



LAND AND OIL POSSIBILITIES AT PRESENT IN THE GREAT MERKEL COUNTRY

(By R. Kenneth Evans)

"And our well will be all rosy,
When our well Comes In."

For out here in the West, where the world is yet untouched by the mould of an ancient and mildewed commercialism, where the founts of nature have not yet been drained to dryness we don't wish for our ships to come in.

We wish—and are sure in wishing—for something more practical, something we know, or sincerely believe is going to happen, for the oil well, that oil well, our oil well, to come in and with its coming gush dollars into our pockets and of those about us. For this is the age of oil, and this great southwestern country the Land of Plenty in the production of the world's most forceful fuel.

To beware of the house that built upon the sands is an ancient bit of advice, but that max says nothing about oil derricks, and wisely. For upon the sands of Texas, and the great regions of the Rockies, is found a myriad of fortunes that will be forever, that will lead states in this region to great more wonderful accomplishments than were ever dreamed of before the first spray of oil rough the air with the first well.

Who wisely believes she structure in her midst rightly are going to let the tell the tale, and they are going to drill for the great deep pools of fuel that turn the wheels of industry throughout commercial universe.

The finding of oil at Ranger, Burk Burnett and other fields added fervor to the local development possibilities. And you can take the tip that Merkel is going to be heard from in this hunt for oil in this section of the great and latest oil state.

The Sears well is at present drilling at over 2700 feet and the oil found at 2540 feet is increasing, but the oil at this depth has been cased off so that the deeper test can be effected.

This Sears well, and some 3000 acres around the well is owned by the Texas Houghton Oil Company of Fort Worth. The big companies are keeping constant check of this test well, and at present time conditions are favorable for something definite publication soon.

There are several wells now in operation to start drilling or adding, or are drilling. Excellent reports are coming in from the View well, fourteen miles southeast of Merkel. Plans are maturing for the commencement of operations on the Trent and the Butman wells. A nice showing of oil was found in the Bland well, the report says, has a good showing of oil.

It is thought by geologists that the oil pool will be found at three thousand feet, and all the rigs being placed are equipped to carry the tell-tale bit to that depth.

Some of the best indications of real work is going on in an old, is when things get shut up by the men actually do things and saying; that has been the hissing of oil fields; real oil men little, but work consistently effectually taking very few to their confidences.

Such is the status of the oil development work of the Merkel field.

Merkel is having an unprecedented era of prosperity just now in the marketing of her five million dollar cotton crop, and having much time to even

talk oil now, but she will begin to have her second growth if you please quite soon. One cannot fully realize the import of this statement unless one has been on the ground floor and realize the situation.

Out of the rolling prairies of Taylor county where once the pioneers went through all kinds of hardships, has come a big money crop, but from all indications Taylor county is still to have an even better harvest, which will be felt more readily and with greater force. It will be the turning of the liquid gold which lies buried beneath the virgin soil into good old American dollars.

But when the final chapter of this story is written it will be the story of perseverance, the never-say-die spirit of the men who have made and those who are still making Merkel, the "Biggest little City" in the state of Texas.

Return of Railroads to Private Owners on Dec. 1 Uncertain

Austin, Nov. 18.—While there have been several letters and circulars from the office of the regional director to the effect that the railroads are to go back to private operation on Dec. 1, there has been no confirmation from Washington and the members of the Texas railroad commission know nothing positive about the matter.

They are not clear in the matter; and while they are ready, so far as the duties of the commission are concerned, they are not persuaded that the owners of the roads are ready to receive and operate them on that date.

Lee's Captain is Dead

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 18.—Captain Hunter Fitzhugh, author, educator missionary and philanthropist, last surviving member of the staff of Robert E. Lee, died last night at the age of 83.

Receives Wrestling Medal

Pvt. John A. Chadwick has just received a medal and certificate for having won first place in heavy wrestling at the Divisional Athletic Meet in France. He is justly proud of the medal. At home, also, he is winning wrestling laurels, there being few individuals who are willing to go up against him.

