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TAKE OATH OF OFFICE NEXT MONDAY

The new county officers took the oath of office at the courthouse Monday morning before Judge E. M. Overshiner. Miss Fannie Tippet, who succeeds J. D. Hilton as county clerk, was sworn in by Mr. Hilton.

The following new officers also took the oath: John Bond, sheriff, succeeding J. T. Dodson; W. E. Martin, county attorney, succeeding W. H. Sewell; H. T. Obar, county commissioner, succeeding J. H. Moody; C. E. Sims, county superintendent, succeeding J. S. Smith.

The other officers who took the oath of office were G. B. Tittle, tax collector; E. M. Overshiner, judge; J. H. Vance, tax assessor; J. N. Routh, district clerk; Austin Fitts, treasurer; T. R. Lassiter, H. E. Meyer, and Dan O'Connell, commissioners; P. B. Ford and M. C. Lambeth, justices of the peace in this precinct; J. P. Darden constable, precinct 1.

KAISER ABDICATED

Berlin, via Basel, Nov. 30.—The text of the former German Emperor's act of renunciation which was issued by the new German Government "in order to reply to certain misunderstandings which have arisen with regards to the abdication" follows:

"By the present document I renounce forever my rights to the Crown of Prussia and the rights to the German Imperial Crown. I release at the same time all the Officers of the German Empire and Prussia and also all officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers of the Prussian Navy and Army and of contingents from confederate States from the oath of fidelity they have taken to me as their Emperor, King and supreme chief. I expect from them until a new organization of the German Empire exists that they will aid those who effectively hold the power in Germany to protect the German people against the menacing dangers of anarchy, famine and foreign dominations.

"Made and executed and signed by our own hand with the imperial seal at Amerongen, Nov. 28. William."

Investigate Crimes in Belgium

London, Dec. 1.—The German Government is starting an investigation into the German crimes in Belgium, the deportation of Belgian workmen, the theft of Belgian machinery and the murder of Edith Cavell and Captain Fryatt.

Among those held responsible, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, are General von Sauberzweig, the former Military Governor of Brussels; General Baron von Der Lancken, Civil Governor of Brussels at the time of Miss Cavell's execution.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor F. Davis are the happy parents of a fine eight pound boy, born Sunday night. This is their first, and we'll bet the father did not get through with his work at the F. & M. Bank Monday without making an error.

WAR WORK PLEDGES DUE.

Your December United War Work pledges are due. Collections are made at Sanders Drug Store. At school collections for the boys will be made by R. M. Parker, and for the girls by Missie Smith.

Better see W. O. Boney and him make you a loan on that while you can get it.

RED CROSS WORKERS

The following have been appointed by its local chairman, W. A. McSpadden, as co-workers in its Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, Dec. 16 to 23.

General Assistants
R. L. Bland.
Fred Groene.

Publicity and Speaking
Rev. E. E. Dawson.
Walter Jackson.

Roll Call Cashier
Miss Mossie Sears.

Captains
Mrs. Fred Groene

Business District
Mrs. Jim Black.

Miss Maude Martin.

North Side
Miss Lura Adkisson.

Mrs. J. T. Browning.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier.

Mrs. L. B. Howard.

Mrs. Ralph Henson.

Mrs. M. D. Angus

Miss Lillian Ayers.

South Side
Captains for the Country
Mrs. Amy Sears

Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Miss Dovie Teaff.

Mrs. John Sears.

Mrs. Tom Largent.

J. T. Browning.

E. M. McDonald.

Dee Grimes.

Membership Booths
Farmers State Bank.

Farmers Merchant Nat. Bank.

Grimes Drug Store.

Merkel Drug Store.

Sanders Drug Store.

Captains for Country Schools
Miss Mage Payne, Elm Grove.

Duskin Snow, White Church.

R. J. Miller, Salt Branch.

Miss Sandusky, Castle Peak.

R. B. McRee, IXL.

Joe Bickley, Butman.

Miss Annie L. Nelson, Blair.

Miss Garoutte, Union Ridge.

Miss Jennings, Mt. Pleasant.

Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving services were held at the Methodist church last Wednesday evening. The attendance was far less than expected. The small crowd was due, however, to the prevailing influenza. We believe there is no reproach to our citizenship, for, as a whole they are a thankful people.

Mrs. Parker Hendricks Dead

Word reached Merkel Wednesday morning to the effect that Mrs. Parker Hendricks was dead. Her many friends here stunned by the suddenness of the news. She had only been sick a short time, and was stricken with pneumonia late Tuesday evening. With startling rapidity the disease did its deadly work. The end came at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Hendricks, before her marriage, was Miss Ether Williams, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Williams of Merkel. She was married to Mr. Hendricks about three years ago.

Her father is in the sanitarium in Sweetwater and was too ill to be informed of her death. Her mother was also very ill at her home in Merkel. Her brother and sister were able to be present at the funeral, which took place from the North Side Christian church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, interment taking place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert.

Her home life was beautiful and her Christian character reached out to her community. She was converted a number of years ago and was a faithful member of the Christian church.

We greatly sympathize with the bereaved husband and family. The loss of a young wife and mother is an irreparable loss. Everything was done for her that willing hands and hope full hearts could do, but to no avail.

She has gone to her reward, and through faith her loved ones will follow.

The young ed will be

SENDING THE "CIVIES" HOME



Many a kid brother is sporting his soldier brother's Sunday silk shirts and best serge suits these days, and brother doesn't mind, because he is wearing the very latest style for men—khaki of the regulation military cut. The Army Y. M. C. A. helps the rookie soldier with his civilian clothes problem. "Y" furnishes wrapping paper, and a "Y" man is on hand to help with the wrapping, furnishes the twine, and assists with the addressing of the bundles of "civies" (military parlance for civilian clothes). These bundles are sent back home to be packed in moth balls until after the war, or worn out by the kid brother.

