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THE OIL DELAY ONLY TEMPORARY

Everything is moving along nicely in regard to the oil situation. Every member of the company is doing his utmost to bring things to pass. It is very natural that they can not disclose every move. That would not be business-like. We can only urge our people to use a little patience. It may be a week or so before anything can be given out.

Now we further caution against this government proposition of holding up matters. There is nothing in it. We are not so beside ourselves as to believe every little tale some one wants to start. The government is not delaying the proposition. We are sure there is some little business deal to untangle in order to move off in great shape, and we have the utmost confidence in the people at the head of the proposition.

The oil men are fitting up one of the nicest offices in Merkel. If they did not mean business and business quick, they would hardly have gone to this expense. Hold, on folks, our day is coming.

Oran Edwards Dead.

The acquaintances and friends of Oran Edwards were greatly shocked to learn of his death at his camp in Virginia last Saturday. As we go to press no information has been received announcing the arrival of the body, the destination of which will be Midland, where interment will take place.

Mr. Edwards was born August 20, 1854, in Pico Pinto county, near Strawn and moved, with his parents, to Midland in 1893. He entered the service in May, this year, and died October 5.

Mr. Edwards is survived by his mother, Mrs. West Edwards, Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Gillmore, St. John, Ore., and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, Merkel; three brothers, Wesley Edwards, Merkel; Chas. and John H. Edwards, Midland. All of the above parties expect to be present at the funeral.

This is another sacrifice that comes home to us; another brave boy given into the hands of the God of War. As truly immortal is his memory as if the end had come on the blasted fields of France. He volunteered for the service with a heart that beat as strong as the noblest in the land.

We can but sympathize with his loved ones here. He was a dutiful son and noble citizen. Those who knew him best loved him most. We can only figure that Kaiserism has another soul to its charge.

ADVANCE

On account of the Manufacturers advance to us, on Oct. 15 we are compelled to advance Electric Light Globes, 18 to 20 per cent. You had better fill all your sockets before that date. Merkel Power Company.

Ed McCoy Dead

Word reached here Wednesday of the death of Ed McCoy at Abilene Tuesday afternoon. Mr. McCoy has resided in this section practically all of his life. Burial took place Wednesday afternoon at Midway Cemetery. He is survived by his wife and six children. He was formerly in the barber business here and had many friends in this section who sorrow at his death. The utmost sympathy of his neighbors and friends goes out to the bereaved family.

Cakes. We have a good assortment, for your Sunday dinner at The Metropolitan.

Plenty of oats at Bob Martin's

Mrs. M. J. Marlow left Wednesday to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Ferguson, at Brandon.

We pay highest market for your eggs. Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

WHOLE HUN FRONT NEAR COLLAPSE

Paris, Oct. 9.—Paris regards the news from the front as indicating a general giving way of the German line—a collapse piece by piece of the enemy's positions and a crumbling away of his army, regiment by regiment and division by division. The formidable war machine is so seriously affected, it is pointed out, that even those who fashioned it and used it against humanity now are themselves doubtful of its soundness—hence their peace proposition, the first that they have really formulated. But it is regarded that this hour is not the one in which a respite should be granted the Germans and the suggestion is heard that no request of the kind be listened to until the enemy has withdrawn a half dozen miles or more beyond the French and Belgian borders.

The attitude of Paris yesterday when the stirring news of the Allied successes was coming in was impressive from the calmness of the people.

In action of the enemy Chancelleries in their moves everywhere read an indication of their confusion and their fear that an Allied victory was near but the news of the diplomatic moves was greeted with the same quiet assurance as that of the allied military successes. If the Imperial Chancellor and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister had hoped to start a popular movement for peace every sign pointed to their having grossly deceived themselves.

There was extensive comment in the press over the Reichstag speech of Prince Maximilian of Baden and the armistice propositions.

School Society News.

Fourth Grade.

The Fourth grade Society met in regular session Friday afternoon, and rendered an entertaining program. John Mann sang for us for the last time as he is moving to Spur. We regretted very much to give him up.

Fifth Grade

The Fifth grade Society met in regular session Friday afternoon. A very interesting program was rendered.

The two numbers enjoyed by the society most was a debate on "Which is more useful a Pin or a Button?" and a play of "The Wise Jackal," given by members of the society.

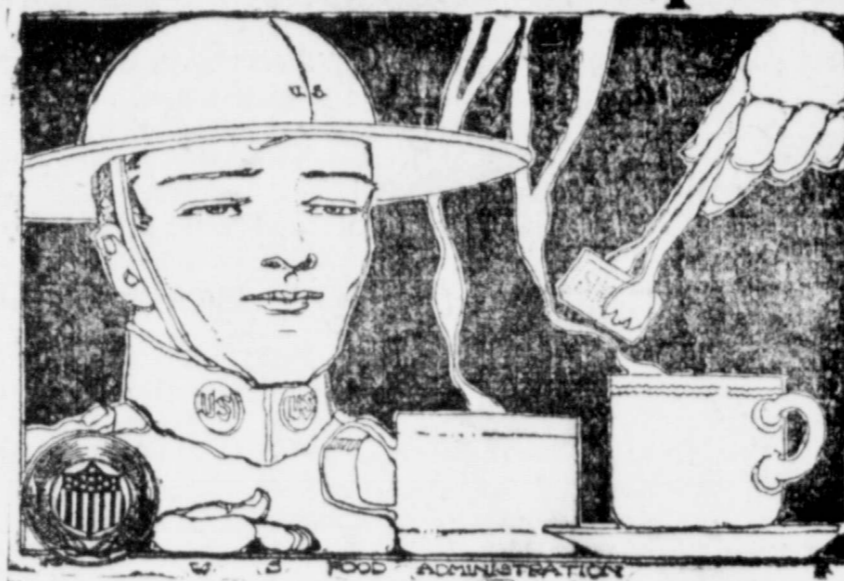
Floyd Hutcheson, Reporter Intermediate Department

A very interesting talk was made by Rev. Standifer Tuesday morning at chapel. His special objects brought out were things that must be done to accomplish success. It was greatly enjoyed Friday Oct. 5, the Sixth grade society met in regular session. A very interesting program was given. It was short on account of not all of them bringing up their parts.

