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LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRONT

All week the guns have been thundering forth death and destruction; all week the boys of the allies have been pressing, ever pressing the German legions back and back until the line between Soissons and Rheims has been straightened, until the gains of the last great German drive have been recovered, until the ground lay strewn with dead and dying Germans, and yet the end is not in sight, but daily the boys are pressing onward, and ever onward. Soissons, the great German base, fell, and with it a great area stretching across the salient.

Enemy dead are scattered along all the roads leading north. Each day adds to the booty captured by the allies.

London, Aug. 5—The Australian transport Warilda was torpedoed last Saturday, drowning 123. All U. S. soldiers were rescued.

Paris, Aug. 4—The number of prisoners captured by the allies during the past two days will thrill the allied world when announced.

Sights along the newly acquired territory tell tales of the terror of war. Death and destruction are found on every side. Bodies of men and horses are mingled with broken down vehicles. Thousands of prisoners have been taken, in spite of the accepted term of asking no quarter and giving none. To kill seems to be the leading factor of both contending armies and mightily are they engaged in the grim task.

Direct From The Firing Line.

Mrs. L. H. Nixon has just received a letter from her husband who is right on the firing line in France. He gives some first hand information. In the early days of the present drive he sought the protection of a friendly woodpile, and while there had the satisfaction of picking off four Germans, who will never fight again. He was at last located, and perceiving a heavy gun being brought into position, he made a dash from the pile of wood, and scarcely had he reached a safe distance until the pile was riddled. He says they are right in after the Huns and will not stop until they get them.

DENTAL NOTICE

This is to inform the public that I make a specialty in the treatment of Pyorrhea (which is diseased gums). If the gums are properly cared for, there is no occasion for false teeth.

I have had three years of successful practice and have been thoroughly convinced that bad gums are the direct cause of numerous systemic ailments, such as stomach trouble, rheumatism, etc.

I will be glad to consult with any one at any time on any subject pertaining to the oral cavity. Office over Woodroof-Bragg Company.

Yours very truly,
F. N. REYNOLDS, D.D.S.

RED CROSS TO MEET

The Red Cross will meet Friday afternoon. A supply of materials has been received and a full attendance is urged. The women will meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until sufficient material is received to warrant meeting oftener.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on over the seat of pain is often more effectual for a lame back than a plaster and does not cost anything like as much.

W. Clarence Melton left Sunday night for Newport, R. I., after a month's visit home. He is in the naval service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dyess and family left Thursday for Ennis, where they will make their future home.

Miss Agnes Powell, who recently underwent a severe operation at Abilene, is greatly improved, and likely will soon be up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell of Anson visited his niece, Miss Agnes Powell, last Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Widemeyer of Meridian, niece of T. L. Grimes, and little daughter are visiting Mr. Grimes for a while.

LOST—One red cow, with white face, marked half circle over 4HK or QT, range cow, inclined to be wild. Mac Castles, Noodle, Route 1. 9tf

Miss Mamie McNeese returned last week from Austin where she has been attending school in the University this summer.

Joel Counts, Dewey Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King left several days ago for Miami, Ariz., where they have accepted positions.

Melons on ice delivered. Phone Merkel Ice Company.

Miss Gladys Bell returned the past week from an extended visit to Lampasas, Austin and other points. She reports a most delightful time.

Economize now while everybody is doing it by digging up those old clothes and having them cleaned and pressed by Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Virginia Hoosier of Oklahoma was a visitor of Miss Julia Popham Monday and Monday night. The two young ladies gathered a crowd in the evening and enjoyed an extensive car ride.

Miss Mable Hamby of Roscoe has returned home after a few weeks visit to friends and relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner are in receipt of a card to the effect that their son, Robert F., has safely arrived overseas. He is a member of 142d infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe are in receipt of a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Simmons, of Lubbock, stating that she had fallen and broken her leg. Mrs. Simmons recently visited here.

Will Merritt, Arl Sharp, Louis Swann and Loraine Hamblett left Wednesday night for Dallas to enter the naval service. Loraine is to make application to enter while the rest of the boys have already passed and have been accepted.