Here is a parcel post shipment of clothes to go back home a few hours after a bunch of Louisiana boys had reported for service at Southern Department camp.

Miss Ona Fae Bland entertained last Thursday night week, in honor of Will Merritt and Lewis Swann. They played games of various kinds and enjoyed themselves as only young people can. Those present were:

Misses Annie Mae Swann, Iva Bragg, Dixie Howard, Christine Collins, and Ona Faye Bland Messrs Will Merritt, Lewis Swann, Jack West, Roy Holmes, and Wallace Bragg.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and sandwiches were served.

Miss Annie Mae Swann entertained last Friday night week, in honor of her brother, Lewis and Will Merritt. Music was an interesting feature of the evening, many other amusements too numerous to mention were enjoyed by the young people. Those present were:

Misses Louise Warren, Ona Faye Bland, Ruth Boden, Dixie Howard, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Lula, Ola, and Elsie Sharp, Edith Brown, and Miss Hancock of Abilene. Messrs. Lewis Swann, Will Merritt, Jack West, Roy Homes, Wallace Bragg, Keneth Sharp, and Edd Scott of Abilene.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

Plummer-Adkisson Wedding

The following interesting item appeared in the Beaumont Enterprise under date of November 29. Miss Adkisson formerly resided here and has a host of friends who wish her well.

One of the interesting Thanksgiving affairs was the marriage of Miss Madeline Adkisson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Adkisson, and Sergeant William H. Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Plummer. The wedding vows were plighted at 10:30 on Thursday morning at the home of the bride's parents, 2285 Broadway, in the presence of relatives and a few invited friends, Rev. E. P. Kennedy, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, reading the service in a very impressive manner.

The wedding was simple in every particular, there being no attendants. The bride was lovely in a velvet gown of dark blue, and the groom, who is in the service of the government, wore the regulation khaki uniform.

Both young people are well known in Beaumont, where they have resided since childhood. The bride was graduated from the Beaumont high school with the 1917 class, finishing her education at Kidd-Key College, Sherman. She is a pretty brunette, pretty, vivacious and charming. The groom has been stationed at Camp Mabry since last May, when he entered the quartermaster department of the mechanical division in the students' reserve corps.

The young ed will be

home in Beaumont after the groom has been mustered out of government service.

See the Star Store for corn, corn chops, oats and barley feed.

PRESIDENT SETS SAILS FOR EUROPE

New York, Nov. 4.—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, sailed today for Europe to participate as one of five representatives of the United States to the Peace Conference to be held in France. The transport George Washington got under way at 10:15 a.m.

Prior to the President's departure, it became known that he goes determined against militarism in any form. The crushing of Prussian militarism was a part of his plan for the future peace of the whole world, the President feels, according to persons who conferred with him on the transport George Washington before it sailed.

Card of Thanks

To our friends and Neighbors, who so generously assisted in the last sickness and death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Ila Hughes, we are profoundly thankful, and may the Supreme Ruler of the Universe ever look upon you and each of you, with all the mercy and kindness, which is within His power to bestow.

Very respectfully,
Charlie Hughes and children.

THIS IS CERTAIN

The Proof That Merkel Readers Cannot Deny.

What could furnish stronger evidence of the efficiency of any remedy than the test of time. Thousands of people testify that Doan's Kidney Pills have brought lasting results.

Grateful endorsements should prove undoubtedly the merits of this remedy. Years ago people right in this locality testified to the relief they had derived from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. They now confirm their testimonials. They say that time has completed the test.

Mrs. W. C. Shaw, 773 Locust St., Abilene, Texas, says: "My back was so lame I could hardly get up in the morning and my kidneys acted irregularly. This trouble had bothered me for years. I finally got Doan's Kidney Pills and they quickly cured me. One box was all I needed and I felt better in every way."

Over three years later Mrs. Shaw added: "I still have great confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills, for he cure they gave me has been permanent."

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

SHERIFF INSTALLED

John Bond and family moved to Abilene this week, where Mr. Bond has taken oath as the sheriff of Taylor county.

He selected Frank Ferrier as his deputy, and both are now on the job.

Miss Minnie Houghton accompanied the family and will act in the capacity of stenographer and office manager. She has just about completed a course in shorthand and typewriting at the Merkel Business College.

The sheriff and his deputy were pressed into service quickly, as court opened the first day they were there.

FIRE IN MERKEL

Monday night about 7 o'clock fire broke out in the confectionary store of C. E. Connor and did considerable damage to the stock and building. It is supposed the fire caught from the flue. The building is practically ruined, and the loss on the stock was about half, covered by insurance.

Rev. E. E. Dawson was called to the bedside of a very sick brother at Frost last Sunday morning. He left on the early morning train, Sunday. Before returning he will represent the Merkel Baptist church at the Texas Baptist Convention at Dallas.

Rev. Dawson writes that his brother, is slightly improved.

Plenty of cowfeed, cotton seed corn, oats and chops at Crown Hardware Company.

H. C. Burroughs of Ft Worth, sends in his subscription to the Merkel Mail. He also states that all are well and that words was received on Nov. 2nd, from his son, Emzy, stating that he was safe and getting along fine.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Miss Alta Edwards, milliner at Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company, finishes her season and leaves for her home in Dallas Friday.

Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's.

Henry Coit has received his discharge from the army and is visiting at the home of Mrs. Coit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Warren.

Anything needed in the patent medicine line, see me for best prices. A. C. Boney.

