three-story. The history of this hotel is a chapter in achievement. Even now many lodgers are turned away on account of the lack of room. The owners hope at no distant date to have ample room for all guests, and are doing everything within their power to bring this to pass.

Modern Home Burned. The modern residence of Robert Allen, southwest of the school building, was burned to the ground last Friday afternoon. The loss amounted to fully \$2500, with insurance of \$1,800. Only one trunk was saved. At the time of the fire the family was in Abilene. No cause has been assigned.

It looked like fate was against the saving of anything, even the barn. Just as the alarm was given, a high wind blew up and a terrible sand storm was on. The fire truck carried 1500 feet of hose, and the cart 900. In crossing the railroad the cart happened to an accident, and had to be turned on the side and the hose unrolled. It took 1700 feet of hose to reach the fire plug. Nothing could be saved, and it is remarkable that adjoining property did not catch, though the Allen house was located some distance away from other property.

Mr. Allen has not yet announced his plans as to whether he will rebuild.

A few hours previous to this fire, an oil stove exploded in the home of Price Barnes, causing some excitement, but very little damage. The flames were extinguished before the fire truck arrived on the scene.

Auto Accessories Stolen. Dr. Martin of Nubia had the misfortune of having the accessories stolen from his car one night last week. In some manner the steering gear failed to work and he was forced to leave the car in the road. During the night a heartless thief, a perfect scoundrel, stole equipment from the machine to the amount of about \$80. No trace of the stolen property has been found.

High Priced Oats. A. M. Wimberly hailed us on the street the other day and said: "I have just sold a quantity of oats at One dollar per bushel. This is the highest price I ever received for oats. I wish that I had kept my entire crop until this time."

This is just another emphasis of the high price of feedstuff.

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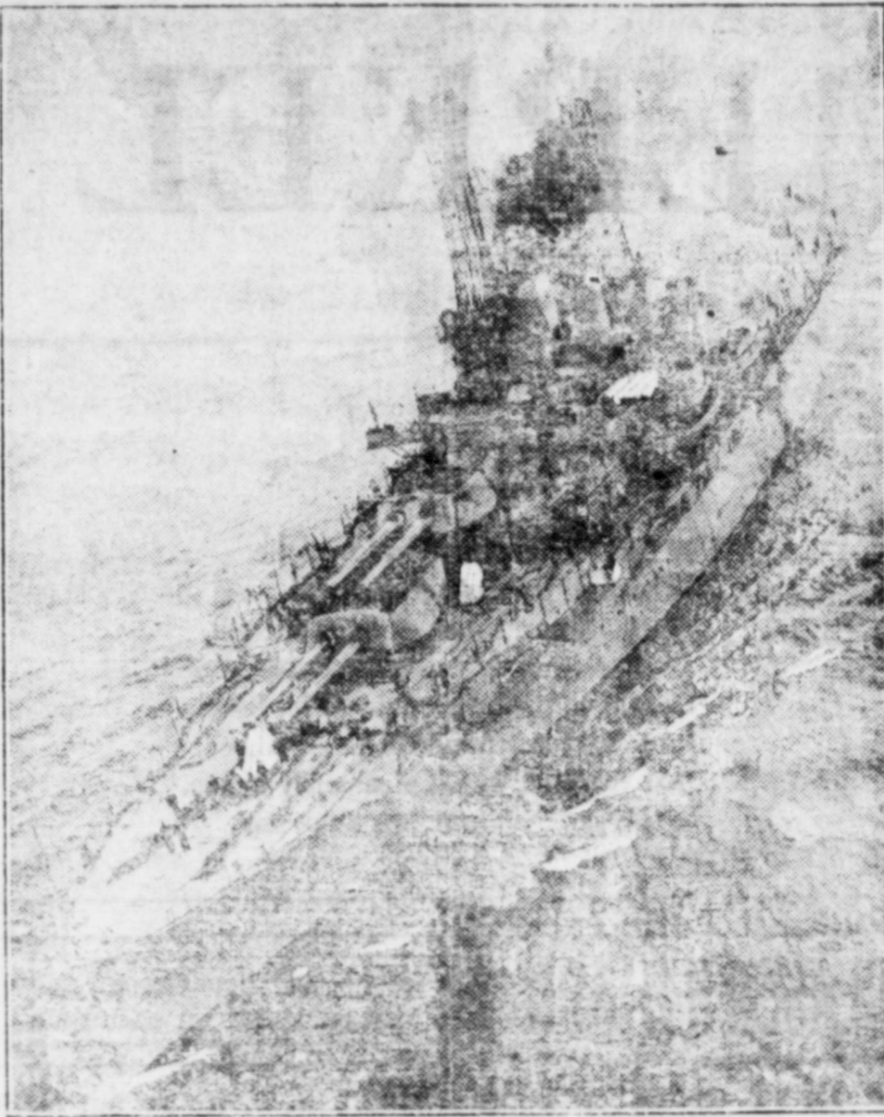
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or the poison weed-germs out-numbered an other. And he weighs them on the scales of mercy, glad of heart if the good bears down the scale.

And so it is we are sowing, always sowing, in the mystery of the dawn, in the glamor of noon in the amethyst of evening, in the peace of star shine—sowing the seeds of words and deeds that shall yield the harvest for the threshers of immortality.—Commercial Appeal.

Washington, April 2—The American army in the war against Germany will be raised by conscription. The House passed the bill 397 to 24. In a

slightly different form the bill passed the Senate 81 to 8, at the front has reached a desperation practically unequalled.

The provisions of the Army Bill call for a total armed force of 1,900,000 men. An army of 287,000. A national guard of 625,000. In addition the raising of 1,000,000 men in two groups of 500,000 each by selective conscription. Liability to service of all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 40 years, inclusive. Exemption from service of those belonging to religious organizations whose creeds oppose war, clergymen of recognized denominations and federal and state officials.

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SOWING SEED

Sowing always sowing! Not the seed in your gardens and fields; not the material germs that shall bear blossom or fruit after its kind but sowing the seed of words and deeds that shall yield the harvest for the threshers of immortality.

Sowing in the morning with the dew on the hillsides; sowing at noon under the scorch of the sunlight; sowing in the evening with shadows growing purple on the edges; sowing under the cold, white stars with the wings of darkness brooding low—sowing a word of kindness a deed of love to blow white like the lilies; or sowing an evil act or a withering scandal to grow up in noisome weeds along the trial of life.

Here a rose and there a fennel; here a lily lifting its pure face to the sun; there a noisome creeper, clinging to the dirt, hiding from the light. And their prototypes; here a brave word that thrills the world; there a note of cowardice that numbs the soul; here a truth fearing no search light; there a lie hiding in the shadow.