Miss Gylrie Howard Entertains.

Last Tuesday evening Miss Gylrie Howard entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard in honor of Miss Mable Hamby of Roscoe. Various games were played until a late hour.

Refreshments were served to Misses Alva Wheeler, Lula Mae Boaz, Allie Mae Dendy (Plainview), Annie Mae Costephens, Mable Hamby (Roscoe), Velma Hill, Gladys Gardner (Dallas), Preston Guthrie, Will Merritt, Claud Riney, Tom Allday, Lyod Dry, Earle Thornton, Bourdon Smith, Louis Swann and Paul West.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

The Final Precinct Election Returns

VOTING BOXES	Commissioner Precinct No. 2				Public Weigher			
	Sam Butman, Jr.	T. R. Lassiter.	J. L. Banner.	E. D. Coats.	J. M. Garrett.	Jas. Patterson, Jr.	H. M. Mayfield.	W. R. Britton.
Caps-Merkel	5	28	7	12	44	7	0	3
Nubia	76	17	1	16	52	48	5	4
Blair	21	37	2	28	50	29	8	4
Trent	14	58	36	23	75	47	8	2
Tye-Merkel	5	18	4	19	29	11	1	11
Merkel	55	295	90	255	335	276	53	34
Grand Total	176	453	140	353	585	418	75	58

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—1000 bundles new maize and kaffir feed, fairly well headed, now in shock in field. See Johnson at F. & M. Natl Bank. 9t1c

WANTED—To buy good house and lot in Merkel, and would like to put in some stock in the deal. H. P. Wilkins. 9t2c

FOR SALE—One second hand 12-inch Disk Fan. See Merkel Power Company.

Cure for Dysentery

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

The School Board elected Miss Arabella Phillips as teacher of the High School Science Department. Miss Phillips comes highly recommended, having graduated at Denton and San Marcos normals. She has had several years experience.

WOMAN'S STATEMENT WILL HELP.

"I hated cooking because whatever I ate gave me sour stomach and a bloated feeling. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I tried simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka relieves any case of sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant action is surprising. Sanders Drug Store. adv.4

Billy Eusey, his two sons, Lee and Ralph, daughter, Mrs. Gee Hoosier, mother, Mrs. Maggie Eusey, all of Sentinel, Ok., were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham and family the fore part of the week. They made the trip in their car, reporting crops very good in some places, but needing rain.

A Billious Attack.

When you have a billious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

R. M. Parker left Sunday night for Austin, where he goes to take charge of normal work. He will be away several days.

TO THE FARMERS—If you want a loan on your land at any time from now until next January, from the Federal Land Bank, you should put in your application now so as to have the loan ready by the time you need the money. See or write W. C. Lasley, at Buffalo Gap. 19t4p.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

FOR SALE—Fresh milch cow B. N. Billingsley. 2t3p

Miss Maggie Wheeler is in receipt of a five-mark paper bill of German money, sent her by a soldier friend, who says he took it from a German in a hand to hand encounter. It is equal in our money to a little less than five dollars.

GONE TO MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left Saturday night for market. They went by way of Glenrose to visit Mr. Bragg's mother. After spending several days in St. Louis, they will return by way of Hillsboro, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Even in spite of the adverse crop conditions, they believe there will be a right nice trade and they intend to secure the best the market affords. They will be away about two weeks.

A. C. Rose drops the Mail a postal from Manitou, saying that everything was nice and cool, like a November breeze. He says they are having a great time—Some new place to go every day.

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.

J. L. Mann, who has been employed at the Star Store the past year, has accepted a position at Spur and left for that place a few days since. His family will likely follow in a short time.

To Improve Your Digestion

"For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them did I find the right treatment. Since taking them my digestion is fine."—Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have any thing to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON IN MERKEL THIS SEASON

To Lee Cox belongs the honor of bringing in the first bale of cotton this season. It was ginned by G. B. Brown Thursday afternoon. Mr. Cox lives a few miles south of town, and will make about five bales this year.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE FUND

Judge E. M. Overshiner has been appointed chairman of the Salvation Army's War Service Fund, calling for five million dollars, Taylor county being assessed \$4,000. This is a great work and should be encouraged to the utmost.