New Jewelry Stock

W. H. Jackson, with the Crescent Jewelry Company of Waco, is preparing to install a big stock of watches, jewelry and diamonds, having obtained space with Everybody's. The stock to be installed will represent about \$10,000, it is claimed. We predict a lucrative business in this line this year.

League Will Proceed

Paris, Nov. 18.—Regardless of the American government's attitude the peace treaty of Versailles will be put into force, according to the prevalent view here to day following receipt of the report that President Wilson might withdraw the treaty from the United States senate. Whatever happens, the feeling in French circles is that France cannot meet the German plenipotentiaries again and French opinion is that Italy and Great Britain have a like feeling.

The only service limit at The F. & M. National Bank is that the transaction must be safe.

Prescriptions carefully compounded by registered Druggists at Lowry & Gambles.

WHEN TO QUIT ADVERTISING

When the grasshoppers ceases to hop
And the cows quits bawling,
When the fishes no longer flop,
And the baby stops squalling;
When the dinner no longer duns
And the hoot owl quits hooting,
When the river ever ceases to run,
And the burglar stops his looting,
When the vine no longer twines
And the skylark stops his larking;
When the sun no longer shines
And the young men quit sparking,
When the heavens begin to drop
And the old maids stop advising;
Then—it is time to shut up shop
And quit your advertising.
—Atlantic Constitution.

Shorts and bran at G. M. Sharps.

Shorts and bran at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Fresh prescription drugs and drug sundries at Lowry & Gambles.

Will Burns and family returned to Merkel this week, where they will make their home. Gradually the old-timers are coming back. He says he thinks business will be good for quite a while, as it seems that every one has a little plumbing job to be done.

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

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Shorts and bran at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

The coal proposition in Merkel is serious. Mayor Stalling has wired Congressman Blanton as to the situation. Relief must be obtained from some source.

Graham flour at G. M. Sharps
Corn at G. M. Sharp's.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour
G. M. Sharps.

Shorts and chops at G. M. Sharp's.

NOTICE

We are installing a Fairbanks Morse Engine and Dynamo, which will enable us to operate our show regardless of interruptions or breakdowns in the local Electric Light service. A good show every night. Matinee on Saturdays from 3 to 5
COZY THEATRE

OIL SITUATION LOOKS FINE

The oil situation is looking better and better at the Sears well. A nice flow of oil is coming up between the 6 and 8-inch casing, where oil was first struck at a depth of 2490 feet. On Wednesday the oil on the slush pit was run into one of the tanks and is estimated to be 15 barrels. This oil will be used as fuel to fire the boilers for drilling. The bit is still cutting its way into the earth and the drillers expect at any time to run into a new sand. If more oil is not discovered, the hole will be filled to the first find and it will be shot.

Progress is being made on the Bland well and the indications are good. No new development has taken place in the Butman and Trent wells.

Mrs. Minnie O. Wilson, who recently moved here from New Mexico, purchased the old Propst property in Merkel, a block south of the Methodist church, and also the farm of Bob Allen. Mrs. Wilson will occupy the Merkel property. The deal was made by the Merkel Realty Company. The same company also sold the farm of G. J. Jones a short distance west of Trent, to W. J. Cockrell of Van Zant county this week. Mr. Cockrell will move on the property shortly. Several other deals are reported this week, which goes to show the increasing confidence in the Great Merkel Country.

Try a sack of that good old Marechal Neil or White Billows flour. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Honey at G. M. Sharps

IRONS ELECTRIC IRONS
We have the Famous, American Beauty and Western Electric Iron in stock. Come and get one and try it. Easy payment.
Merkel Power Company

NOTICE

The Cozy Studio is now open every day in the week.

H. F. Groene.

Bring all your cotton checks to The Farmers & Merchants National Bank for cash or deposit.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank the Kings Daughters for the lovely basket of fruit sent us. It came as a token of love from our friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Pierce.