Sowing, always sowing, scattering the seeds in the rocky places and the fertile places alike, never stopping, going on and on, leaving windswept stretches behind. And when there no more seed, no more day or moonrise, when the last seed is the body slipped into the last deep furrow of all, what then?

Then the reaper whose name is Eternal Justice; and he goes slowly back the length of the traveled trail and binds into his sheaves what he finds there, "the bearded grain," and the "flowers between" and the thorn and the ill smelling weeds. And his flails beat out the grist, and his winnowing breath scatters the chaff, and there is left in the hollow of his hand the harvest of eternity. And his eyes behold whether the golden grain

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LOCAL NEWS

Kodaks and films.
Grimes Drug Store. 2t

Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry of Willer, Okla., are visiting the family of W. H. Laney. Mrs. McMurtry is a niece of Mrs. Laney.

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

Mrs. Cowden, wife of W. F. Cowden, a prominent cattle man of Midland, was almost instantly killed in an auto accident in that city on April 25.

We will begin handling cream Saturday. Will pay market price. Bring us your cream. Corner Produce Co., Boyce Bldg, Front Street. 20tf

Merkel Won The "Sugar" Game.

April 27—In an easy game this afternoon, the Merkel Tigers took the "Sugar" game from Abilene Hi. This was the third game between the two clubs. Abilene is the only thing in the district that has won a game from us and they got that one on errors. This makes a total of ten games, and out of the ten we have lost one. Our full sympathy goes out to Abilene in the hard luck they had today, both before and during the game, for a great deal depended upon this game. This gives us the county championship and also the district championship. We are in the run for the State championship and take this method of gently breaking the news to those interested.

The feature of the game was the pitching force. Cranfiloff Abilene struck out nine men, and Robinson of Merkel struck out fifteen men.

We would like to have a game with Simmons College.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

With Our Exchanges

There is no reason why the West Texas farmer should have the blues—and he hasn't.—Roscoe Times.

The West Texas farmer is a practical philosopher and always optimistic. If it rains he says he knew it would and if it doesn't he avers that he has known worse drouths.—Snyder Signal.

But by the living we know he is just a little scared by the way he hangs on to that old rusty dollar that ought to go to the local paper for his subscription.

Great throngs of prospectors are coming into Scurry county every day, many of whom cannot find a place to live on account of the lack of rooms, houses and hotel accommodation. Get busy; men; and arrange to meet the demand in order that we can retain the slogan of come to Texas and on to Snyder.—Snyder Signal.

Strange! Hasn't the cost of living gone up there, too?

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"I have been a sufferer from stomach trouble for a number of years, and although I have used a great number of remedies recommended for this complaint, Chamberlain's Tablets is the first medicine that has given me a positive and lasting relief," writes Mrs. Anna Kadin, Spencerport, N. Y. "Chamberlain's Tablets have done wonders for me I value them very highly." Obtainable everywhere.



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- 1 No. 10 Logan Berries.....50c
- 5 One-pound packages Soda.....25c
- 1 One-pound 35c Coffee.....25c
- 4 Packages Coconut.....25c
- 1 3-pound can Coffee, a genuine \$1 value...80c

THE STAR STORE



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Mid-Winter Poultry Show

A meeting of the recently organized Taylor County Poultry Association was held in Abilene Thursday night with several local members and several Merkel members in attendance.

The dates for the mid-winter show of the association, to be held in Abilene, were set at January 9 to 12, inclusive. C. C. Sellers of Abilene was selected as superintendent, and the show will be under the American Poultry Association rules. One feature of the show here will be that all prizes will be paid whether the classes are full or not.

The association received seven new members and will go after more. Membership is not confined to Taylor county fanciers, and the mid-winter show will be open to all.

The next meeting will be held at Merkel the third Tuesday in May. The meeting was very enthusiastic and the members are determined to make the mid-winter show a good one. It will in no wise conflict with the Central West Texas Fair exhibition.

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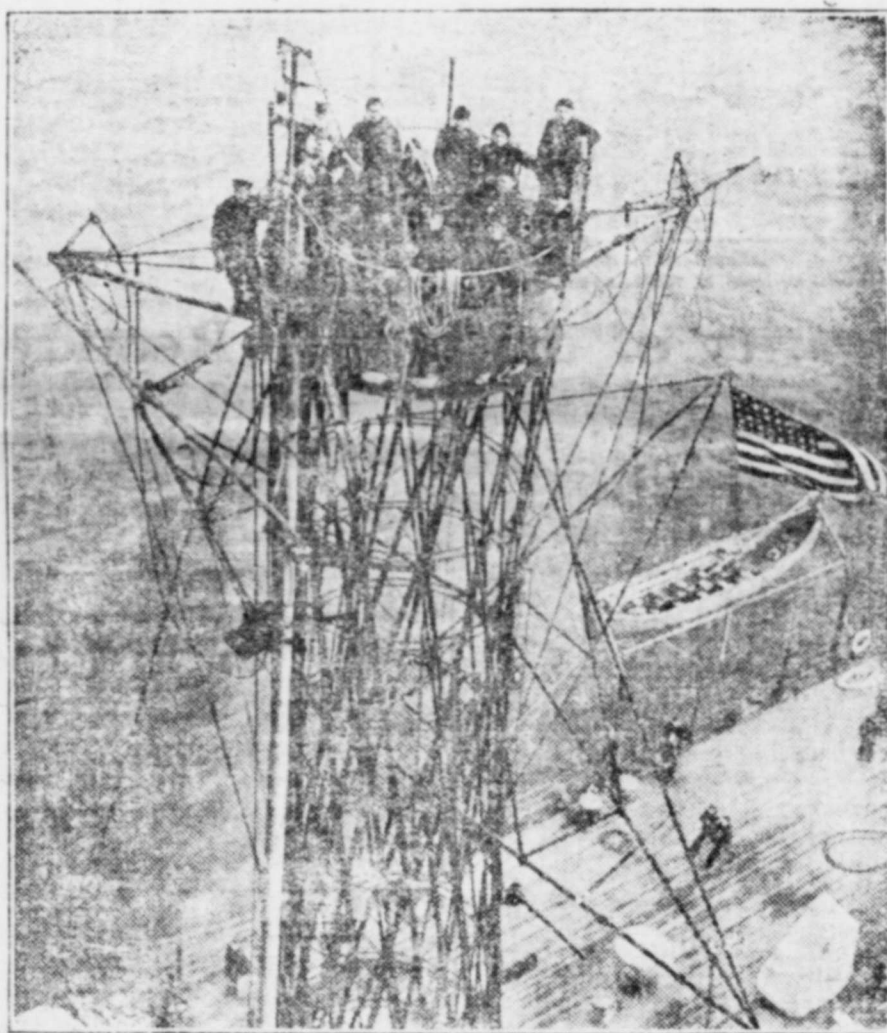
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Fighting Top of Super-Dreadnought New York



The fighting tops of the lattice masts of the United States navy are found in no other navy. This shows one of the masts of the superdreadnought New York. The size of the tops may be judged from the number of men assembled there.