HOBBY LEADS OVER 2 TO 1

Latest compiled returns show Hobby to have received 441,721; Ferguson, 219,594; about 80,000 yet to hear from.

Davidson lead the ticket for L.T. Governor; Cureton for attorney general; Lattimore for court of criminal appeals; Gilmore for for comptroller.

There will be several run-offs in state offices.

We have the same excuse for a 4-page paper this week we had last. Will have to change the excuse next week. We are again compelled to leave letters from soldier boys. They are already in type and will appear in next issue.

Zeb Moore and A. B. Harris left Wednesday night for Imperial Valley, Cal., on an inspection trip. They expect to be away about a month.

F. I. Walker of Hamlin is visiting his brother, O. W. Walker, of Blair, for a few days.

Elder Price Bankhead will begin a revival at the school house at Blair next Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend and bring a New Testament.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Dresser and family of Bellevue visited Mrs. Dresser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell left Monday morning for a two week's visit to friends and relatives at Bonham, Honey Grove and other points.

G. J. Jones returned Monday from an extended trip to North Carolina and other southeastern states. His trip was for business and pleasure combined.

Miss Eunice Russell returned from Abilene the past week, where she has been attending the summer normal at Simmons College.

Mrs. T. M. Smith and little daughters, Mildred and Ola, have gone to Stanton to visit W. D. Smith and other relatives for a short time.

Sgt. Frank Ferrier, on account of an injured knee, has received an honorable discharge from the service and reached home a few days ago.

Hobson Robertson had his tonsils removed in order to enable him to pass an examination for the navy. He expects to enlist the coming week.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, 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.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.

"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henretta, Ky. "In February, 1903, 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.

ROAD PLANS BEING PUSHED NOW

I have been frequently asked as to when work would start on the Merkel sector of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway. As soon as bonds were voted the commissioners court employed Henry E. Elrod, engineer of Dallas, to survey the road and get up plans and specifications to conform to the federal and state requirements, as \$20,000 federal aid has been granted on this road. Mr. Elrod's force surveyed the road as soon as possible, consuming about three weeks, and then proceeded to prepare plans and specifications. Mr. Elrod informs me that he had a special force rushing this work as much as possible and the plans have been completed and forwarded to the State Highway Commission, where they will have to be approved, as well as by the Department of Agriculture of the United States Government. Of course I can not say when they will pass on them but have reason to believe that it will be done without much delay, after which we will be ready to advertise for bids. The commissioners court has pushed the work and is pushing it as much as possible, but of course I can not say when the plans will be approved and the work permitted to start. In regard to report that Federal Aid would be held up, I asked Mr. Hancock, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, about this when he was here last week. He stated that they had received no orders to hold up this appropriation and did not think that they would receive any such orders, but for us to go ahead with the work. We will have no trouble in financing the county's part of it locally.

E. M. Overshiner, Co. Judge.

The commissioners are pushing the matter to the utmost, and they will use every effort to see that practically all the funds are paid to men and teams in this section. They realize the great importance of expending this money now while crops are so short. The red tape matter has to be gone through with, and every one hopes it is about through.

Wm. S. J. Brown and Dr. Reynolds made a trip to Lubbock a few days ago. They report crops looking good around Lubbock. Immediately upon his return, Dr. Reynolds made a trip to Dallas.

Misses Grace and Dimple Counts left several days ago for San Antonio, where they entered the training school for nurses. They expect to take a three years course.

Since the death of his wife recently, W. A. Foster has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Lindley of Colorado. He was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

Rev. C. M. Woodson of Cleburne visited his niece, Mrs. Jenkins, and brother-in-law, A. L. Jobe, the past week.

DEATH TO DOGS

To the Public:
Please take notice that all unmuzzled dogs, caught on the street will be taken up and shot. All dogs on which a license has not been paid will be taken up and killed, regardless of whose premises it may be found on. If you want to protect your dog, be sure and see that it is equipped with a license and a muzzle. The security of the city can not be endangered by dogs, and unless these instructions are complied with, there is no alternative, but death to the dogs.
Yours respectfully,
N. D. COBB, Mayor. 1t2

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

☛ You insure your Home and your Life; why not your Money?