T. L. Grimes received a message to the effect that his nephew, Carl Grimes of Miles, was killed in an aeroplane accident on November 2 in France. He was the son of R. A. Grimes, who formerly resided here.

Notice To Merkel People

I am running a city delivery, and will appreciate any thing you can do for me.

I will treat you right.
W. P. Duckett. 2214c

J. C. Mason went to Abilene in his new Buick Wednesday afternoon, and he was not alone, either.

E. C. Snyder came in from El Paso, where he has been in the hospital for two or three weeks. His family has resided in Merkel for a month or so.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps

A Tonic Laxative that will remove the bile from the liver and cleanse the system THOROUGHLY without griping or disturbing the stomach is truly a Perfect Laxative.

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN is the name of a Reliable and Perfect Laxative which soon relieves Sick Headache, Dizziness, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, Gas and Piles caused by a Torpid Liver and Constipation. Always use a Reliable Laxative in the treatment of Colds, Grip and Influenza.

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN is a Liquid Digestive Tonic Laxative, excellent in its effect on the system, both as a tonic and as a laxative. It is just as good for Children as for Adults. Pleasant to take. Children like it. See. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of Groves' Tasteless Child Tonic.

A STEP NEARER OIL DEVELOPMENT

Timbers Placed on Site of Sears Well—Irons Also Arrived—Pit Dug—Work Begun

For the past two months it seems that everything has conspired to retard oil development in this Great Merkel Country. The "Flu" has done its part, and then the weather stepped in and halted operations. The timbers were hauled out and placed on the site a couple of weeks ago. Last week the derrick irons arrived, and Monday and Tuesday they were hauled out, and over roads that were almost impassable. The pit was dug two weeks ago.

Wednesday evening construction work was started on the derrick and by the time another issue of the Merkel Mail is ready to go to press, it will be completed, if the weather does not prevent. This will complete the first lap in the journey to the depth of the soil where the black and valuable product is supposed to lie. Every feature of the development will be watched from now on with increasing interest.

As we have said before, it is a big undertaking. The company hopes that nothing will intervene to halt the operations until a gusher of vast proportions is struck.

Another matter needing attention at once is a good road to the well. The two commissioners interested have promised to do their utmost to see that the road is properly improved and they need the co-operation of all the people in the south part of Jones county and throughout the Merkel section. We hope to announce some development in road plans by next week. It would be a shame to develop the greatest oil field in the world on such a road as that.

The Morris Well.

Work is being pushed to the utmost on the Morris well. We must remember that it is right here against Merkel. Let us not forget that its development is also the development of Merkel. Property is beginning to reach high values around there. While our local people sleep, procrastinate, the pudding will go to others if they don't mind.

As we go to press there is an unconfirmed report that a showing of oil appeared at 560 feet.

Cyclops is Reported Found

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 3.—According to a letter received by his parents at Barlow from Joe Johnson on the U. S. S. Towhapan the naval collier Cyclops, which mysteriously disappeared early last Spring while enroute from South America to the United States, with manganese and passengers, has been found in the Kiel canal, where the collier was taken by the Germans who captured her.

The British war cabinet and the French and Italian representatives in London are in agreement as to the proposed punishment of William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, but have decided to take no action until President Wilson arrives in Europe the Evening News says it learns.

The Allies are not willing to allow a technicality to prevent bringing William, Hohenzollern to trial. If Holland refuses his extradition without the consent of Germany, the newspaper adds pressure will be brought to secure consent.

Full stock of best fruits and candies at lowest prices. A. C. Boney

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☐ 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
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JOE GUNN WRITES

Mrs. Causseaux is in receipt of a letter from her son, Joseph R. Gunn, who is in Panama, as follows:

Dear mother:

I have been sent to 33rd infantry at Gatun, Co. A. Sure do like this place. We have such nice barracks to stay in, nice iron beds with springs, mattress, sheets and pillows. I have been here-to-fore staying in a tent. My barrack is on the edge of the Gatun lake, and I can look out of the window and see lots of boats passing through the Canal. The negroes here have such funny little canoes built out of trees that they use to bring bananas in from the jungles. I can also look in another direction and see the Colon and Caribbean seas.

Everything is very pretty and green, with grass knee high. Horses and cattle are fat and sleek.

I never saw such hot weather, and they say this is the cool season. The hot season begins in about a month.

They have such pretty palm trees and flowers around the Y. M. C. A. building, which is beautiful, library, reading room and all kinds of games and past times.

All of us boys have been separated. Some have gone to Balboa and some to Culebra. I sure hated for us to split up. I am now a long way from home and it does me good to know some one from my vicinity.

I don't think they raise much garden stuff here, nothing but fruits. I wish you had the big bunch of bananas that I saw on a boat this morning. You can buy them at 40 cents a bunch.

You remember I wanted a warm place to spend the winter, but I believe I will take it cold hereafter.

We have certain restrictions. We are not allowed to visit Panama or Colon, and can only leave camp when we have a permit.

Tomorrow we go out to the target range.

Wish you could see some Pana-

ma money. A dime is as big as a quarter.

Highest prices paid for good fresh eggs. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rogers have been pretty hard hit this week. Three members of the family down at once. Mr. Rogers is suffering with pneumonia, but is reported on the mend now.

Try a sack of Peace Maker flour. G. M. Sharp.

Hurley Toombs is very low with pneumonia.

Just received car of flour. Bob Martin.

W. A. McSpadden is right sick with influenza.

Buy groceries at A. L. Jobs, and save money. Come around.

T. L. Grimes received a cable that his son, Dr. Grimes was well after the hostilities had ceased.

See the Star Store for corn, corn chops, oats and barley feed.