Down at Merkel a man got drunk recently and was arraigned at the bar of justice for the offense. He was convicted, and the Merkel Mail mentioned the fact. Thereupon the offender became very irate because the Mail had given his conduct publicity through its columns. The Mail says that since this incident various and sundry bitizens have dropped in to request the Mail to please not publish fact that they had been on a "whiz." The Mail granted their several requests but warned them that if they repeat the offense it may not only be published but get a snap shot and run their pictures. If all the papers should adopt that policy and enforce it, prohibitive laws would doubtless become unnecessary. — Roscoe Times.

Whooping Cough.

One of the most successful preparations in use for this disease is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. S. W. McClinton, Blandon Springs, Ala., writes, "Our baby had whooping cough as bad as most any baby could have it. I gave him Chamberlain's cough Remedy and it soon got well." Obtainable everywhere.

A tent show appeared in Richardson last Friday evening. The first program was passed Friday evening but after this, some of our leading citizens headed by the pastors association, waited on the people and asked them to leave town. They stayed and attempted to put on another show Saturday night, but after a start and suggestion that it would be better for them not to do so, they left. — Richardson Echo.

Merkel might follow the example of Richardson to great advantage. Past experience shows that they are a mighty small profit either in a financial or a moral way.

Farmers Institute at Warren.

The Warren Farmers Institute will meet Friday evening at eight o'clock. Prof. Parker will speak on education in the rural district. Thos. A. Johnson will speak on diversification topics, Mr Buford will also speak. Some other speeches will be made. Every one interested is urged to attend.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. See

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WE have become the headquarters for motoring supplies of this locality through our policy of striving for steady patronage rather than big profits.

The goods we sell, as well as the service we render, are such that will inspire your confidence and make you one of our many friends to spread the good news of our kind of service.

Whenever you want a tire, tube, rim, or accessories of any kind, we will give you that extra big measure of value that goes with the name—



Firestone

We have just received a new big shipment of the handsome, stylish Firestone with Red Side Wall and Black Tread. This extra value of fine appearance added to Most Miles per Dollar is winning new Firestone users daily. Let us equip your car.

G. F. West Company

FRENCH PASTURE

Well we are still on the map, so thought to write a little about this neck of the woods, as we haven't seen anything in the Mail about us. J. B. Boytt sold his farm recently to P. T. Hayne's father of Anson.

The cattle inspector came along and made us all dip our cattle on the 26th. Those who had never seen cattle dipped before thought it was quite funny.

Talk about the war starving us, nearly every family in this whole country has more than usual of small chickens and every family we know of get eggs by the dozens a week. Our Mr. Jones markets about 20 dozen of eggs each week and we all eat

eggs until we nearly cackle in our sleep, and all the people in part have plenty of milk cows. If any one happens not to have enough cows of his own, his neighbor loans him one or two. Most of us new comers have from two to four nice pigs growing for our meat next fall. And so with the cows a lowing, the calves bleating, the pigs squealing and the hens cackling, and clucking, life goes on merrily, if the weather is dry.

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Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms nearer our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantee position. Catalogue FREE.

SHILOH

Shiloh, May 1.—We had a nice shower Sunday night; also one on Friday of last week.

J. H. Grayson and family visited Wilner Grayson and family, near Big Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Walter Phillips and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with J. D. Barnes and family near Sweetwater creek.

Mr. Franklin is here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. W. McDonald.

Mrs. Maynard and son, Noah, visited relatives near Longworth the first of this week.

Will McDonald and family visited Bud Brown and family Sunday.

Mr. McCright and family spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Miss Nina Winter was the charming guest of the Misses Green Sunday.

Miss Vennie Grayson is visiting relatives near Big Springs.

The Standing of Contestants on April — 23 — 1917.

1	206,250
2	57,410
3	677,795
4	12,535
5	4,000
6	2,085
7	673,155
8	38,510
9	8,150
10	218,975
11	5,160
12	2,005
13	2,000
14	2,960
15	95,070
16	30,220
17	390,820
18	576,745
19	2,000
20	197,070
21	5,275
22	45,285
23	30,240

G. F. WEST COMPANY

Sunday School Attendance

Attendance	Col.
Methodist	170 \$4.00
Baptist	90 2.85
Christian	92 4.95
Presbyterian	51 1.42

A Big Singing

At 3 p. m., May 6, at the North Side church, there will be a singing. Good singers from Abilene, Trent, Noodle and all over the country will be present. Everybody is invited, and it is assured that they will be highly entertained with special songs and class singing. Those in charge urge all who will to come and take part.

Cash Cleans For Cash

We offer no cut rates but we give you service. Our rates are as low as the increased living cost will permit. We are here to stay. We guarantee our work and appreciate your patronage.

MRS. C. L. CASH
Star Store Tailor Shop
Merkel, Tex.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes, who was operated on in Temple this week is reported in a very serious condition. With her there are her husband, and son, Dr. R. I. Grimes. Dee Grimes was also with her for a few days this week.

Mrs. Fred Lathem of Abilene visited a the home of her mother this week in Merkel.

Considerable excitement was occasioned at the residence of T. L. Bragg about noon yesterday, on account of his residence catching fire from a gasoline stove. The flames were smothered before any damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Burri Wheeler of Abilene spent last Sunday in Merkel visiting home folks.

W. A. McSpadden attended the Southwestern Electrical and Gas Association in Dallas the past week.

Miss Madalyn Adkisson, who has made an extended visit relatives here, returned last week to her home in Beaumont. En route she visited in Putnam.

Miss Maud Magness of Lovington, N. M., is visiting with friends here.

Texas Must Feed Herself or Go Hungry

Planting Dates for Field Crops

Zone No. 1—Plant cow peas and peanuts up to June 15th; plant sweet potatoes up to June 1st; June corn to June 15th; sorghums (sowed broadcast for hay) to July 1st; Sudan grass to July 1st; millet to June 15th; fall Irish potatoes August 5th to 15th.