☛ This Bank is a Guaranty Fund Bank and offers you the protection afforded by the State Guaranty Fund of Texas.

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Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

TRENT ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham visited Miles, San Angelo and Blackwell the past week, returning Sunday afternoon. They made the trip in their car.

O. H. Cooper, who is working at Ranger, came up and moved his family to Merkel last week.

The families of C. D. Duke, Geo. Gafford, Henry Steadman and Walter Massey loaded their car and moved to East Texas recently.

T. J. Williamson has been bordering on typhoid fever the past two weeks.

J. T. Simmons has typhoid fever; also Osbourne; both are improving slowly.

Rev. E. E. Dawson, pastor of the Baptist church at Merkel, preached here Sunday night.

Wayne Abernathy, who has been in service, came home Saturday, having been given an honorable discharge on account of his eyes.

Stanley Armour has gone to San Antonio to work in a garage "Boots" Brown, who is working in a garage at Sweetwater, was down to see homefolks Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Rutherford and children of Imperial Valley, Cal., came in last Friday to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hightower are visiting relatives at Cisco this week.

Miss O. D. Robinson, who has been attending normal in the school of expression of Dallas, came home Friday.

E. L. Mangum, after having been in Mineral Wells the past

fifteen days, is back home and much improved. He was there taking the hot baths.

Dr. G. D. Watkins and family and Miss Gertrude Smith are visiting relatives at Sipes Springs this week.

RED CROSS VANISHING CREAM (WITH PEROXIDE)

A greaseless cream of snowy whiteness. Delightfully perfumed. A day cream for oily skins. Softens the hard lines of the face. Protects it from sunburns, winds, tans and cold weather. Affords an excellent foundation for applying Amrico Beauty Face Powder. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies and Toilet preparations sold and guaranteed only by Grimes Drug Store

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my friends for the splendid support given me at the polls last Saturday, and expect to put forth my utmost endeavors to make myself worthy of the high honors conferred upon me.

Very sincerely,
C. E. SIMS.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.

Mrs. Jack Provine left Monday for Tyler on an extended visit to her brother, T. B. McConnell.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.

Mrs. R. J. Reed of Abilene visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman this week.

Melons on ice delivered. Phone Merkel Ice Company.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

D. G. Barrow has been at the bedside of his father, who is very sick, at Hico for several days.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

WHAT CATARRH IS

Science has shown that nasal catarrh often indicates a general weakness of the body and local treatments in the form of snuffs and vapors only irritate and do little if any good.

To correct catarrh you should treat its cause by enriching your blood with the oil-food in Scott's Emulsion which is a medicinal food and a building-tonic, free from any harmful drugs. It is helping thousands. Try it. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N.J.

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In our table last week there was a slight error in the Tye-Merkel box. Correction has been made in the table that again appears this week. The figures on the commissioners race as appears in the table are certified to by Dallas Scarborough, chairman of the Democratic Committee of Taylor County, showing 100 votes difference in the leading candidates in T.R. Lassiter's favor.

The Taylor County Council of Defense is perfecting a thorough organization in every school district in the county. Now let us again admonish the people to treat the representatives of the organization in a most cordial manner. Any word spoken against the Red Cross, those connected with its work, or against the government, must be reported to the federal authorities. We speak these words of warning to the unthinking man who talks when it would be wiser to keep his mouth shut. The government is hunting the slacker and the pro-German. If any one thinks this is a free country now, he should be reminded that all depends upon how the boys come out on the other side. No disloyalty will be countenanced at home. It is the duty of every one to help the Council of Defense, and if any one is called upon to lend his assistance, quick obedience eliminates an embarrassing situation, perhaps, later on. Remember the government has a big job right now and has no time for pet hobbies as to how the government is to be run

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

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VERY SPECIAL PRICE-REDUCTION ON THE FOLLOWING

Every pair Low Cut Shoes are cut 10 to 40 Per Cent
Men's, Women's, Boys', Girls and Children's

MEN'S AND BOYS' STRAW HATS
at 20 to 50 per cent cut on former prices

BARGAIN PRICES On Palm Beach Suits
On Summer Pants
On Boys' Underwear

We are constantly using our efforts and capital to make our store the most satisfactory place to deal with

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

Melons on ice delivered. Phone Merkel Ice Company.