Car Kimbell's extra high patent flour, meal, corn chops, and shorts looked for on every train. Prices low as the lowest. A. L. Jobe. 17t1c

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE—4-room house in good shape, well and windmill. See R. A. Ellis or R. G. Grogan, Truley, Texas 7t4c.

FORDS FOR SALE

I have plenty of them. Brand New 1920 Model, with and without starters. I receive from 3 to 5 car loads a week and can deliver you one any time you come. See Pickens Burton 1415 Patterson Ave, Dallas, Texas. 7t4c

FOR SALE—Rye seed, \$1.50 per bu. See O. A. Smith, Trent, Texas. 14t2p

WANTED TO RENT—One good 4 or 5 room cottage for 4 months. Will pay rent in advance. E. H. Ray. 15t2p

LOST—Memorandum book, with C. A. Higgin's name on front cover. Reward of 50 cents. Leave at Merkel Mail. 17t1p

FOR SALE—Fancy driving horse, six years old. See P. L. McClary. 17t1c.

LOST—New 3-prong pitchfork. Return to P. L. McClary. 17t1c

SEED OATS

Texas Red, free from Johnson-grass, will stand the winter. See J. T. Warren or Geo. Boyce, Merkel, Texas 7t3c

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter, in good shape for \$25 dollars. Apply at The Merkel Mail Office.

FOR SALE—4 bay brood mares 4 bay mares 3½ years old, 4 bay horses 2½ years old. 2 miles east of Compere school house. Arthur Cranston, 17tfc.

WANTED TO BUY MAIZE—I am now in the market for your maize. See W. T. Beasley. 17t3c

LOST—Goodyear tire and rim for Buick car, between Tye and Abilene. Liberal reward for return. A. D. Boggs, Merkel, Texas 17t1c

I WANT TO RENT—150 acres of land on halves. Can furnish myself. J. S. Eaves, Merkel Tex. 17t1p

Notice to Public

Parties taking saw and square from Merkel Lumber Co., yard, please return at once.
N. D. Cobb, mgr.

REPORT OF COTTON GINNED IN TAYLOR COUNTY--MERKEL LEADS IN RECEIPTS

Believed McAdoo Would Accept Nomination as President

High on the list of those mentioned to head the Democratic national ticket in the next presidential campaign is William G. McAdoo, President Wilson's son-in-law. Mr. McAdoo is not now in politics, and he has not announced his intention to seek the nomination. But it is not believed he would refuse it if it were offered him.

William Gibbs McAdoo was born near Marietta, Ga., Oct. 31, 1863. He was admitted to the bar in Tennessee in 1885 and practiced in Chattanooga until 1892, when he removed to New York. He practiced law there until 1903. It was in 1904 that he accomplished his greatest feat—the completion of the first tunnel under the Hudson river. For five years thereafter he devoted the major portion of his time to directing the work of digging tunnels under the Hudson river, the fourth and last being opened in the spring of 1909.

Mr. McAdoo was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1912 and acting chairman of the Democratic national committee during the greater part of 1912 campaign. From that time until the first of the present year he devoted the most of his time to political affairs. He was secretary of the treasury from March 6, 1913, until early in 1919. He was director general of the railroads during America's participation in the war.

Fine Hogs

P. L. McClary has two of the finest year old fattening hogs we have seen in some time. They are Poland China and weigh about 450 pounds each.

Mrs. A. J. Hartley has just returned from a three weeks visit to the home of her son, D. J. Hartley and family of Plainview. The latter are the happy parents of a fine boy, their first; also the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hartley. The grandparents are feeling mighty big over this newcomer. Mr. Hartley is even beginning to talk about being an old man. We bet he cuts his cotton acreage another year.

American Beauty and Seal flour and meal are the best and are for sale by Crown Hardware Company.

Our Tellers are always supplied with plenty of change and currency and will supply it in amounts to pay individual cotton pickers. Bring in your pay roll and let us make change for you. The F. & M. National Bank.

Mrs. S. J. Suddeth of Glenrose is visiting Miss Amanda Curtis this week.