Zone No. 2—Plant cow peas and peanuts up to June 15th; sweet potatoes to June 1st; sorghum (broadcast for hay) to June 25th; Sudan grass to June 25th; fall Irish potatoes August 5th to 10th, and June corn to June 15th.

Zone No. 3—Plant cow peas and peanuts to July 15th; sweet potatoes to June 15th; sorghum to July 20th; Sudan grass, July 20th; fall Irish potatoes September 1st to 10th, and June corn to June 15th.

Zone No. 4—Plant cow peas and peanuts up to June 15th; sweet potatoes June 1st; June corn, July 1st; sorghum (for hay), July 1st; Sudan grass, July 1st, and fall Irish potatoes, August 1st to 10th.

Zone No. 5—Plant cow peas and peanuts up to June 15th; June corn, June 15th; sorghum (for hay), July 1st; Sudan grass, July 1st.

Varieties—Cow peas: Groit, New Era and Brabham; Whipperwill; Black Eyes. Peanuts: Spanish. Sorghum: Early Amber or Sumac. Sweet Potatoes: Nancy Hall, Dooley Yam or Pumpkin Yam. Irish Potatoes: Triumph. June Corn: Dwarf.

Co-operative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas
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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF EXTENSION
The Texas Farmers Association
CLARKSON BLDG., 2024
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

Late Garden Planting

VEGETABLE	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5
Radish	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Lettuce	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1
Turnips	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1
Beets	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Mustard	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Kohlrabi	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1
Carrot	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1
Beans	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Chick	April 1 to July 1	April 1 to July 1	April 1 to July 1	April 1 to July 1	April 1 to July 1
Corn	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Onion (Sets)	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1
Squash	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Tomatoes	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Pepper	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Egg Plant	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Melons	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Pumpkins	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Brussels Sprouts	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1	April 1 to June 1
Cabbage	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1
Collards	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1	April 1 to May 1

Field crops as there will be a surplus for feeding. A garden properly cared for is worth five times the same acreage in cotton. THE GARDEN WILL BE A FAILURE UNLESS IT IS PLANTED.



PREPARATION AND CULTIVATION.

The serious, far-reaching nature of world developments and the possible consequences are so grave that Texas farmers are urged to plant every available acre not otherwise utilized to food and feed crops. Upon many farms there are small plots of land that can be made to grow many tons of food and feed, if the soil is prepared immediately and kept in good condition by harrowing until planted. Small grain crops will soon be harvested, and this land should be planted to a follow crop, preferably cow peas, which in Zones 1, 2 and 3 should be planted after every acre of small grain. Plant dry if moisture is not available. In Zones Nos. 1 and 2 use one bushel broadcast per acre. For Zones Nos. 3, 4 and 5 plant peas in drill 1 peck per acre and cultivate. In harvesting the small grain, the disc harrow should immediately follow the reapers and binders and the section harrow should be run behind the disc. This will help to conserve any moisture that may be in the soil if the harrowing is properly done, and will prevent a hard crust. By following this method, planting may be deferred until the rain of harvest season is over. Late planted crops should be made to a thoroughly prepared seed bed and good cultivation as those that are planted early in the season. Rapid cultivation and a good soil mulch, at all times, is essential. If fair yields are to be expected from late plantings, the small plots should be kept in condition by breaking as early as possible, and by frequent cultivation with the harrow. The harrow should be run every seven to ten days. For convenience, the State is divided into zones, number of from one to five, and suggestions made in regard to the food and feed crops that may be planted to supplement those already under way. In the table indication is given of the latest date upon which these southern sections of the zone. Other farm products may be included if you have some crop peculiarly adapted to your local needs. Cow peas or peanuts should be planted in every acre of corn this year. If corn is planted in narrow rows, plant cow peas in the middles after the second or third cultivation in Zone No. 1. If corn is planted in narrow rows, plant peas at the last cultivation.

Fall Irish Potatoes

Select your seed at the beginning of first frost. Usually the small ones, those which are larger than a walnut, but the potatoes to be used, are the small ones. Plant about two weeks before planting small potatoes in a shallow furrow and plant several rows. If the soil is sandy, plant in a shallow furrow. After sowing, the potatoes should be cut back. Planting the same as those for spring planting. The Irish Cobbler and Triumph are the best varieties for fall planting and the Early Ohio is recommended for the sandy land of North and West Texas.

Fall Turnips

Summer cultivation of the turnip patch is necessary if a good crop is to be expected. The retention of the summer rain is needed to bring the turnips up and keep the small plants growing until fall rains come. The improved Purple Top, Flat Dutch and Rutabaga are the best.

The Security of the Nation Requires More Food and Feed

SATURDAY

May 5th

SPECIAL PROGRAM

- "Millstones" 2-Part Essanay Drama
 - "Bungles Rainy Day" 1-Part Vim Comedy
 - "The Trails End" 1-Part Kalem Drama
 - "Beamed" 1-Part Vitagraph Comedy
 - "Dare Devil Bill" 1-Part Lubin Comedy
- Bargain Prices 5 and 15c

GOZY THEATRE

Matinee 3 to 5:30—5-10c

COMING May 14-15 "ROMEO AND JULIET"

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Golden, Dixie
Hensley, Hawly
McCollm, Mrs. P. E.
Roberts, A. M.
Rust, D. A.
Simmons, B. F.
Solmona, Graciand

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May-16th. H. G. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

Hail Storm in Canyon.

Last Friday afternoon the Canyon was attacked with a hail storm that made them think the enemy's air craft was out in full force. Hail fell as large as hen eggs, in many instances breaking through roofs.

Miss Sophia Howard, who has been teaching the past year at Rotan, has returned to her home here.

CASTLE PEAK

The health of this community is not as good as common.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Patterson, baby was very sick the first of the week, but is better at present. It suffered from indigestion.