Floyd Holloway sends a card to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Holloway, announcing his safe arrival overseas.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Misses Hazel Harkrider and Evelyn Hamm returned home after spending several days with Mrs. M. E. and Miss Fannie Tippet of Abilene.

J. E. Scott of Dallas is visiting his mother Mrs. Ponder, and sister, Mrs. C. L. Cash, for a few days.

Take your clothes to Mrs. C.L. Cash and have them cleaned and pressed.

ONE WEAK SPOT

Many, Merkel, People, Have a Weak Part and Too Often It's The Back.

Many people have a weak spot Too often it's a bad back. Twinges follow every sudden twist.

Dull aching keeps up, day and night. Backache is often from weak kidneys.

In such case a kidney medicine is needed.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys, For backache and urinary ills.

Merkel people recommend the remedy.

Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, says: "An attack of the grip several years ago left my kidneys weak and disordered, causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good result in my family, I used them. They reached the seat of the trouble, completely curing me. I haven't had any of that trouble since."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. West had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs, Buffalo, N. Y.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE--GRAB IT

THIS COMPANY has now accomplished what has been declared the impossible. We are about four months old, and we have our first "Four-Wheel-Drive" Tractor nearing completion. This is the right policy, and it will win. Our prompt action in putting Tractors to work this fall to prepare ground for the 1919 crop will win the approval of our "Government," and, by putting our shareholders' money to immediate and profitable use, we will have the confidence of our own good people of Texas. We own what we have every reason to believe is worth millions of dollars—the invention on the Four-Wheel-Drive Tractor—the Tractor that pulls on all four wheels—is steered by engine power instead of by hand—and the Tractor that will turn around on its own length. The Four-Wheel-Drive Invention is adapted to our Trucks also. We have made the necessary arrangements for our first lot of Trucks, and if the unforeseen does not happen we will have our Trucks actually doing service here in Texas within the next 30 or 60 days. You know this Company is doing things—not next year, but right now, and, to accomplish the above, we are extending to you the opportunity of your lifetime. We have decided that we can well afford to distribute among our friends 2000 Shares of our Capital Stock at 50 Cents on the Dollar. That we may realize upon certain inside advantages that are ours by having the ready cash to handle them with, we cannot publish this before the deals are closed, but you are going to be mighty pleased when we can tell you about them. Remember, there has never been a share of our stock sold for less than \$10, its par value, and the proceeds from these 2000 shares are being used for special purposes; and this does not effect in any way the selling price of our stock which is \$10 per share, its par value. There is no agent's commission being paid upon these 2000 shares, therefore the entire amount is used for the benefit of our Company.

Now, this advertisement has not appeared before, and it absolutely will never appear again. This extraordinary offering is to newspaper subscribers only; and to get any of this stock it will be necessary for you to send your subscription at once, or, to absolutely protect yourself, it would be best to telegraph us the amount of stock you want, mentioning your newspaper, and then send in your remittance by mail. Should your application reach us too late we will immediately return your money to you.

Over \$12,000 a Year From \$1,000 Investment

Starting out with nothing, Billy Grove is today a man of considerable means.

Among other evidences of his success and prosperity he is now the owner and manager of the popular and profitable Downey House in Lansing, Michigan, the same hotel in which we was once a desk clerk. But Billy didn't make his money in the hotel business.

In the days when he was still a desk clerk, he managed to lay by his first \$1000; saved it out of a salary which today would scarcely pay his garage bill.

If Billy had listened to the well-meant advice of older heads than his, he would have left that \$1000 in the savings bank at 4 per cent interest.

But Billy was the kind of a young man who likes to do his own thinking. He had worked hard for that \$1000, and he figured it ought to work equally hard for him. He put it into the Motor Company, which was then just beginning business. That was at a time when the automobile business was still in its infancy, and a time when few people even dreamed of the wonderful future ahead of it. Moreover, the Reo Company in those days had mighty little in the way of tangible.