MR FARMER

THE FEDERAL LAND BANK Will loan 50 per cent of the Appraised value of your land at 5 1/2 per cent on 35 years time, with the privilege of taking it up after 5 years. You can take up indebtedness on your land or buy land. If your land is in Taylor County you can get a loan here. You should put in your application now and have the loan ready by the time your notes

In Who's Cup?



PUBLIC MEETINGS 4TH LIBERTY LOAN TO CLOSE COMMITTEES

The executive committee of the Merkel Red Cross at a meeting Wednesday afternoon decided to take active steps against the further spread of the Spanish Influenza.

The executive committee suggested that all schools, picture shows, churches and other public gatherings to forego their meetings until further notice. The picture show and school of Merkel have already complied with this request.

This loan acts like life insurance on your home, and if you can get one you are doing yourself an injustice to not take one. Talk to your wife about it. Then see W. W. Wheeler of Merkel or R. E. L. Norwood of Abilene or W. C. Lasley of Buffalo Gap and do it now.—adv 114c.

Received car of feed, consisting of corn, oats, bran and chops at The Crown Hardware Company.

Following is the committee that has charge of soliciting subscriptions:

Thos. Johnson, R. L. Bland, J. T. Browning, J. T. Warren, H. F. Greene, R. O. Anderson, Jno. Sears, W. A. McSpadden, C. M. Largent, H. C. Williams and Walter Jackson.

Following is the ladies committee: Miss Mossie Sears, Chairman, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. L. B. Howard and Misses Sadie Collins and Eva Williams.

Following is telegram received by Mr. Beene:—Houston, Texas, E. P. Beene, Agt. Gulf Refining Co. You may subscribe five hundred dollars of the Fourth Liberty Loan in name of the Gulf Refining Co. advise us at once the name of the Bank through whom you subscribe in order that we may send check for first payment, we want unregistered coupon bonds. C. L. Keer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

SEWING WANTED—For sewing of all kinds, see Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, in the balcony at the Anchor Mercantile Co. 274p.

FOR SALE A four room house on Oak Street. See Mrs. J. C. Welton for particulars. 1122p.

Plenty of oats at Bob Martin's EGGS—We want to buy your eggs, Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Any one who will chance to visit the Merkel Schools would be surprised at the splendid work the pupils are doing under the management of a cooperative faculty.

A new system of arrangements for a study hall has been perfected for the High School. The students have bought pretty green felt covers for the teachers desks and for the large table at the front of the study hall. Also a nice desk and office chair has been purchased with a part of the student funds.

A service flag is being made, with 104 stars on it for our high school boys that are in the service. The flag will be raised at some future date, when an appropriate program will be given.

The High School students enjoyed a good chapel hour Monday morning. Rev. Cameron gave an encouraging talk.

Dr. Reynolds proved himself an orator, speaking on the necessity of the care of the teeth. After his talk every student

pledged themselves to give their teeth daily attention. Mr. Parker responded with a plea to "keep the good work going."

Our Bakery and Cafe is open for inspection at all hours. The Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery.

We want to list your vacant lots, your houses, in fact whatever you have to sell. The Merkel Realty Company.

Received car of feed, consisting of corn, oats, bran and chops at The Crown Hardware Company.

DO NOT Buy any new electrical appliances if your old ones can be repaired. Conserve the material and you will help our government. Bring your old appliances to our office and we will repair them free of labor charges. The government indorses the uses of electrical appliances for the fact it is a big saving in fuel. MERKEL POWER CO.

THE NEW ECONOMY

Money is daily becoming less valuable, hence we must practice economy with things. The proper cleansing of woolen garments means the same to them as proper lubrication means to an automobile, or proper cleansing to a watch. Yet millions of garments are discarded every year simply because the art of cleansing and caring for them is so little understood. I know how to clean your clothes properly, and it is economy for you to bring them in and let me do your work.—adv.

Since we believe in the "all around" development of pupils, the literary and athletic places of school life have not been forgotten. Some interesting, beneficial programs are being given now. Then ball teams are having some enthusiastic practice.

High School Reporter

Mr. Bob Russell is improving rapidly and was able to come down town several days this week.

See that productive farm just a few miles northeast of Merkel. The Merkel Realty Company.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PEACE NOTE

Washington, Oct. 8.—The text of the note to Germany of the Secretary of State through the Swedish minister follows:

"Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German Government and in order that it shall be as candid and straightforward as the momentous interest involved required, the President of the United States deems it necessary to be assured in advance of the exact meaning of the Imperial Chancellor.

"Does the Imperial Chancellor declare that the Imperial German government accepts the terms laid down by the President in his address to the Congress of the United States on the 8th day of January last, and in subsequent addresses and that its object in entering into discussion would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application.

"The President feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the governments with which the government of United States is associated against the Central powers so long as the armies of those powers are upon their soil. The good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the Central Powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The President feels that he is justified in asking whether the Imperial Chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the Empire who have so far conducted the war? He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

"Robert Lansing."

Accepts Position With Bank

H. Holland Teaff has accepted position as bookkeeper with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. We congratulate both Mr. Teaff and the bank. Mr. Teaff is a very efficient and accomplished young man of high purpose and integrity and we predict for him a successful career.

DO NOT

Buy any new electrical appliances if your old ones can be repaired. Conserve the material and you will help our government. Bring your old appliances to our office and we will repair them free of labor charges. The government indorses the uses of electrical appliances for the fact it is a big saving in fuel. MERKEL POWER CO.