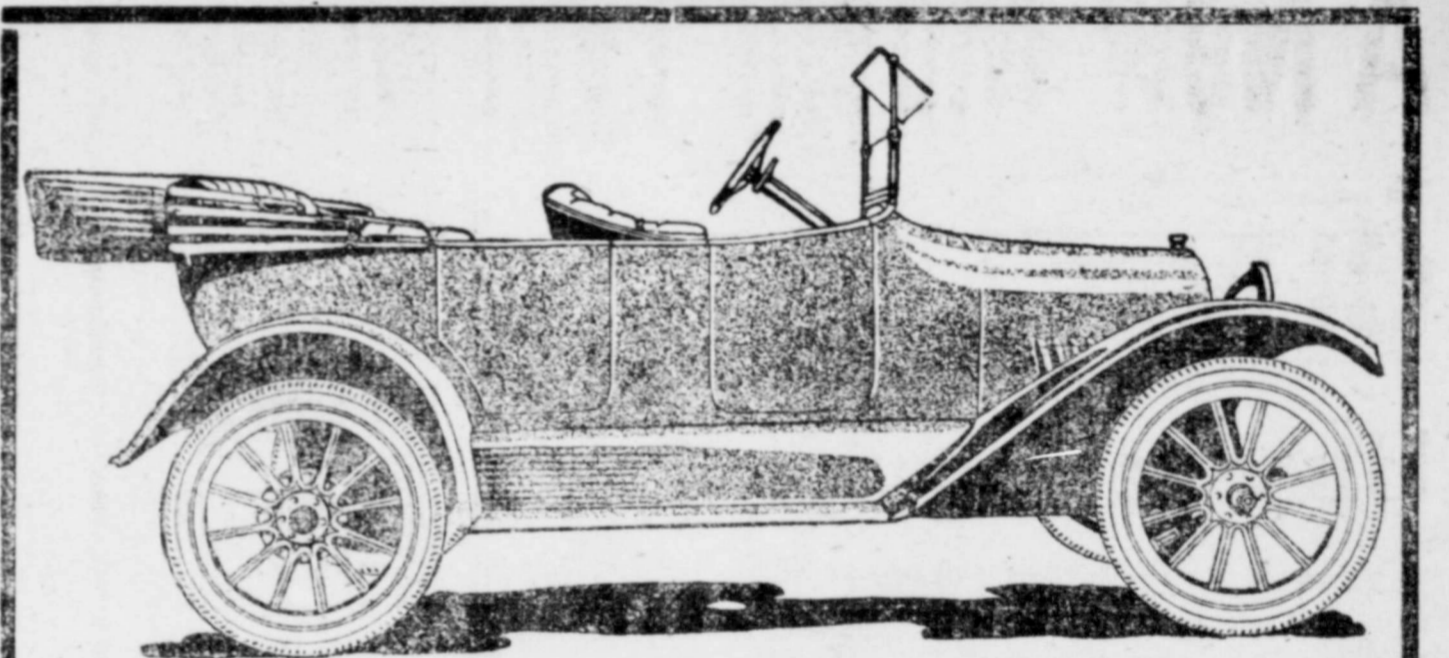
Mrs. E. B. Barnes is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones gave a fruit supper last Friday night. Every one reported a good time, and hope they will give another soon.

It has been trying to rain the past week. We had two showers, and some very large hail-stones accompanied them.

E. B. Barnes has killed 14 large rattle snakes within half a mile of his home.

Will Bradshaw of Shep was in Merkel on business last Saturday.

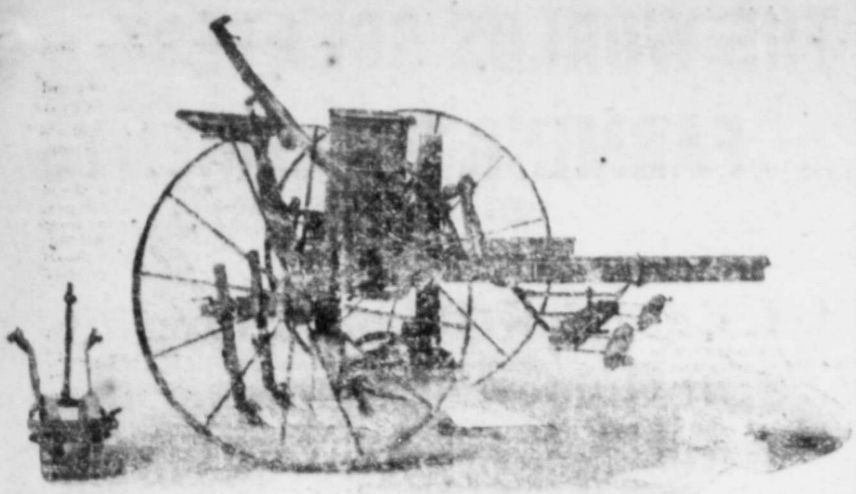


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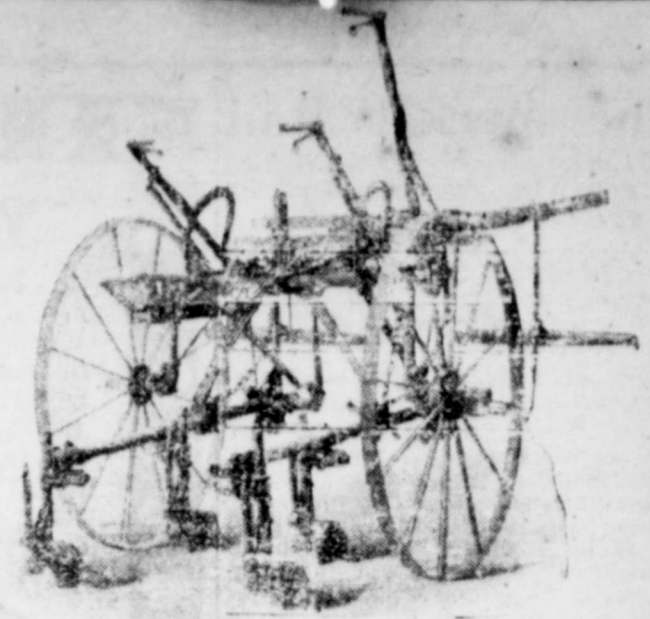
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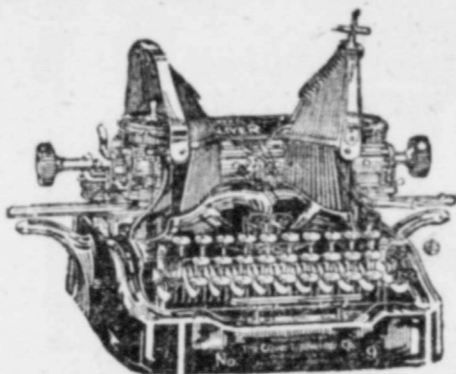
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It puts the whole control of 84 letters and characters in the little fingers of the right and left hands. And it lets you write them all with only 28 keys, the least to operate of any standard typewriter made.

Thus writers of all other machines can immediately run the Oliver Number "9" with more speed and greater ease.

WARNING

This brilliant new Oliver comes at the old-time price. It costs no more than lesser makes—now out of date when compared with this discovery.

For while the Oliver's splendid new features are costly—we have equalized the added expense to us by simplifying construction.