In the twelve years since then—counting both cash and stock dividends, and including the increased value of the stock—that \$1000 has a total of over \$70,572.50. At the present time his income is over \$12,000 a year. And that is something like 12 times as much every 12 months as Billy himself ever earned in wages in the days when he was a hotel clerk. Note: A member of our Company received a letter from Mr. Grove on the 3rd of this month confirming the truthfulness of the above statement.

A Rare Opportunity to Combine Service with Investment

Transportation is a tremendous word today—second only to PRODUCTION. We now have the greatest opportunity in the history of this country. The world's markets lie at our feet.

We should build more and bigger factories, train more workers and salesmen, and get ready for the biggest business boom that any nation ever had.

Good Roads and QUICK HAULING is the imperative demand. Good Roads are building, they are assured, even transcontinental ones.

The farmers of this country, according to well known economists, are losing a BILLION (\$1,000,000,000) Dollars a year through lack of PROPER DELIVERIES of their products.

People in this country need cars. They must have them. They will buy MOTOR TRUCKS, DELIVERY WAGONS and even TOURING Cars as fast as they can possibly be manufactured. Actual orders are now far ahead of any possible production. There is a large profit in this business. And the demand as you well know is increasing every day.

HURDLESTON SAYS TURCK SHIPPERS' SALVATION

Charles H. Hurdleston, member of the Railroad Commission in Texas, and familiar with the traffic and transportation conditions in the Lone Star State, expects to see continuous lines of trucks delivering freight in Texas within a very short time, and in testimony under oath recently given during judicial proceedings to test the validity of the State Highway Commission law, declared that the motor truck would be the salvation of small shippers in Texas in the future.

Biggest Industrial Dividends In The World

\$1,000 invested in Chalmers Motor Company has returned in 8 years\$86,658

\$1,000 invested in Chandler Motor Car Company has returned in 3 years\$3,000

\$1,000 invested in Enger Motor Car Company has returned in 5 years\$17,006

\$1,000 invested in Federal Motor Truck Company has returned in 7 years\$78,782

\$1,000 invested in Ford Motor Company of Canada has returned in 11 years\$434,878

\$1,000 invested in H. H. Franklin Mfg. Co. has returned in 9 years\$15,813

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Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson is visiting at Odessa this week.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharp's.

H. C. West returned Tuesday from a two weeks stay at Mineral Wells.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Miss Gladys Bell left Monday night for an extended visit to Eastland.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jobe and children are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps.

Miss Ina Faye Barbee visited Miss Pauline Green at Noodle a few days the past week.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Sydney Coats left a few days ago to enter Uncle Sam's service at Camp Travis.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Gay Lassiter left a few days since for Detroit where he will make his home. His family will follow in a few days.

I will buy anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. I will buy Mesquite beans. W. P. Duckett.

L. R. Stanley and John Simmons left the past week for Bells, where they will make their home in future. Their families will follow soon.

Fresh Candies and fruits at A. C. Boney's.

Miss Evelyn Barbee left a few days since for an extended visit to relatives at Guthrie and Matador. She returned with her sister, Mrs. Winter, who has been visiting her parents here for several weeks.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. _____ had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

S. S. Classes Entertained
Last Tuesday afternoon from four to seven o'clock, Misses Ola Sharp and Olive Teaff entertained their Sunday School classes at the home of the former. About 18 were present, and numerous games were engaged in. A picnic lunch was served on the lawn. All present testified to a real good time, and they departed wishing for an early return of a similar occasion.

A Delightful Social.
The B. Y. P. U. forces gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp last Friday evening for social, honoring Will Merritt, Louis Swann and Arl Sharp, all of whom have now left for the navy service. A large crowd was present. Yard games were played, and the lawn afforded a very pleasant place for their activities. Music also played an important part in the activities of the evening. A great time was had, and it was a late hour before the guests reluctantly retired to their respective homes.

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CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report.