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MRS. C. L. CASH.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE LAST SUNDAY

Rev. Hunt, pastor of St Pauls Methodist church of Abilene conducted the patriotic services at the Methodist church last Sunday morning. The musical program was arranged by Mrs. L. B. Howard and Miss Williams.

Dr. Hunt used for his text, "The son of man goes forth to war." In a clear and concise manner he showed this war to be honorable and right in the sight of God. He recited the atrocities, almost unbelievable in their nature, perpetrated by the German soldiers. He showed how they held to their belief that might makes right and how they proposed to dominate the world. He referred to the fact that Germany had claimed herself to be the most civilized nation in the world and that she proposed to fasten her customs, language, trade and everything into her own hands. She proposed to conquer the world and dominate every phase of life. He referred to Germany's outspoken opposition to Christian principles and told how the rulers had dragged down those of independent thought and placed those in their stead who would bow to the will of the Kaiser.

He said the principles of civilization and love had no meaning in Germany, that they only understood force and therefore must be given them and force without stint. He lauded our great President, whom he said, had waited patiently, while some were crying for war in mere impetuosity and others from a deep rooted understanding of the real motives, and not until our citizens were slain upon the high seas, until German arrogance grew rampant, did he finally recite upon war, and then came that remarkable message of force, and force without stint.

He said that there were some things that would have to take place after this war. There is going to be a brotherhood of nations. We have come to the point when we must consider that we are every man's brother. Some people said that the war would crush Christianity. Never before was there such a spiritual conviction taking place in human thought and heart. Never before did such outstanding faith arise from the blood-soaked battle field as today leads the gallant soldiers of the allies to the very front.

He drew a contrast of what Belgium had suffered, of what northern France had undergone of the sacrifice of England, and then said how could we complain of the drouth and think we couldn't buy liberty bonds. He said that our boys alone were between us and the barbaric hordes that overrun Belgium. He asked how much we would sacrifice should German armies overrun America. A little liberty loan would not be a circumstance then, he said.

It is the consensus of opinion that the address of the doctor was one of the greatest ever delivered in Merkel and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Not a person sat under the sound of his voice that was not thrilled and filled with new patriotic zeal and a greater determination to "do their bit" for the great cause of world liberty.

A Beautiful Woman.

Do you know that a beautiful woman always has a good digestion? If your digestion is faulty, eat lightly of meats, and take an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen your digestion. Price 25c.

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

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.

We Pay The Premium

Capital and Surplus Fund
\$65,000.00

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This loan acts like life insurance on your home, and if you can get one you are doing yourself an injustice to not take one. Talk to your wife about it. Then see W. W. Wheeler of Merkel or R. E. L. Norwood of Abilene or W. C. Lasley of Buffalo Gap and do it now.—adv 114c.

Oil Companies Subscribe.

Through their local manager, Henry M. Rose, the Magnolia Oil Company has subscribed \$1000 to the Liberty Loan campaign, and through their local manager, Ellis Beene, the Gulf Refining Company subscribed \$500.

These oil companies are to be commended for their fair and equitable distribution of bond funds. It is highly appreciated locally. It shows an attitude of right thinking and right acting. Now these companies could have subscribed all their funds at headquarters and it would have looked mighty big, but they realized that they were making money off of their business here and they felt as if they owed their agencies this consideration and their attitude is highly appreciated.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

HEARD IN MERKEL

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Ills Corrected.

All over Merkel you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Merkel people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Merkel citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

T. J. King, Kent St., says: "I didn't know my kidneys were causing my backache until a neighbor told me to use Doan's Kidney Pills, saying my kidneys were the cause of my complaint. My back ached nearly all the time; even when I was lying down it bothered me. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and the discomfort left. Two boxes of Doan's cured me."

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

Removal Notice.

I have moved my harness and shoe shop to the west side Kent Street, one door north of The Blair Hotel. I will appreciate all work intrusted to me and will endeavor to give the best of service possible.

Yours to command,

J. A. Brown.

RED CROSS RHEUMATIC REMEDY

The great advantage over other rheumatic medicines lies in the fact that it does not disturb the stomach. Many cases have been permanently cured by this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

Fourth Liberty Loan



☛ This campaign is now on. Every person should invest in these bonds to the limit of his ability. ☛ This Bank and its officials and clerical force is at your service in this matter and will give the same careful attention to subscriptions that it has in the past.

War Saving Stamps

for sale over the counter
at all times

☛ Your general Banking business invited and the limit of our service is only circumscribed by the rules of prudent banking.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

To the patriotic Citizens of Merkel and Vicinity:

We are now in the second week of the three weeks in which we are to help raise six billion dollars by the sale of Liberty Bonds. The local committee has felt that, perhaps, it would not be necessary to make a call upon every individual in this community in order to get a respectable subscription this time. However, about half the time has now expired and perhaps less than two dozen persons have subscribed up to this writing.

We realize that conditions are very hard here and that very many people simply can not subscribe in any amount. On the other hand, there are many who can easily show where they stand by subscribing for bonds in amounts from \$50. to \$5,000.00. Times are not nearly so hard here now as they will be should the Kaiser win. We must do our duty and if every man will do what his conscience tells him he ought to do and not wait for others to win the war, Merkel and vicinity will not be criticised.

Local Committee For the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Mrs. C. L. McNeas left Tuesday night to join her husband, who has been working in the Mining department at Busby Ariz., for two months. We regret to see this splendid young couple leave, but wish them success in their new field of labor.