Resolve right now to see this great achievement before you spend a dollar for any typewriter. If you are using some other make you will want to see how much more this one does.

If you are using an Oliver, it naturally follows that you want the finest model.

17 CENTS A DAY Remember this brand-new Oliver "9" is the greatest value ever given in a typewriter. It has all our previous special inventions—visible writing, automatic spacer, 6½-ounce touch—plus the Optional Duplex Shift, Selective Color Attachment and all these other new-day features.

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TODAY---Write for Full Details and be among the first to know about this marvel of writing machines. See why typists, employers, and individuals everywhere are flocking to the Oliver. Just mail a postal at ONCE. No obligation. It's a pleasure for us to tell you about it. Jan12/11

The Oliver Typewriter Company

Oliver Typewriter Building, Chicago

LOCAL NEWS

Kodoks and films.
Grimes Drug Store. 2t

W. L. Harkrider visited in Dallas the past week.

Big car of Baker Boy flour at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Luther, Stewart, and Mrs. R. I. Grimes left last Wednesday evening for Temple, to be at the bedside of their mother, who is very low.

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

The elders of the Presbyterian church called Rev. Y. E. Duley, who is in school at Waxahachie, as pastor of the congregation. He will take up his new duties about June 15, immediately after the close of school.

Pure red top sorghum seed, free from Johnson grass, at Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Dr. Armstrong and Dee Grimes was in Temple the past week, to be at the operation of Mrs. T. L. Grimes. She stood the operation splendidly, but her condition is very serious.

Kodoks and films.
Grimes Drug Store. 2t

Rev. S. R. Standifer, of Prosper, filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and night, preaching two very fine sermons. Dr. Standifer visited W. L. Diltz and other friends while here.

Double cane chairs 65 cents for cash during May. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Rev. C. W. Hearon, pastor of First Methodist church in Abilene will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the 1917 graduating class, Sunday evening at 8:30, May 27, at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Dr. Meadow of Denison is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown.

A Little Bit More!

Beginning May 1st, Ice will be delivered for cash in the resident section of town at

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No sale made for less than 10 cents

WARREN BROS

NOTICE

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The Merkel Garage will continue selling my (The Texas Co.) oils and gas the same as heretofore.

I will be glad to serve you personally at my new place, or Mr. Ross Ferrier can give you the same service at Merkel Garage

W. E. BRITAIN

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The Merkel Mail believes in the people and stands for the people. Our hand is raised against no man. It is for law and order and righteousness in governmental affairs that we champion. We are against bootlegging, but would save the bootlegger; we are against stealing, but would persuade the thief to change his calling; we are against red liquor drinking because it is harmful to the drinker, harmful to his family, harmful to the community, harmful to society in general, but we would rejoice to see him make a man of himself.

Some men will reform if rightly persuaded; some will quit their meanness when exposed; but there are still others who perhaps never had a righteous thought and whatever influence is exerted in their behalf is considered by them as a slap in the face. When all other means fail we believe that sternness is essential.

Wrong-doing is not playing the game fair; is cowardice of the baser sort; it strikes back in the dusk of night time. Law is made to protect society; lawlessness destroys it. We are for a better Merkel and a better Merkel country, and those who are against these things are enemies to the country.

Ship Workers Wanted.

The United States government asks your further cooperation in securing the names of shipwrights or ship carpenters, ship caulkers and iron workers for wooden ship construction. Applicants for positions should state whether married or single, their age, experience, and whether now employed, making application to M. Hunter Jones, Immigration Service, Big Spring, Texas.

HEROIC YOUNG WOMEN

Of the 997 young women students at the University of Texas, 204 of them, or 21 per cent, are paying all or a part of their expenses by work of some kind done while carrying on their studies. Of the remainder who are not working while in college, 160 earned a large per cent of the money for their expenses before entering college. And 160 woman students are while carrying on the work.

The work being done by these young women consists of stenographic work, teaching in the various schools of Austin; serving at table; house work; and the care of young children.

The positions open to these young women are necessarily limited in number because, as a rule, they come to the University without training of any sort except in house work, and there are not enough of such situations to provide for more than a very small per cent.—University of Texas Bulletin.

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Taylor county has called an election to be held on May 19th to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$115,000.00 to be used in building the two cardinal roads mentioned in previous notices.

Culberson county has called an election for the purpose of voting on a proposed bond issue of \$72,000 to be used for highway purposes.

W. D. Starr, Secretary.

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Mrs. Jee L. Harris

Pr. Ladies Home Mis. Society
Preaching every Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. . .
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening.

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Rev. L. B. Owen Pastor
Dr. J. T. Pue Supt. S. S.
Mrs. J. S. Swann Pr. Ladies Aid
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Preaching every Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday evening.

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Rev. W. G. Cypert Minister
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Preaching every third Sunday,
11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School every Sunday,
10 a. m.
Communion Service at 11:00.

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E. P. McMillan Supt. Gym.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m.
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Boys Gym. Fri. 7:30 p. m.