Mr. Gafford has received his discharge from the army and is back home again.

Cold weather is coming. Better bring in your clothers and have them cleaned up. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Wm. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Brown, has received his discharge from the army and is back home.

Highest prices paid for good fresh eggs. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, Inc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

THE NEW YEAR

☐ The time has come when all commercial interests halt in their fight for trade and take a retrospective view of the year's business.

☐ In taking your inventory, are you taking into account your banking service? Is it such that you can list it as an asset?

☐ If you are not already one of our customers, we should consider it a privilege to be permitted to see you regarding carrying your account with this bank in the future.

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Merkel :: Texas

J. T. WARREN
PRESIDENT

THOS. JOHNSON
CASHIER

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Altha Edwards leaves Friday night for Dallas.

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

Miss Phillips, teacher in the high school has been out of school on account of being sick.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps

Miss Alice Yates, third grade teacher was called to McCaulley Sunday morning on account of the serious illness of her brother and family.

Just received car cow feed and cotton seed meal. Bob Martin.

J. S. Swann was in Ft. Worth the past week on business.

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.

Guaranteed flour at A. L. Jobs's. Prices the lowest. Don't pass this up. A. L. Jobs.

Asa Sheppard visited in Anson Wednesday.

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

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.

X-MAS CHEER

Most every one likes to be cheerful, and as most of us have not lost a "dear boy over the seas" makes it a sufficient reason alone for EXCEEDING JOY---CHEERFULNESS

The war is over, drouth is smashed, and here is hoping that our oil field is the biggest in Texas

If you are a "Croaker" stop it today. **BUY A X-MAS PRESENT** for some one if you can, but if you can't then smile on some one who can

These Will Make Good Gifts Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Cuff Buttons, Ties, Ladies Shirt Waists, Mens Silk Shirts, Hats, Caps, Sweaters, Suspenders, Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats, Fancy Bed Comfortable, Blankets, Table Damask

See our \$5.90 Ladies' Boots

See our Men's Brown Shoes at \$5.00

--- SHOES ---

Ladies Cow Lot Shoes	Are heavy and stout	\$1.95 and \$2.95	Mens good fine Shoes	Brown, Tan and Black	\$5.00 to \$8.50
Ladies Dress-Up Shoes		\$4.20 to \$8.50	Service Field Shoes		\$3.50 to \$6.00
Baby's Fat or Lean		\$1.00 to \$2.00	Boys Shoes, sizes 1 to 5, at		\$2.85 to \$5.00

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We are Saving You \$2.00 to \$10.00 on most every suit in our house. We do not sell shoddy suits. Our lines are A1 quality and make

We can thank you in advance for the good business we have had this year, and sincerely pledge you that we are ever on the alert to give you honest service.

We wish you a Happy X-Mas

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Howard have been on the sick list this week.

Plenty corn and corn chops at G. M. Sharpe's

J. L. Mann of Spur was a visitor to homefolks this week.

Hooverize, and get your children's winter underwear at A.L. Jobs. Save half.

C. M. Largent has been very ill this week. Other members of the family also have been on the sick list.

Plenty of oats and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Miss Leola Norris, who has been very low with pneumonia, is now improving rapidly.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Ira Garrison left for Fort Worth Wednesday night. He will visit the Meridian field on business.

Rev. B. T. Tatum, who has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Ragan, left a few days ago for Terrell to visit another daughter. He will return by way of Dallas, where he will attend the State Baptist Convention.

W. O. Boney can get you a loan on that farm mighty quick. Better see him now.

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 expectoration 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 D. Store.



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Just let mother call, "Biscuits for Breakfast!" We're sure there's a treat that can't be beat in store for us — light, tender biscuits — toasty brown and all puffed up with goodness! For mother is sure of her baking powder—Calumet. She never disappoints us because



CALUMET BAKING POWDER

never disappoints her. It's dependable. Results always the same—the best. Try it.

Calumet contains only such 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

A LETTER FROM THE FRONT

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach received the following letter:

Tours, France, Nov. 13, 18.

Dear Walter and Joicie:

A few lines to you tonight. If I could only talk to you over the cables tonight and ask you how you felt I know I would get a good answer.

I am feeling lively at present myself away across the waters in little Victorious France, and it was certainly a victory they

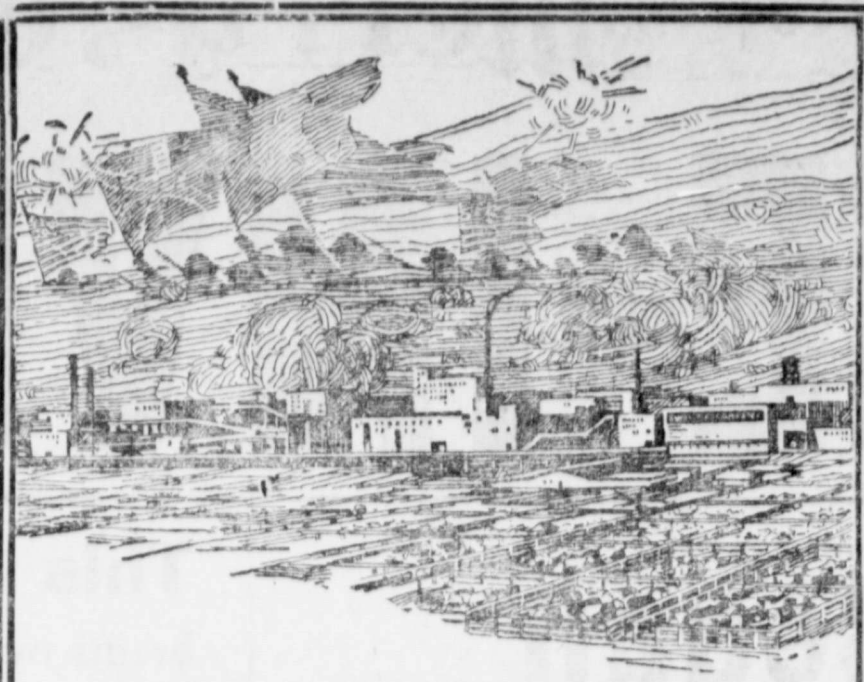
won with the aid of their gallant allies. I know you were certainly glad to receive the news of our great victory and was anxiously waiting for the news before it broke out that the gre it war was over and at last the Kaiser was kicked out. I can amagine about how hot the wires were over in the States, and I suppose it kept you busy answering questions to the people around before the news came over the wires. Suppose you all did some great cele-