WHAT TO USE TO PREVENT APPENDICITIS

Merkel people should know simple buethorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, flushes the entire bowel tract so completely that appendicitis is prevented. One spoonful Adler-i-ka relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation because it removes all foul matter which clogged and poisoned your system. The instant action surprises both doctors and patients.—Sanders Drug Store. adv.3

Buy Liberty Bonds

IT'S THE QUICK WAY FOR PEACE
and for you to keep a smile

We Have Many Things

that you can buy at big saving, as goods of a year ago make and price are better than ones produced now.

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT

Styles are Very Practical
And Quality A1 for the Price

Yours to Serve

The Brown D. G. Company

O. R. HORTON WRITES

Sept. 28 1918,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Sister—I have arrived in the United States, and believe me I am sure glad to get back to God's country again.

I was wounded July 18th on the first day of the big drive. I had advanced about four miles when I was struck down by a high explosive shell. I lay on the battle field sixteen hours before I was picked up. When they found me, I was then carried from one place to another until I landed in a French Hospital. It had then been two days since I was picked up. At this French hospital, my left leg was amputated above the knee. I received twelve wounds in all and had to undergo three different operations. While in Paris I underwent two operations, and was kept there about a month, and from there was shipped to three other hospitals before I landed on the boat to come home.

It was sixty-four days before I walked one step. I am still in bed, but can walk a little now, and getting along fine.

I will try to get a furlough and come home Christmas.

We sure have to give the Red Cross credit for what they are doing for us boys.

I arrived in New York on Sept 19th and reached Washington the 26th.

I lost everything I had, all the pictures, letters, and clothing I had. The only things I have now, that I had when we went over the top, is a little testament and a pocket comb.

O. R. Horton, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Sincere Gratitude.

Mrs. Wiliam Bell, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I deem it my duty to express my gratitude for the good Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy did me when I had a severe attack of diarrhoea three years ago. It was the only medicine that relieved me."

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



WAS "THE BOY" THERE?

Paris, August 5th.---"The Americans covered themselves with glory... The fighting is said to have been the bitterest of the whole war, the Prussian Guards asking no quarter and being bayoneted or clubbed to death as they stood by their machine guns."

This is not ancient history, or the story of some people you have never seen or know, nothing of. It is the record of our boys--maybe your own boy.

It is not a question of "How much can I afford to lend to support these boys?"

The question is "If I give up everything in life but the barest necessities, will I, even then, be worthy of them"?

At least lend as they fight--fearlessly--courageously. Let nothing matter but victory.

Buy Liberty Bonds To Your Very Utmost

As a part of their effort to fight this war to a prompt and victorious conclusion, this advertisement is endorsed and paid for by

A. B. Barrow & Company
The Star Store

Merkel Lumber Company
The Merkel Garage

J. A. Brown, Shoe Repairer, Crenshaw Building
A. C. Boney, Drugs, Fruits & Confectioneries
A. L. Jobe, General Merchandise
Burton-Lingo Company

The Spirit of Our Boys

Let's Make It Our Own!

MORALE will win the war. Morale---that spirit that makes men sing as they go, grin at pain, meet every duty cheerfully, and fight like heroes.

Whether it's driving a truck, tending the old goulash wagon, or fighting hand to hand in blood and mud, our boys meet it with American morale---the thing that will win the war.

No task too small, no sacrifice too great---that is the spirit of our boys---make it your own.

Sacrifice with a song in your heart, smile at discomfort, fight waste and extravagance as you would a Hun. Lend cheerfully.

Morale will win the war.

Buy Liberty Bonds to Your Utmost



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FARMERS STATE BANK



MERKEL ICE COMPANY



DR. F. N. REYNOLDS

BIG REDUCTION SALE

We have decided to offer a Big Reduction Sale on everything in our line in the way of cotton staple goods, Dress Goods, men and ladies Suits, boys Clothing, men, women and childrens Shoes and Hosiery. We booked large orders ahead in order to be protected in price and rather than cancel the goods have had them come, and find we have too many goods although we own them way below the present level. We have decided to give our patronage the benefit of our purchases rather than wholesale them to other merchants. A look over our prices will convince you that we mean business and are going to reduce stock

Extra Special in Shoes

100 pairs ladies shoes, button and lace, ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$8.50, reduction price only\$2.98

100 pairs ladies and childrens shoes ranging in price from \$3 to \$3.50 and \$4 reduction price only\$1.98

Big Spacial in Mens High-Grade Shoes

We have added about 100 pair mens high-grade dress shoes to our bargain list, including Genuine Kangaroo, Vici Kids and Best Calfskins, worth from \$6 to \$8.50, special price per pr. only\$3.98

100 pairs mens shoes ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5, reduction price\$2.98

Many other bargains in shoes much below the market price today.

Special in Hosiery

100 dozen ladies black hose, regular price 20c, reduction price per pair.....15c

100 dozen childrens ribbed hosiery regular price 20c, per pair only.....15c

A GLIMPSE AT OUR STAPLE DEPARTMENT

will convince you that we are selling you many articles today less than the mill price, but we are compelled to reduce stock as drouth conditions will not justify us in carrying the goods over another year.

EXTRA SPECIALS—Good grade Calico, in light colors only, suitable for boys shirts, blouses, womens house dresses, etc. About fifty bolts to go at the extremely low price of per yd.....7½c

Good grade bleached domestic 36 in. wide, at per yard while it lasts, only.....16 2-3c
These goods are now worth 23½c at the mills today

Best grade 10-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only.....55c

Best grade 9-4 bleached sheeting at per yard.....50c

Best grade 8 oz. standard feather ACA ticking at per yard only.....40c

Good grade brown domestic at per yard only.....17½c

Best grade 28 in. brown cotton flannels at per yard only.....25c

SPECIAL IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

1 doz. cans No. 2 standard corn.....	\$1.50	Gallon Peaches.....	65c
1 doz. cans No. 2 standard Tomatoes.....	1.50	Gallon Apricots.....	75c
1 doz. cans No. 3 Emppsons Kraut.....	1.50	Gallon Pears.....	75c
1 doz. cans No. 3 Hominy.....	1.50	Gallon Logan Berries.....	75c

Dress Goods

Big Reduction in all Woolen and Silk Dress Goods

Extra Special in 50 pieces mixed woolen goods, all shades and colors, special price per yard.....89c

These goods are almost unobtainable today and we could ship them out to other merchants for more money today.