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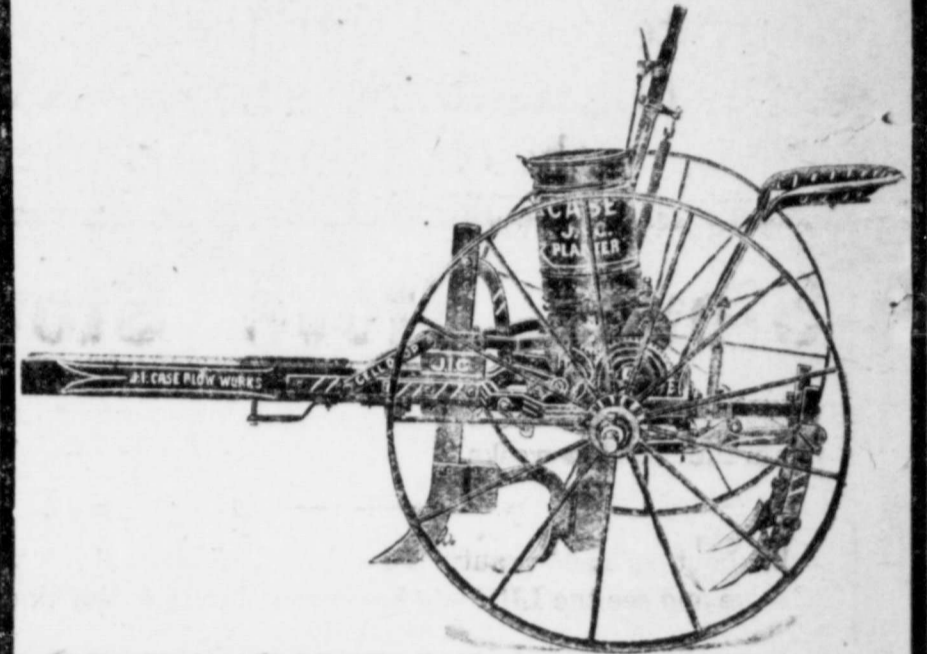
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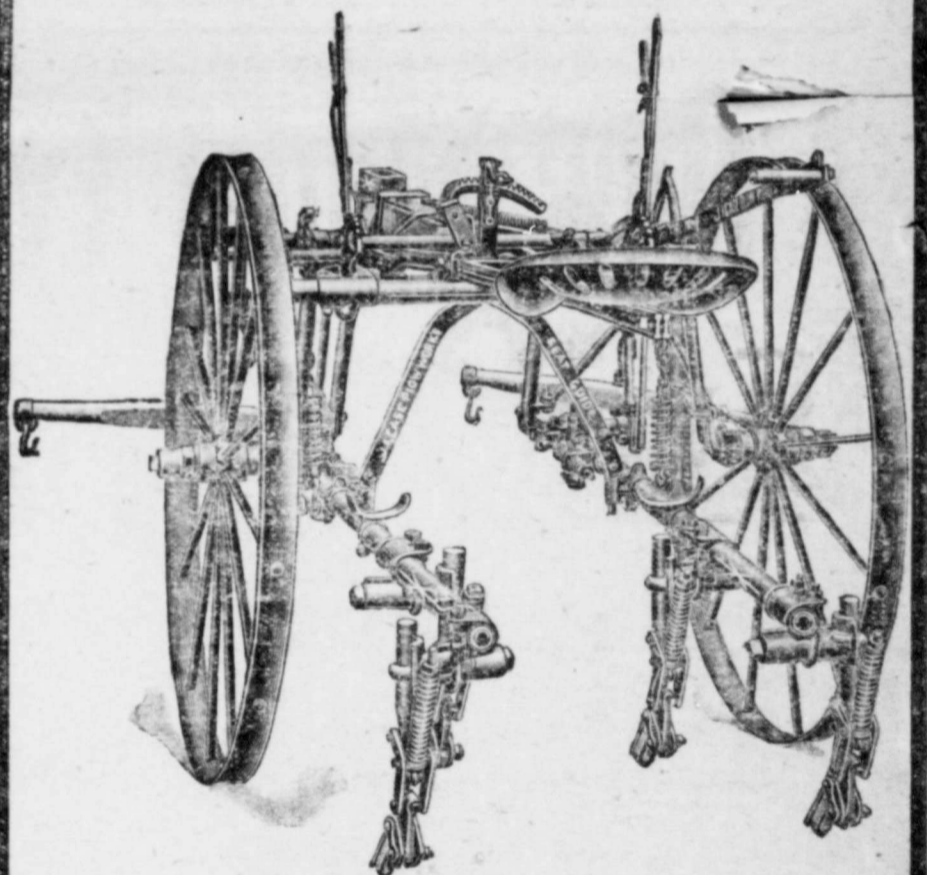
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The Merkel Mail believes in the people and stands for the people. Our hand is raised against no man. It is for law and order and righteousness in governmental affairs that we champion. We are against bootlegging, but would save the bootlegger; we are against stealing, but would persuade the thief to change his calling; we are against red liquor drinking because it is harmful to the drinker, harmful to his family, harmful to the community, harmful to society in general, but we would rejoice to see him make a man of himself.

Some men will reform if rightly persuaded; some will quit their meanness when exposed; but there are still others who perhaps never had a righteous thought and whatever influence is exerted in their behalf is considered by them as a slap in the face. When all other means fail we believe that sternness is essential.

Wrong-doing is not playing the game fair; is cowardice of the baser sort; it strikes back in the dusk of night time. Law is made to protect society; lawlessness destroys it. We are for a better Merkel and a better Merkel country, and those who are against these things are enemies to the country.

Ship Workers Wanted.

The United States government asks your further cooperation in securing the names of shipwrights or ship carpenters, ship caulkers and iron workers for wooden ship construction. Applicants for positions should state whether married or single, their age, experience, and whether now employed, making application to M. Hunter Jones, Immigration Service, Big Spring, Texas.

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Of the 997 young women students at the University of Texas, 204 of them, or 21 per cent, are paying all or a part of their expenses by work of some kind done while carrying on their studies. Of the remainder who are not working while in college, 160 earned a large per cent of the money for their expenses before entering college. And 160 women students are while carrying on the work.

The work being done by these young women consists of stenographic work; teaching in the various schools of Austin; serving at table; house work; and the care of young children.

The positions open to these young women are necessarily limited in number because, as a rule, they come to the University without training of any sort except in house work, and there are not enough of such situations to provide for more than a very small per cent.—University of Texas Bulletin.

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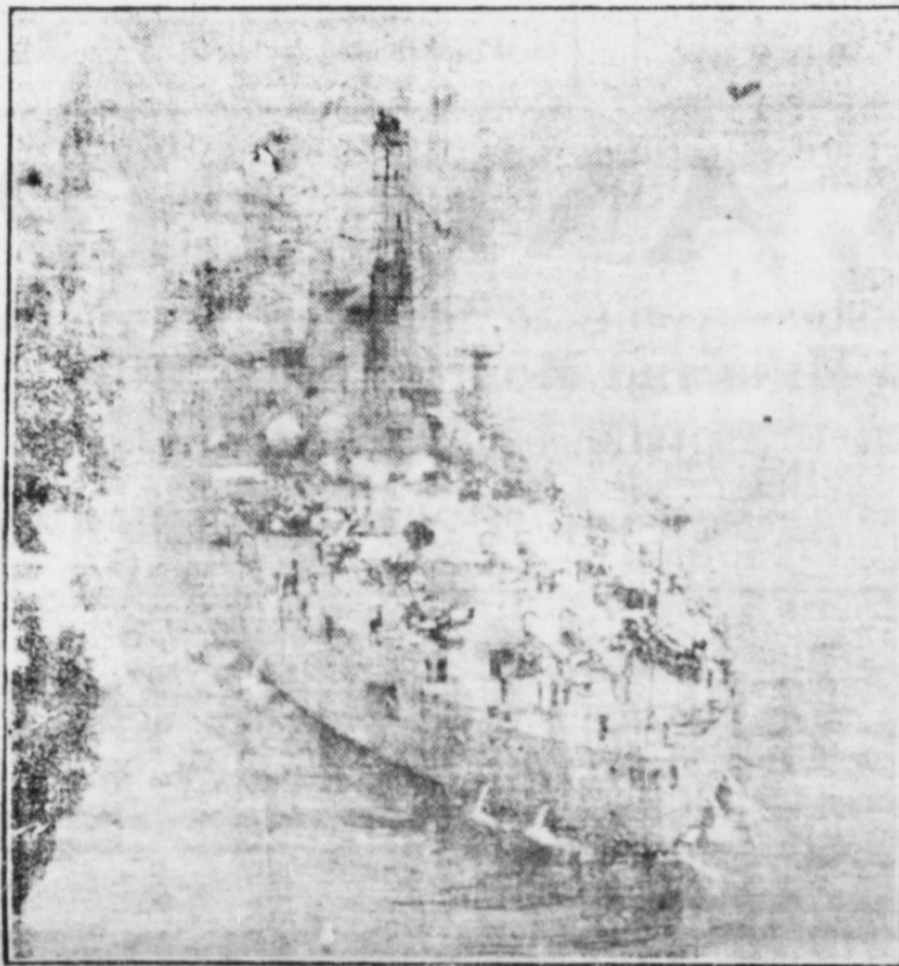