brating, and how would you like to have been in New York when the news was flashed? I would like to have been in Paris. They said they had a great time there, and the Australians just went almost wild celebrating. Well we had a great time here. The French were certainly having a glorious time, with the Yanks right among them, waiving old glory in the air. I was among the mob myself. The marine band played the national anthems of America, France and England, to which we all stood at salute. It was such a mob it took about thirty minutes to get out, but there was no disorder for everybody was so proud the war was over that they didn't care how much shoving took place and was so crowded you could not have fallen down to save your life. If you started to fall one way you would fall against somebody on the side of you, so there was no chance to fall. As we came into town we met children and grown people, saying Legare Fini which means war finished. Some would say Veev Lamare, which meant long live America. They certainly highly praise America.

The streets were thronged with French soldiers and girls, College boys and the Yanks mixed up with the bunch, and then long streams of Sammies would line up and march down the streets, everybody cheering with wild joy. American and French flags were displayed as far as we could see. This is the third night and they are still shooting fire works and celebrating.

At the front just a few minutes before the Armistice was signed the Americans and French were fighting violently and then suddenly at eleven A. M. all the guns ceased firing. Don't you know it seemed funny for it to be so quiet all of a sudden, no guns to be heard anywhere and the war at an end for good. There is no person prouder than I am that it is over. I hope and think we will have a lasting peace. This should be a lesson to the whole world in regard to having future wars. We need not fear Germany any more. Suppose you can see that by the Armistice terms she was forced to sign.

Old Kaiser Bill got up and hiked it didn't he? His days are not long now. I would hate to be in his place. Guess I will be here for



An International Service Built on Tiny Profits Per Pound

Some industries have been able to get in step with war demands more quickly than others.

In many cases mighty plants have sprung up—but at a prodigious cost.

The packing industry was able to adapt itself to unheard of demands more quickly, perhaps, than any other industry. And this was because the vast equipment of packing plants, refrigerator cars, branch houses, etc., had been gradually developed to its present state of efficiency, so that in the crucial hour it became a mighty international system for war service.

And how had this development taken place?

Not by making vast inroads into the capital wealth of the country, but largely by using, from year to year, a portion of the profits, to provide for expansion.

Swift & Company's profits have always been so tiny, compared with sales, that they have had practically no effect on the price of meat (amounting to only a fraction of a cent per pound).

And yet the owners of the business have been content with reasonable returns on their capital, and have been able, year after year, to put part of the profits back into the business to provide for its expansion.

These fractions of tiny profits have been repaid to the public many fold in the form of better service, and better and cheaper meat, and made it possible for Swift & Company to meet, undaunted, the sudden cry for meat for overseas.

Could any other method of financing a vital industry involve less hardship to the people of the country? Could there be a better instance of true "profit-sharing" than this return in added usefulness and in national preparedness?

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



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In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says, "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good."

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These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on December, 18.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

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"LET HIM LIVE"

Note—Below is a poem printed in the "Mahoning Dispatch," Mahoning, O. According to the story connected with it, the poem was evidently written by some one in that section, presumably a young lady. It was packed in a box of things sent to a soldier at the front. He returned the poem to his home town to be printed with a view of trying to discover the author. The poem has been widely reprinted and commented upon, and a friend brings it to The Merkel Mail and asks for a place for it in these columns.

As long as the flowers their perfume give,

So long I'd let the Kaiser live, Live and live for a million years With nothing to drink but Belgian tears;

With nothing to quench his awful thirst

But the salted brine of a Scotchman's curse.

I would let him live on a dinner each day

Served from silver on a golden tray,

Served with things both dainty and sweet,

Served with everything—but things to eat.

I would make him a bed of silken sheen,

With costly linens to lie between, With covers of down and fillets of lace,

And downy pillows piled in place; Yet when to its comfort he would yield

It would stink with rot of the battlefield,

And blood and brains and bones of men

Should cover him, smother him, and men—

His pillow should cling with rotten clay—

Clay from the grave of a soldier boy;

And while God's stars their vigils keep,

And while the waves their white sands sweep,

He should never, never sleep.

And through all the days—and though all the years,

There should be an anthem in his ears

Ringing and singing and never done

From the edge of light to the set of sun,

Moanings and moaning and moaning wild

A ravished French girl's bastard child.

And I build him a castle by the sea,

As lovely a castle as ever was,

Then I'd show him a ship from over the sea,

As fine a ship as ever could be,

Laden with water cold and sweet

Laden with everything good to eat,

Yet scarce does she touch the silvered sands

Scarce may he reach out his eager hands—

Than a hot and hellish molten shell

Should change his Heaven into Hell,

And though he'd watch by the wave swept shore,

Our Lusitania would rise no more.

"No Man's Land" where the Irish fell

I'd start the Kaiser a private hell,

I'd jab him, stab him, give him gas

And in each wound I would pour ground glass;

I'd march him out where the brave boys died

Out past the lads he crucified.