See our jewelry and cut glass before buying. Lowry & Gamble Druggists

Fresh car Peace Maker flour
G. M. Sharps.

Dr. M. E. Campbell of Abilene will be at office of Dr. Armstrong Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 26, to do any practice relative to Eye, Ear, Nose and throat. adv.

Bring all your cotton checks to The Farmers & Merchants National Bank for cash or deposit.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharps.

John Bond, J. E. Lane and W. E. Martin of Abilene were visitors in Merkel Wednesday.

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On November 1st the cotton ginned in Taylor county amounted to 16,919 bales. Of this amount nearly 10,000 had been marketed in Merkel. The crop is about two-thirds gathered in this section and about sixty per cent marketed. Nearly 12,000 bales have been marketed here up to the present time. Everything goes to indicate that the cotton coming to Merkel will be over 20,000 bales.

Fair Price Committee

San Antonio, Nov. 18.—Fair price committees are to be named immediately in every county in Texas to work in close cooperation with the United States District Attorneys and the Federal Department of Justice in enforcement of the Lever act against profiteering and hoarding. The announcement was made today by Charles E. Breneman, division superintendent of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, who is also to act as Fair Price Commissioner for Texas under instructions from Attorney General Clegg.

So far as possible the Food Administration committee will be used and recognized as soon as possible. They will be charged with determining fair prices on fuel, clothing and food and such other things as are classed as necessities under the Lever act. Decisions by the Department of Justice as to what prices are exorbitant and what constitutes an overcharge shall be based on the prices fixed by the committees which shall determine these prices in each locality under the varying economic conditions. The department agents will file charges and final decision will be up to the Federal grand jury.

Buys Barber Shop

H. M. Rose purchased the Pate Barber Shop and has already taken charge. Mr. Rose also owns half interest in the City Barber Shop. He is a practical barber and a successful business man. For the present Mr. Pate will remain with the shop. He has not made his plans for the future.

COMPERE NEWS

The people of this vicinity are very thankful for the past few days of pretty weather.

A good part of the cotton is out now.

The Public School will start on Monday, November, 24. There will probably be three teachers a little later on.

Will Spurgin has purchased a car.

Mr. Allred and family went to Trent Sunday to visit friends. Chester Lucas and J. C. Patton have gotten themselves new buggies.

Mr. Tucker and daughter, Bess were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

The singing was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin Sunday night. A good crowd being present.

Elgin Hill is planning to return home Saturday.

Mrs. Baxter has purchased a new car.

Henry Foster happened to an accident last week while driving a Sedan. When he returned home his people could very easily tell that he had not been picking cotton. He was not seriously injured.

Three of Mrs. Jerden's nieces were to see her Sunday.

Vernie Meritt and Shred Sherrill went to the Canyon Sunday. C. S. Childers is still on the sick list.

Reporter.

SERVICE

Ask Our Customers

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

A Modern Bakery
The Merkel Bakery is now located in the Beasley building, under the direct supervision of the proprietor, N. Hancock. He recently installed a modern oven, which is being operated to perfection. This industry is one of which Merkel can justly be proud. Mr. Hancock is making a big success of it, and we are glad to see him doing well, as he justly deserves.

This Means You
When you get up with a bad taste in your mouth, a dull tired feeling, no relish for food and are constipated, you may know that you need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only cause an agreeable movement of the bowels, but cleanse and invigorate the stomach and improve the digestion.

The officers of The F. & M. National Bank want you to feel free to consult with them about all matters. We want to make money, but we can't make money unless you make money too.

We have Eastman Kodaks
Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, arrived from Aspermont the past week, together with his family, and occupied the pulpit last Sunday. He came a little sooner than was expected, but feeling the need of being on the field, his former congregation reluctantly agreed to give him up. He arrived in time to take charge of the seventy-five million campaign in a whirlwind wind up.

We appreciate rural orders, and will give them prompt attention. Lowry & Gamble Druggists.