	Attendance	Col
Methodist	195	\$4.50
Baptist	175	3.29
Presbyterian	43	1.05

Mission Society of the Methodist Church.

A business meeting of the Mission Society of the Methodist Church was held Monday, August 5. After other important matters were disposed of it was decided to have a quilting at the S. S. rooms Thursday afternoon, and all who can attend please do so. Next Monday afternoon, August 12, at 5 o'clock, will be the regular meeting for Bible study and the following questions will be asked:

Upon whom, under the Mosaic law, was capital punishment first inflicted?
What became of Korah?
What kind of fruit did Aaron's rod bear?

Where did Miriam die?
Where did Aaron die?
How were the people saved from the fiery serpents?

Who was called to curse Israel?
Give the history of Balaam.
When the people were numbered in the plains of Moab, how many were found who had been numbered at Sinai?

Who was Moses' successor?
Which tribes received an inheritance east of Jordan?
How many journeys did Israel make under Moses?

Give boundaries of the promised land.
How many cities were given to the Levites?

What was the law concerning a daughter's inheritance and her marriage?

B. Y. P. U. Program.
Song—Prayer—Song.
Leader—Miss Ola Sharp.
Scripture, Gal. 5:16-26.
Love—Miss Louise Warren.
Joy—Miss Ida Meeks.
Peace—Miss Rosie Laney.
Song.
Long Suffering—Mrs. Thomas Bearden.
Gentleness—Miss Ova Hurst.
Goodness—Miss Mable Toombs.
Song.
Faith—Nim Teaff.
Meekness—Miss Wilma Garrett.
Temperance—Holland Teaff.

Revival at Hebron.
A very successful revival was held at Hebron Baptist church the past week. Rev. E. E. Dawson of Merkel assisted the pastor, Rev. O. B. Tatum, in the meeting. A number of conversions are reported, and last Sunday

afternoon eight candidates were received into the church by baptism, the ordinance being performed in the Sears tank, near Hebron.

Over At The Baptist Church.

One hundred and seventy-five in Sunday School last Sunday! There would have been 200, but — well, there's the rub. "Company came in and we were hindered;" "The calf got out and we were delayed;" "Tire trouble;" "Grandma lost her snuff;" "Fido got a double twist in his tail;" and so on and on it goes. A good case of determination based on conviction works wonders when "but" butts in.

We have just one service Sunday mornings. It begins at ten and closes at twelve on the dot. Those who can't come to the Sunday School will find a cordial welcome in the preaching hours.

At the Sunday morning hour the pastor will speak on, "How Much Stock Does God Take In Our Every-day Affairs?" At the seven o'clock hour the theme will be, "An Old Testament Moving Picture: From the Chatel to Chancellor."

The prayer-meeting theme next week will be, "What is my

religious place in this community? If I don't fill it can anybody else?"

The pastor and his backers are trying to put emphasis on the practical phases of religion. We hope to make our church felt in both the spiritual and social life of the community. We have a program and can use you.

A personal question for each member: If every member of the church were just like me, what kind of a church would our church be?

E. E. Dawson, Pastor.

Methodist Matters.

Our hat is off to that splendid congregation last Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist church. Be it said to the credit of Merkel Methodism, we have as loyal a set of folks as can be found anywhere. The harder the times the closer they stay with their church work.

I want to tell any Methodist who may not have been present last Sunday at Sunday School that 195 present was a beautiful sight. I told you last week that Ralph Henson was making things go in the Sunday School. My hat is off to him and his splendid corps of teachers. You



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We want to see an added number at church next Sunday, both at the 11 o'clock and the 7 o'clock hours. Be present next Sunday, there will be things doing that will interest you. Come if you would like to worship God, come if you are a well wisher to the cause of Christ, come if you want to get something to take home with you.

All our host of friends are invited, and if any strangers are in the city, come out and worship with us.

C. S. Cameron.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Roy R. Coats, in the encampment at Fort Sam Houston, has volunteered for the Medical Corps and will immediately leave with the command for France. He only enlisted in the service about a month ago. In a recent letter he says he has already learned to vaccinate, give hypo and salts and they call him Dr. Coats. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats.



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