In the fearful gloom of his living tomb,

There is one thing I'd do before I was through—

I'd make him sing in a stirring manner

The wonderful words of "The Star Spangled Banner."

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Merkel is not to be measured by one well to test out the oil situation. The Morris well will test our territory; the Sears well will test it; the Billberry ranch well will test it, and the local oil company is making every effort to have three or four additional wells started in their leased territory within the next thirty or sixty days.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of many of the Senators to criticize our President on account of his intended visit to the Peace Conference. We veritably believe that it is only a minority. How does he know what he is to do when he gets there? It looks like good judgment would dictate that he would have to be free to meet any emergency as it arises. And then, if we are not misinformed, when a final agreement is reached, it will be placed before the Congress of the United States for acceptance. Unless he gets clear off the track, it will be a long time before we will be able to criticize President Wilson. He is the one outstanding figure in all the world today. He is the world's great man and all peoples look to him for the freedom they have longed for through the years. No, we are not yet ready to criticize the greatest Democratic President this country ever had. If he thinks he ought to sit at the peace table, then we accord him that right. We are sure it will add dignity to the gathering.

For Croup

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfurt, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

THE MAN WHO WILL MAKE GOOD

It necessarily comes to us all, sooner or later, to make a close estimate of some man's character. It may be that we are considering taking him into our business as an employe or even a partner. Possibly we are entrusting him with some commission, the proper execution of which is very vital.

We are all, more or less, impressed by appearances, or rather, the sum of appearances. Frequently we are right, occasionally we are wrong. How then can we learn to read between the lines and to analyze character?

In the first place, the condition of a man's shoes, linen and his finger nails are an index to his birth and breeding. Even if his suit has seen considerable service, the right sort of a man will invariably have spotless linen and well polished shoes. Soiled linen indicates carelessness in relation to his own appearance. If he is careless of his own interests he will be careless with yours. Unpolished shoes are a mark of shiftlessness and shiftlessness does not make for successful business.

Uncared for finger nails and teeth show a lack of appreciation of the common refinements of life, and you can bank on it, the individual who neglects himself in these particulars is lacking in his self-respect, and is not as intelligent as he should be.

To be sure, he may have the capacity for intelligence, but if he is not a reader or a student to a reasonable degree of commonplace, scientific facts relating to health and personal hygiene, he will be superficial and lacking in thoroughness in business.—Implement & Vehicle Journal.

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CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church
Everything as usual Sunday. The Rev. John W. Williams, former general Missionary in New Mexico, will occupy the pulpit both hours in the absence of the pastor.
Everybody is invited to attend our services.
Keep the Red Cross 100 per cent Christmas membership campaign in mind. It starts the 16th.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

League Program Dec. 8
Missionary Meeting.
The Power of the Cross in Latin America.
Scripture, Luke 15:1-10.
Leader, Miss Lorena Dry.
Song, Scripture read in unison.
Prayer, Leaders talk song.
What is our Task, Vivian Hutcheson.
Some Facts About South America, Tom Allday.
Song.
Some Victories, Frank Counts

B. Y. P. U. Program Dec. 8th.
Subject, Faith.
Leader, Dixie Howard.
Introduction.
Faith That Produces Heroism, Wilma Garrett.
Faith Illustrated, Agnes Rister
Abel and Enoch, Frank Counts
Noah, Mable Toombs.
Abraham, Ola Sharp.
Poem, Loyce Dry.

Let all members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, please bear in mind that next Monday Dec. 9th, we will elect officers for the coming year. Please be in your place promptly at 2:30, at the church. Mrs. Perminter, Pres.

The Merkel Baptist Sunday School reached the A-1 standard of the denomination the past week. This is quite a distinction, attained by only a few schools in the State.

Few Escape

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

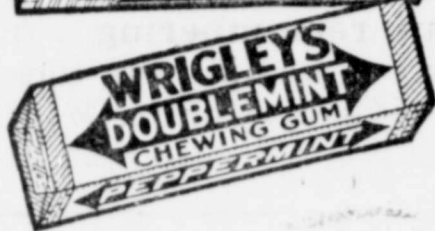
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Lester Earl White.
G. C. Hodges.
Z. T. Lamar.
Jas. Coleman Wasson, Noodle.
Oran Edwards
Nall Perkins.
Fauss Banner.
Clyde Garrett.

Earnest Yancy

W. A. Hellums.
Geo. Ferrier.
Will Cox.
Sydney Cox.
John Kyle Blair.
Wm. A. Bond.
John Clyde Bond.
Luna W. Tittle, Jr.
Jas W. Mayfield.
Ora L. Mayfield.
Birt Mayfield.
Paul McMurray.
Ulric Forrester.
Andrew Archer.
Roy Adams.
Britt Baker.
Edgar Breeze.

W. B. Brown.
Arthur Derrington.
Frank J. Ferrier.
De Gorsus.
Wm. R. Green.
James F. Holloway.
B. Jobe.
Pete Meek.
F. O'Brient.

Herbert Ricker.

Paul Stamford.

Bill Sheppard.

Paul Turner.

George White.

L. B. Wells.

Riley White.

L. Powers.

Emzi Burroughs.

Thos Bearden.

Jas. Brown.

Emmitt Grimes.

L. M. Hutchins.

Chester A. Duncan, Trent.

John T. Morris, Trent.

Joe L. Evans, Trent.

W. W. McElmurray, Trent.

Hurbert J. Swan, Trent.

John Moore, Merkel.

Lieut B. B. Brown

Chester Hall.

Stuart Grimes.

Jas. Clyde White.

Lloyd Shepard.