10 per cent reduction on all ladies and childrens Reddy-to-Wear. Don't overlook this snap if you are going to need anything in ladies Coats, Coat Suits, Skirts, Waists, etc.

Mens Clothing Department

Extra Special—About 25 mens suits ranging in price from \$15 to \$25. All go at the extremely low price of ..\$13.95

Anchor Mercantile Company



The Pirate-

"—Sh! What would happen to me if I were your kid? Well, if you're not acquainted with Calumet Baking Powder you don't know what a good excuse I have. I Can't Help Helping Myself—they're so good! Good for me too, because Calumet Baking Powder are wholesome and easily digested. Millions of mothers use

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

because of its purity—because it always gives best results and is economical in cost and use. Calumet contains only the best ingredients as have been approved officially by the U. S. Food Authorities. You save when you buy it. You save when you use it.

HIGHEST QUALITY AWARDS



Mrs. A. M. Boyd of Dallas visited Mrs. Mac Angus the latter part of the past week. They recently moved from Kingsville to Dallas, where Mr. Boyd has accepted a position with the Santa Fe railway. Mrs. Boyd called in to have the Merkel Mail changed to her new address.

The Merkel Mail

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SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR TELEPHONE No. 61

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

We are but little interested in Germany's peace proposal. Some people are rejoicing at the near approach of the end of the war. We entertain no such hallucinations. No peace can come but through an unconditional surrender, and Germany is not so constituted as to humble herself to that extent at this date. The fighting is all being done outside of German territory, and it is going to take a little pounding with our big guns at the gates of her own cities to bring her to terms. On with the war. We are not ready for peace. Let them first pull the sword out of our hearts before and make obeisance to the world by repairing the damage done to innocent people, disband their armies and hang the Kaiser. No, peace is not what we are looking for. War and more of it. War to the limit of our ability. An unconditional surrender. We don't want to fight this thing over again. Let Germany do her worst.

Boschee's German Syrup.

will quiet your cough, soothe the inflammation of a sore throat and lungs, stop irritation in the bronchial tubes, insuring a good night's rest, free from coughing and with easy expectation in the morning. Made and sold in America for fifty-two years. A wonderful prescription, assisting nature in building up your general health and throwing off the disease. Especially useful in lung trouble, asthma, croup, bronchitis, etc. For sale by Grimes Drug Store.

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

LELAND MARTIN WRITES

The following letter was received by Mrs. D. W. Martin:

On Monday after we left here we were joined by five transports. All went well for the next week but on the next Saturday, a lot of fun took place. I shall never forget it. Here is how it was. About 3 p. m. we were met by airplanes. Now this was off the ———. I was busy painting, paying no attention to the world about me, when I heard an awful explosion. Looking around I saw a spray of water go into the air, it looked like a geyser. English destroyers were darting everywhere. At once I knew that the airplanes had sighted a submarine, and that the destroyers were dropping depth charges on it. I think they dropped about five. It was the second one that did the work. There went into the air a splash as dark as night itself. My heart leaped with joy for a minute, for I knew that she had been destroyed. Next day we got to ——— about sundown; anchored that night, and sailed the next day. Probably you read of a vessel, that was sunk, I saw the destroyer as they came in with the survivors, and what dead they picked up. The decks were lined with dead.

The following Wednesday we received an "S. O. S." and immediately started to their rescue, but was the next morning before we reached them. They had been in their life boats for nearly twenty hours. You should have seen them waving us a greeting, as we steamed up. In all we rescued 146. When we had gotten them aboard, they were fed and clothed.

Leland Martin.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

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

The Womans Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society met in regular business session Monday Oct. 7 1918.

Eleven members and one visitor were present. A very interesting and helpful session was held. Some special business was transacted and some plans laid for work of which you will hear more in the future.

Next Monday is our Bible study. We hope to have a good attendance. We have received our new mission study book, on "Woman Workers of the Orient" and will have our first lesson in this book the third Monday in this month.

We hope you will attend the mission study class whether you bought a book or not. We give you a cordial welcome to come. Our meetings will be at 4 o'clock instead of 5.

For Chapped Skin

Chapped skin whether on the hands of face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by all dealers.

Prt Allen Eason Wounded.

Private Eason of near Noodle, enlisted Apr. 22, 1917. He stayed in detention camp at Ft Sam Houston about 30 days, was moved from there to Syracuse N. Y. and stayed in training camp then until, Nov. 1st 1917, when he again was moved to Camp Green Charlotte N. C. where he stayed until May 7th, when they entrained for L. I. N. Y. where he spent a few days before sailing for France. After arriving in France he says he was shipped all over France in a box car, before he found a place to fight, which he began the last day of July and was wounded Aug. 7, 1918.

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. 60c.

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We will win this war— Nothing else really matters until we do!



The Flavor Lasts

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold. If we haven't what you want we'll get it. The Merkel Realty Company.

DR. REYNOLDS LECTURES

The following address was given by Dr. F. N. Reynolds, dentist, at the public school auditorium last Monday morning:

It's indeed a pleasure for me to have this opportunity of being with you this morning. And should I be the cause of one boy or girl changing their habits, taking better care of their teeth, I would feel that I had performed a good deed. We cannot estimate too highly the necessity of oral profolaxis, which is good care of the teeth. It has been said that a clean tooth will not decay. Does not this theory sound very reasonable? How could a tooth decay if it were perfectly sanitary and free from foreign matter? It could not, and does not in those cases where proper care is taken of the teeth. I can prove this statement by a personal reference. From childhood until nine years ago, I had decayed teeth, and of course received the usual annoyance that comes from such mouths. But as I began to realize what pain was derived from such a bad mouth, and what bad health might result from this condition, I visited a dentist and had all of my bad teeth put in a first class condition. So I have not had one decayed tooth from that day until this. Why, because I have taken good care of them. The same would be the result in your case if you would have your teeth properly treated, and you would take good care of them thereafter.