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J. D. Fauntleroy, Dist. Eng. in charge of Federal Aid in Texas, covered both of the proposed routes between Palo Pinto and Abilene this week. He was accompanied on this trip by your secretary and Engineer Meriwether. This completes Capt. Fauntleroy's work of inspection over our highway. In the work this week, eight meetings were held at different towns, at which much interest was manifest in the building of the highway.

Taylor county has called an election to be held on May 19th to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$115,000.00 to be used in building the two cardinal roads mentioned in previous notices.

Culberson county has called an election for the purpose of voting on a proposed bond issue of \$72,000 to be used for highway purposes.

W. D. Starr, Secretary.

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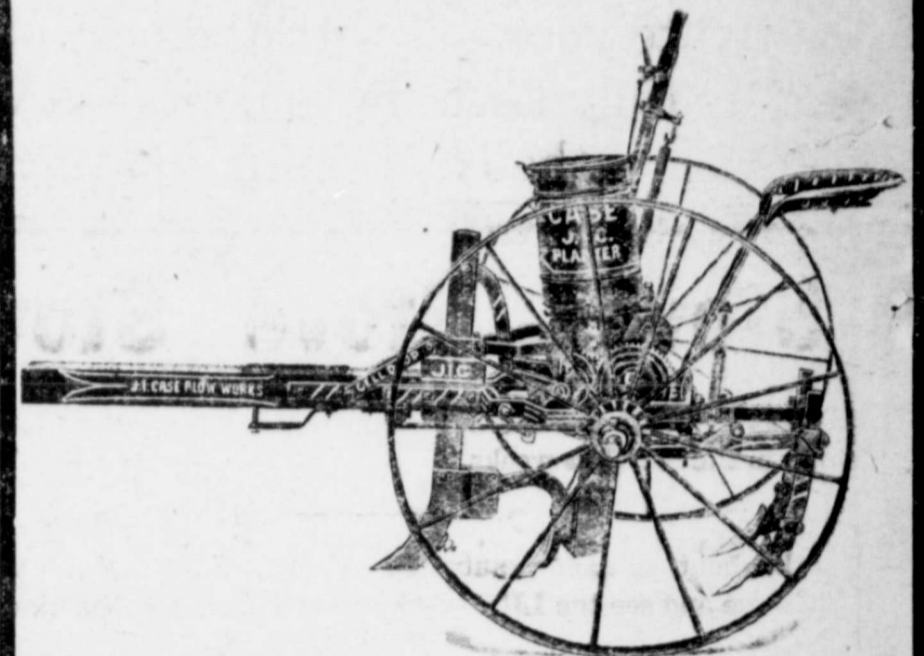
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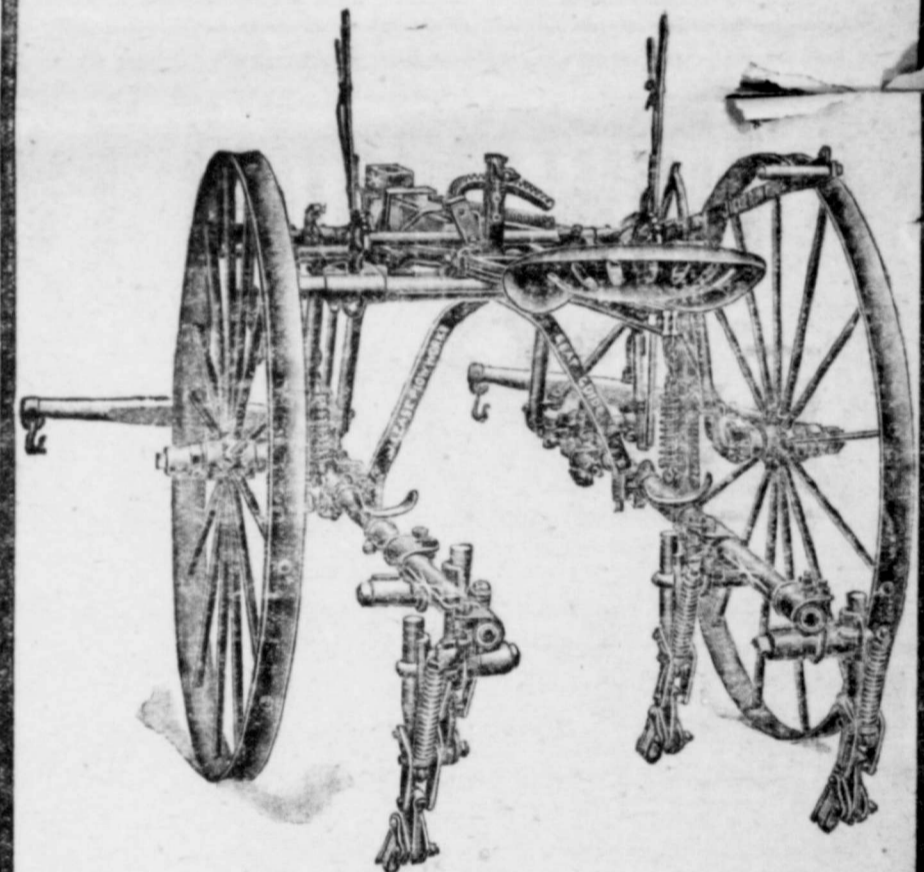
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