L. A. Dudley.

Robert Vernon Boring.

Sherley King.

O. A. Horton.

Ira Huss.

Archie Rose.

Fred Harrell.

Chas. C. Jones.

Glen Thompson

Roscoe Sharp.

John Ware.

John D. Dudley.

John Edward Hunter.

E. M. Harris.

George Smith.

Geo. N. Reynolds.

J. H. Rister, Tye.

Wayne Abernathy, Trent.

H. W. Beckham, Trent

Dee H. Donnell, Trent

Hollis Brown, Trent.

Royce Dowdy, Trent.

Robt. B. Parker.

Frank E. Smith

Luther Grimes.

W. L. Diltz, Jr.

William B. Tarpley.

Arthur E. Windland, Tye.

James O. Dulin.

Kirby L. Vidrine.

Leonard Morrison.

Joseph A. McMurray.

Rufus H. O'Neal.

Willie E. Pool.

Ennis Grimes.

Charley Fitzgerald.

Berry Forrester.

Joseph A. Pruitt, Trent

John T. Mattingley, Noodle.

Reuben C. Hall

Henry D. (Doc) Hall

Tom Smith Martin.

Leland L. Martin.

T. J. Bird.

R. E. Harris

Robert Rainbolt.

Lee Raymond Campbell

Euless McNeas.

John P. Gibson.

Leonard Wills

Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.

John Rex McClain.

O. R. Burns.

Joe Thomas Hartley.

John Robert West.

Robert Grady Collins

Jim F. Winters.

Arthur McMurray.

Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.

Fred Pribble, Trent.

Ernest Massey, Trent.

Lee Massey, Trent.
Hosea Winn, Trent.
Skyler Dunn, Trent.
Eimer Dunn, Trent.
Will E. Smith, Trent.
Leldon Goode, Noodle
Jas. Harmon Peterson.
W. Clarence Melton.
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.
Otto Blackmon, Trent
John W. Hassey, Trent
Spurgeon Scott, Trent
Robert W. Kelly.
Jno. Earnest Costephens.
Wm. Roy Costephens.
Jake Eason, Noodle.
Henery Eason, Noodle
Guy Bradley, Stith.
Guy Sibley, Trent.
Wm. Wills.
Sam H. Rosson, Trent.
Claude Rosson, Trent.
Alfred Wesley Costephens.
Ulyses McNeas.
W. Clarence Cameron
Vessie E. Browning.
Bailey Frazier.
John Coomer.
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Leo Shepard.
Frank Millican.
Dem Rusk.
Q Rusk.

Tucker

Horton.

John Tucker.

Wilba Whitaker

Rufus McLean.

Dillard Snow.

Vernon Simpson.

Dr. Robert I. Grimes.

Floyd Dean

Guy Brady.

Cecil McRee, Trent

Samuel D. Swann.

Lee Harrell.

W. P. Banner.

M. G. Russell.

J. M. Tucker.

David M. Floyd.

Dee Ash.

Lake J. Renfro.

H. B. Strode.

Dr. Wm. M. Gambill.

Vernon Sublett.

Yates Brown.

Dean Robinson, Trent.

Orville Foster.

Clyde Foster.

Jodie Bright, Trent

Barney A. Garrett.

P. M. Hutchins.

Roger F. Haynes.

O. S. Burns.

Roger V. Wells.

Jas. Parker Sharp.

Will Brown.

Judson McRee.

Frank Hart.

Albert Vessell, Trent

Jim Skillern, Trent.

Denzil Cox.

Lee Tipton.

Jim Burfind

Homer Tye.

Roy R. Coats.

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Lee Tipton.

Jas. Dent Gibson.

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Sydney B. Coats.

Chas. F. Thornton.

Albert Vessell.

Jim Skillern.

Fred B. Deutschman, Noodle

Will Merritt.

Louis Swann.

Arb Sharp.

John T. Morgan.

Frank Cook.

Will Brown.

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Homer Laney.

Mason Pee.

Sam J. Gafford.

Joe Owen.

Wm. Cox.

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Stanley King.

J. O. McMurray.

Joe Gunn.

Bowie H. Floyd.

Martin Gold Riggans.

L. E. Perkins, Jr.,

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We have sold many farms in the leased district in this manner before the well was located. The possibilities are greater now.

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W. O. Boney J. T. Browning Walter Jackson

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\$2.50 Mens union suits	1.69	60c Ladies hose, white and black	49c
2.00 Mens 2-piece underwear	1.69	\$1.25 Ladies hose, black	1.00
2.00 Mens overalls	1.89	25c Childrens hose	20c
2.25 mens overalls	2.00	35c Childrens hose	29c
1.00 mens work shirts	92c	Crochet cotton in white and colors	
1.35 mens flannel shirts	1.55	3 for	25c
75c Boys and misses unions	55c	Talcum and face powders	15c to 25c
65c Ladies vests	49c	\$2.00 cups and saucers, real china set	\$1.65
\$1.50 Ladies union suits	1.00	\$2.25 cups and saucers, real china set	\$1.75
25c mens half hose	19c	Good as anybodys express wagon for	\$1.00 to \$2.75
60c mens half hose	49c	School tablets 6 for	25c
25c Ladies hose, black	20c		
50c Ladies hose, black	35c		

These are just a few of the many values offered in this "Victory Christmas Sale," which begins now and lasts throughout December. If you fail to buy from us we both lose money. Yours for business,

THE RACKET STORE

WE KEEP NOTHING, BUT SELL EVERYTHING

J. M. DRY, PROP.

Lieut. Ellis Clyde Garrett Dead.