Now as to the proper treatment and care of the teeth, it would be useless for me to explain. I feel that time would be wasted, as there are very few of us who do exactly as we should in any moral or sanitary undertaking. I class these two together because I thoroughly believe that cleanliness is next to Godliness. So I feel that we will be doing well to give our teeth one good brushing each day. And I believe the best time for this is every night just before you retire. Why do I suggest this particular time? I do so in view of the fact that, we are all busy during the day, and in a certain degree keep our mouths more or less sanitary. But the main thing of all, I say thoroughly cleanse your mouth at night because the food accumulation and fermentation is much greater at this time than any other, due to no disturbance. So I say for all of us to give our teeth a good cleansing before we retire. There is only one way to do this and keep it up. That is by forming a habit.

And now for you older folks, I have to say, keep your teeth clean for another reason. From the food that is deposited on your teeth, a substance is formed, which is called tartar. This tartar becomes attached to the teeth around the gingival margin, next to the gums. This hard substance remaining on the teeth and becoming harder each day, irritates the gums. These gums being irritated are more susceptible to infection. So you see from neglect, we not only have decayed teeth and tartar and tartar formation, but we have bad gums, which I class as the worst condition that could possibly come to any persons mouth. From these diseased gums we have a pus secretion which is constantly coming forth and of this a large percent is swallowed. This pus passes into the stomach. So you can readily see what might result from this secretion. Therefore I am thoroughly convinced that decayed teeth and diseased gums in many cases bring about bad systemic diseases. How can food be properly

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.

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me. . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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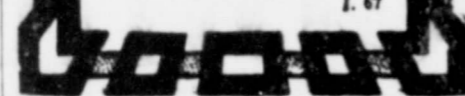
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The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists



ly masticated, digested, or assimilated into the body, if you have not the necessary teeth to do so with. Why did nature give you (32) teeth in the adult life, if they did not have a duty to do? Why should you neglect your teeth any more than you should any other part of your body. If you could witness what I witness each day, I feel sure a number of you would resolve to form new habits, while you are young. I really think that it is a sin to allow our teeth to decay as we do. Now wouldn't you be a handsome sight with a part of your hair badly decayed, a part out, and the balance badly diseased? The health authorities would have you arrested. And I feel that many of us would be thrown in today for bodily abuse, if it were possible to expose our mouths to the public. I say it's my earnest appeal to you as a body of young boys and girls to be more sanitary, by keeping your mouth clean, and by so doing protect your health. I want every boy and girl in this auditorium, who will faithfully promise me to make a resolution that they will give their teeth one good cleaning every night before retiring to stand up. (All stood.) That's fine. Now if there are those attending school here, who are not able to pay for dental services, I assure you that you will receive just as careful attention in my office as any one else, and free of charge, provided, you notify me of this fact before beginning the case. And if any of you have parents who will not buy you a tooth brush, come to me and I will buy them for you.

Bronchial Trouble.

Mrs. A. E. Sidenberder, Rockfield, Ind., states: "For an attack of bronchial trouble which usually assails me in the spring I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only thing that gives me relief. After using it for a few days all signs of bronchial trouble disappeared."

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report.

	Attendance	Col
Methodist	165	\$3.10.
Baptist	120	3.47.

Over At The Baptist Church.

The pastor was "blowed up" last Sunday, being a victim of Spanish "flooy", and as a result there was no preaching. The Lord's Supper, that was to have been observed at the eleven o'clock hour, will be observed at the three o'clock on the third Sunday, Oct. 20.

The regular services will be held next Sunday at the regular hours: Sunday school 10 o'clock, preaching 11 o'clock, Juniors at 3 o'clock, B. Y. P. U. 5 o'clock, preaching 8 o'clock.

Everybody cordially invited to attend our meetings.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

YOUR FACE IS YOUR FORTUNE

A thousand people look at your face while one glances at your feet—yet you spend money to keep your shoes in condition and neglect your face. RED CROSS Shaving Lotion (the after-shaving luxury), makes old faces look young and keeps all faces in the pink of condition. This and other RED CROSS toilet articles sold only by Grimes Drug Store

Methodist Church

Our Sunday school forces know how to do things when they have a mind to do it. Influenza kept some away last Sunday, but we had present 165. Now we have more than 200 school pupils in town, besides our cradle roll and home department, these could be present almost any Sunday now. Just what will these people do about this important matter? Let's roll up that 200 next Sunday, what say you parents and teachers.

Now you take that fine Baraca class and two or three other of our classes—you teachers know who they are—there are 40 members of those classes not attending regularly—let's get them interested again.

O' what could we not do if only we would do our best in this Sunday school. O' you faithful teachers I am depending on you to help me, Ralph Henson, Supt. Next Sunday the pastor hopes to be able to bring you two helpful messages. Let's fill the house. Do it for the sake of your self and for the church. We extend cordial invitation to all friends who should not be elsewhere at worship. On the 16th we will hold a rally in our church. Drs. Hunt and Sensabaugh of Abilene will be here. Don't forget the date, Oct. 16th. It will be open and free to everybody.

C. S. Cameron, pastor.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPsin. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

Preaching at North Side Church

There will be preaching at the church of Christ next Sunday at 11 and 3:30. All are invited to attend both services. Especially would we be glad to see all the members of the church present. Come out brother. Price Bankhead.

Can Now Eat and Sleep in Comfort

If troubled with indigestion or sleeplessness you should read what Miss Agnes Turner, Chicago, Ill., has to say: "Overwork, irregular meals and carelessness regarding the ordinary rules of health, gradually undermined it until last fall I became a wreck of my former self. I suffered from continual headache, was unable to digest my food, which seemed to lay as a dead weight on my stomach. I was very constipated and my complexion became dark, yellow and muddy as I felt. Sleeplessness was added to my misery, and I would awake as tired as when I went to sleep. I heard of Chamberlain's Tablets and found such relief after taking them that I kept up the treatment for nearly two months. They cleansed my stomach, invigorated my system, and since that time I can eat and sleep in comfort. I am today entirely well."

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Common gingham in checks and stripes, per yard	25c
Fancy gingham in plaids and stripes, 30 in., per yard	35c
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All Outings 25c per yard

Extra heavy Canton Flannel per yard	25c
Light weight Canton Flannel per yard	20c and 22½c
Ladies ribbed Vests each	75c
Ladies ribbed Union Suits	\$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.25
Mens Under Shirts and Drawers each	85c
Mens Union Suits at	\$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

And many more such bargains—in fact, a house full of them.

Come and see for yourself.

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WAR RELIC TRAIN TO STOP IN MERKEL

Elsewhere in this issue is a description of the War Relic Train that will visit Merkel on Thursday October 17th, and will stay from 10: a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The contents of the train will

be altogether superior to the material which was sent out during the last Loan and a record attendance is uregd.

F. P. Clayton, Publicity mgr.

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.



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You Have Been Wanting to Sell

☐ Why halt between two opinions? Shrewd business men buy and sell on the moment. If you want to sell, list your property with a firm that has made more deals in the past three weeks than all other parties in and around Merkel and more than any other individual firm in Taylor county.

☐ If you want to buy, why not go to a firm that has the inside on bargain listings and who can deal with you squarely in the open. You know that now is the time to buy. The protracted drouth has kept prices on real estate down. There is land not one whit better than we have listed that is selling for \$200 an acre and up in counties not many hundred miles east of here. The very land that can now be bought at a bargain will bring twice the money after the first good crop.

☐ And then—OIL—just remember that, please.

☐ Suppose you had a little acreage in or adjacent to the oil property, wouldn't you go to bed with a sweeter dream, knowing that the possibilities of profit, success, riches were in your hands? Investigate some of our "Pots" in which the reputable citizens have taken shares. You can invest \$50, \$100, \$500, or any amount you wish, with us and we will place it in land worth the money for farm purposes, and then if oil is found you are on velvet. What other proposition will guarantee the return of your investment like this? We have land from \$25 an acre up to \$50. The minute the drill starts it will be worth \$100 an acre and up. Any party wishing to invest will please call or write. We wouldn't misrepresent any feature for the sake of the commission. We had rather have good will than the pittance of a commission. We are in business to stay, and openly and above board refer any one to any business man or other party in Merkel or surrounding country.

☐ We only show a few of our bargains here. Remember that oil prospects touch every one of the list given below, or come within a very few miles of leased territory. Why not get a few of your friends together and buy one of the farms listed below, or some other of our propositions, so that when the day dawns for an oil gusher to break forth, the only thing you will need is a doctor to hold down your financial pulse while you take stock to see what you are really worth.

☐ Procrastination will silently steal away the opportunity that is yours. Now is the accepted time. Be wise and conquer now the obstacles that will later stand between you and the coveted success that may be yours. Only a small investment may bring you fabulous returns.

No. 311

160-ACRE FARM—This land lies 15 miles north of Merkel. 100 acres are in cultivation; all good land, except a little rough land which is in pasture. Two good wells, plenty of wood, good 5-room house with hall and porch. Church and school within 1½ miles, and 11 miles of Sylvester and Trent, on Sweetwater creek. This land can be turned at \$26.50 per acre for quick sale.

No. 312

UNEQUALED BARGAIN—320 acres, 180 in cultivation; 6-room house, 3-room house and out buildings. \$1100 loan on place for 5 years. Three-quarters of a mile to good school and Methodist and Baptist churches; 16 miles north of Merkel, and about 11 miles of Sylvester on Sweetwater creek. There is some rough land, but this is an exceptional bargain, as the owner will take \$17.50 per acre for quick sale. This place must be turned within 60 days. This land is not many miles from the leased district, and just as soon as a derrick goes in, it will be worth double the price asked.

No. 313

A FINE FARM—190 acres, 15 miles north of Merkel, almost midway between Sylvester and Trent; 135 acres in cultivation, practically every acre the very best of farming land; 4-room house and 3-room house, good well, creek water, 3 separate fields, 3 pastures. \$35 per acre. There are many desirable advantages to this farm. Exceptionally easy terms. Must be sold at once.

No. 314

NICE SMALL PLACE—Must go at once. Fifty acres, 3-room boxed house and weatherboarded, near Blair. Within two miles of railroad station and only a few miles from Merkel. Price is \$2250, with little over half cash, and balance on reasonable terms.

No. 315

160 ACRES NEAR TRENT—Well improved farm

1¼ miles west of Trent. This is a good buy. In a well settled community of farm owners, adjacent to the very best school and churches in the country. Price is very reasonable. Lenient terms given. Same party also owns a couple of splendid residences in Merkel at reasonable prices. Royalty alone in 60 days may be worth twice the price of the farm.