It is with bowed heads and deep sorrow that we are called upon to record the death of another soldier boy. Right in the morn of early manhood, full of hope and ambition, with a young wife and all that makes a man want to live, this splendid young fellow is called to his eternal reward. Burial takes place in Birmingham, Ala. His mother left Saturday night to attend the funeral.

Lieut. Ellis Clyde Garrett was born at Kirk, Limestone County, Texas, Feb. 11, 1894. He came to Merkel with his parents 13 years ago.

After spending nearly 3 years in Trinity University, he went

to New Orleans and worked as a reporter on the Times Picayune, for several months. He first enlisted in the Washington Artillery, Bat. B. When Uncle Sam called for volunteers to go to the border during the trouble with Mexico, he volunteered. After eight months of service he was mustered out, in February, 1916.

In April, 1916, he sailed for Italy as 2nd Engineer on the "City of Orange," which sailed from Orange, Texas. While in Italy, U. S. declared war on Germany, and being unable to enter the service there he returned on the first ship and reported for service again. His company, having already gone to France, and as his desire was to become an aviator, he went to Birmingham,

Ala, where he took examination and secured a commission as 2nd Lieut. in the Aviation corps, and since that time has served his country as an instructor in that department.

He was a Christian, having been a member of the Presbyterian church of Merkel for some time. He died of pneumonia in New York, Nov. 28, 1918.

He was married to Miss Fay Murphy of Birmingham, Ala., on September 14, 1918, and will be buried in that City.

His parents, four sisters, and three brothers and wife, Mrs. Ellis C. Garrett, survive him.

Clyde leaves us after hostilities have ceased, yet another sacrifice to the fearful affliction of war. He gave his life for world freedom and long will his memory live, together with the memory of the other boys who have made the great sacrifice.

To the bereaved ones we offer a heart of sympathy.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Offer good Missouri ear corn, at \$1.63, choice peagreen Alfalfa hay, \$31.50, all delivered. Arrival draft inspection allowed. Weights guaranteed within 2 per cent.

These prices are net, half freight deducted. Guaranteed delivery at these prices. Wire order as half freight may be withdrawn at any time. Ask for prices on oats and corn chops. W. C. Erwin, Waco, Texas.

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LOCAL NEWS

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Harry Merritt has been on the sick list all this week.

See the Star Store for corn, corn chops, oats and barley feed.

Dewey and Audrey Witcher have been on the sick list the past several days.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Lewis Swann left Friday for the naval camp in California. He expects to be released in the near future.

Peace Maker flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

Will Merritt left Sunday night for the naval training station in California after a ten days furlough at home.

Plenty of oats and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

The "Flu" struck the mail carriers a center blow the past week. As a consequence many people failed to get their mail daily part of the time.

Keep your clothes new by having them cleaned and pressed. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Ida Meeks and little brother, Truett, visited their sister, Mrs. John Bullock, in Abilene, Saturday and Sunday.

Highest prices paid for good fresh eggs. Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Ben T. Merritt, Cashier of the First State Bank of Handley, was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, last Sunday.

Plenty of cowfeed and cotton seed meal. Crown Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes of Castle Peak have returned from Oklahoma City, where Mr. Barnes has been employed for several months.

The sale is still on at Jobe's Store. Doing well. Better get your part, come and see.

Mrs. S. R. Wheeler of Purcell, Ok., are visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Witcher. Mrs. Wheeler formerly resided in Merkel and will likely make her home here.

W. O. Boney wants to make you that Loan on your farm.

J. V. West, 1604 Austin Street, Wichita Falls, writes sending us his subscription to the Mail. He says he has been in that city since September 8, that times are good, lots of work of different kinds and good pay.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

J. E. Martin, 402 N. Denver Street, Dallas, sends his subscription to the Mail.

Why do you want to pay out several hundred dollars for a business course when you can take shorthand and typewriting at home by an experienced teacher and at a nominal cost? See The Merkel Business College.

Well if we were to undertake to mention all the "Flu" patients, we would have to run a list of the entire town and country. So if your name is not mentioned, you may know we failed to get around to you.

We try always to please. Bring your old clothes to me. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

The Strong Withstand the Winter Cold Better Than the Weak

You must have Health, Strength and Endurance to fight Colds, Grip and Influenza. When your blood is not in a healthy condition and does not circulate properly, your system is unable to withstand the Winter cold.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC Fortifies the System Against Colds, Grip and Influenza by Purifying and Enriching the Blood.

It contains the well-known tonic properties of Quinine and Iron in a form acceptable to the most delicate stomach, and is pleasant to take. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . ."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

All Druggists

Mrs. Dovie Toombs Dead.

The wide circle of friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Dovie Toombs, wife of H. H. Toombs, were shocked beyond measure when word was passed around that she was dead last Sunday afternoon. Her death was caused by influenza which developed into pneumonia.

Mrs. Toombs was born in Arkansas, October 21, 1880 and she came to Texas with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Perry, in the year 1887. She was married to H. H. Toombs on July 13, 1902. To this union came nine children, four of whom survive her. She professed religion in Arkansas while young and joined the M. E. Church South. She stated to her sister on her death bed that she was ready to go. She was a member in good standing of the Rebecca Lodge.

Interment took place in Rose Hill Cemetery, Monday afternoon, Rev. J. C. Carpenter of Tuscola, officiating.

She was loved by those who knew her, a dutiful wife, an exemplary mother. With her immediate family we greatly sympathize, more so on account of her leaving her children at a tender age when they need a mother most. Again we can but accept the divine will that all things are best, even though our blinded eyes can not see the silvery lining of the cloud that hangs so low over this home. We can but wait for the unfolding of the mysteries of time, and even then the shrouded veil may not be lifted, but sometime in the great beyond we will understand.

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