No. 316

TWO FARMS—340 acres and 240 acres, owned by same party. Will sell either or both. Of the 340 acres, 120 are in cultivation, balance in pasture, of which about 100 acres are rough. Property fronts on rural route, has two sets of improvements. The price of this land is only \$17.50 an acre. Some trade will be considered. One third must be paid down and the balance will have terms at your own making. This property is 17 miles northwest of Merkel and 11 miles of Sylvester. Good schools and good churches near. The 240 acres can all be cultivated, except about 5 acres. 100 acres of this plot is in cultivation. The price of this plot is \$20 per acre, and a cash payment of \$2000 will be accepted, the balance to be paid at your own terms. Both these places make an exceptionally good buy. Possession can be given at any time.

No. 317

147½ ACRES NORTHEAST OF MERKEL—This farm is four miles northeast of Merkel. 100 acres are in a high state of cultivation, lying in a valley, and is one of the most productive farms in all this country. The place fronts on public road, where a nice elevated gravel plot forms a noll for the residence, a box house containing 7 rooms and two galleries. There is a good well and windmill, fine water, fair out buildings. This place is listed for quick sale at \$30 an acre and is well worth the money. See us at once.

No. 318

A HOME—324 acres in the best part of French Pasture, 136 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture. The soil is a dark sandy loam. lo-

cated on Route 4, 5 miles out of Merkel. All improvements are new. Cash payment required is \$3500, balance on easy terms at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include modern bungalow, smokehouse, blacksmith shop building, barn with cement floors, etc.

No. 321

HOUSE AND LOT—Modern 5-room house. Frontage about 133 feet on corner. Windmill, hydrants, shed. No better bargain in Merkel.

No. 323

MUST SELL QUICK—120 acres about 6 miles southeast of Merkel at \$25 an acre. 50 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture; all good land. Not leased but adjacent to leased territory. All cash.

No. 324

800-ACRE FARM & RANCH—Over 300 acres in cultivation, balance pasture; about 100 acres rough land. 5-room house, 4 good rent houses 1 windmill, 4 wells and hand pumps, fenced and cross fenced. Land very best in country, about 15 miles south of Merkel. Price \$25.00 an acre; cash payment of \$5000, with terms on balance to suit convenience of purchaser. On rural route, phone line and near church and school.

No. 325

WELL IMPROVED FARM—328 9-10 acres, 136 in cultivation and balance in pasture, all good tillable land, dark sandy soil, located on rural route about 2½ miles southeast of Merkel. 4-room bungalow, 2 porches, 2 small barns, concrete floor in barn, water piped into lot, 1 windmill, 2 wells, fine water, good new fences of 3 and 4 wires. All improvements made in 1916. Will take \$35 an acre, \$3500 cash and time on balance. Notes against place amount to \$4700, eight annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Will take second lien against place at 6 per cent interest. Improvements include wash house, smoke house, building for blacksmith shop, etc.

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American Prints.....	9c
Good heavy cotton flannel.....	25c
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One lot ladies hose.....	15c
One lot boys and girls ribbed hose.....	15c
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For Saturday and all next week we will make a special feature of trimmed hats and tams at\$3.95

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100 pair Ladies and Misses Shoes on a table, values to \$5.00, choice.....\$1.95

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Ladies fleeced union suits, \$1 val.....	75c
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Childs EZ union suits.....	\$1.00
Misses fleeced union suits, \$1 value.....	75c
One lot knit toques.....	50c
One lot boys fleeced under shirts, worth 50c at.....	25c
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Forward!

The same sharp challenge to battle is sounding for us. We must answer in the same proud way—the way of our fighting men—the American way. *We must lend the way they fight.*

We must show the war-maddened Hun a united American people moving forward shoulder to shoulder, irresistibly, to Victory.

Our task is to supply the money, the ships, the guns, the shells that we must have to win. It is a tremendous task. We must do it as our fighting men do theirs—with the indomitable spirit of Victory.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rogers of Abilene are right sick with influenza.

There is always something new and fresh at Rogers. Come

R. O. Anderson has been down with influenza, suffering with high fevers the past week, but is reported on the road to recovery.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

H. M. Rose spent Wednesday in Sweetwater, attending a meeting of the agents and representatives of the Magnolia Petroleum Company.

Plenty of oats at Bob Martin's

The following parties returned from government work at Nashville the past few days: M. L. Estes, Roy Miller, J. M. Garrett, Pick Allen and T. F. Compton.

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

The Kings Daughters of M. E. church met last Tuesday in a business meeting. A most enjoyable program was rendered and a goodly number were present.

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

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

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Frank Berryman Dead.

Frank Berryman, who resided southeast of Merkel, succumbed to this new disease that is ravaging the country just now. He took sick at Ranger and came home, soon developing pneumonia.

Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Rev. King conducted the services. Mr. Berryman is survived by his wife and three children and his mother.

Mr. Berryman was a consistent member of the Baptist church. To the bereaved ones is extended our utmost sympathy.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the good people of the Comper community for their kindness during the illness of our daughter and death of our grandson. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each of you in our prayer.

Mrs. R. R. Rains
Albert B. Rains
Mrs. Pearl Curry.

More Than Enough is Too Much
To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by all dealers.

That 190-acre farm near Trent is an exceptional bargain at \$35 per acre. See The Merkel Realty Company.

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\$50 Reward

☐ We will pay the above reward to anyone supplying us, the City or County Officials with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of guilty party or parties, who cut our Gin Belts to pieces on the night of September 13th.

☐ We hope the citizenship in and around Merkel will understand that we do not intend to cast any reflection on them as regards their loyalty in supporting the law, but will understand that we are simply willing to pay anyone for their trouble who will bear this outrage in mind and report any possible clew, as we confidently believe the perpetrator can be located, and dare say will be.

☐ We regret to announce in connection with this offer of reward, that we will not operate our gin, as since we have been endeavoring to get started, we have been hindered by one circumstance or another, until it is getting so far advanced into the season, that we will not operate; and, too, we have just received notice from Fuel Administrator that they desire us to close.

☐ We hope you will appreciate our honest efforts to get started, and remember us with your patronage another season. 20t4

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