Read our Adv. in this issue and open an account with the F. & M National Bank to-day and have the benefit of the service it offers.

Constipation
Most laxatives and cathartics afford only temporary relief and should be used only for that purpose. When you want permanent relief take Chamberlain's Tablets and be careful to observe the directions with each package. These tablets not only move the bowels, but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

NEW STEAM PRESS IN OPERATION

I have installed a new steam press, and can now give much better and quicker service. It has always been our motto to give satisfaction and service, but on account of the rush, was unable to do our best, but can now take care of all kinds of work. Give me a trial.

MRS. C. L. CASH.

Phone 180

J. T. Warren, Presid.
L. R. Thompson, Vice Pres.
G. F. West, Vice President
Booth
D. W. Johns.



We rejoice with our friends in the FINE PROSPERITY of the PRESENT SEASON.

The Farmers and Merchants
National Bank

is no less proud of the assistance it rendered during the two years of drouth than it is of the fine Loyalty of those who do business with us.

Nothing is more VALUABLE than a good
BANKING CONNECTION

This we offer in addition to an UNEXCELLED SERVICE. Become identified with us TODAY

Thos. Johnson, Cashie

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. O. B. Boden visited relatives in Fort Worth the past week.

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

Mrs. G. W. Moore visited her daughter, Mrs. Taylor Davis, in Fort Worth this week.

Rub a sore throat with Ballards Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Lee Carter of the Noodle country called this week and placed several subscriptions with the Merkel Mail and took advantage of our clubbing rates. He reports his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Moore and son, of San Angelo, visiting him, and was expecting Mr. Moore this week.



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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Black Red Rock are visiting their Jim, and family.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

The only service limit at The F. & M. National Bank is that the transaction must be safe.

Tom Largent was painfully injured a few days since by being kicked in the side by a mule. He is about straightened out now.

Don't forget to bring your eggs chickens, butter, hides, sacks and rags to W. P. Duckett, who pays cash and will sell you apples, potatoes and cold drinks cheap as any one.

W. P. Duckett

Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayfield of Blair underwent operation Sunday. He is getting along nicely.

See our line of Waterman fountain Pens Lowry & Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff spent several days in Midland the past week visiting relatives.

Only a Cold
Are you ill? is often answered "Oh! it's only a cold," as if a cold was a matter of little consequence, but people are beginning to learn that a common cold is a matter not to be trifled with, for some of the most serious diseases start with a cold. As soon as a first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Remember that the sooner you get rid of your cold the less the danger, and this remedy help you to throw it off.

Miss May Beidleman is on the sick list this week.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
All children troubled with worms have a healthy color, which indicates poor blood, 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.

Not Next Month = BUT = - TO-DAY -

Come get your suit, Mr. Man or Kind Lady
These suits will make a smile that will keep
you happy -- Prices \$35.00 to \$50.00

SEE OUR COATS
- Underwear for Every One -

Come Look Our Goods Over

The Brown D. G. Co.

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 mason, of
 representatives,
 announced his in-
 becoming a candidate
 for at the Democratic
 ary election in July.

Speaker Thomason was reared near Gainsville. He was District Attorney there for four years, during which he made a record for law enforcement.

Removing to El Paso he became one of the leading attorneys of the western part of the state and was elected representative for four years. He was selected as Speaker of the House of Representatives without opposition as a testimonial to his clarity and hard work in the interest of better laws.

During the different sessions of the legislature, Representative Thomason was active in the passage of prohibition laws and in the interest of woman's suffrage. He was the author of several clean election laws and the joint author of the zone bill which enacted prohibition about the army camps.

Speaker Thomason plans to open campaign headquarters in Dallas later and will begin his speaking campaign at his home in Gainsville and will cover the entire state.

Fresh box chocolates at Lowry Gambles.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed remedies, and by constantly failing cure with local treatment, pronounced incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, not influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts on the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for facts and testimonials. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A GARAGE OPENED UP
 have opened up a garage on
 Street, Merkel, Texas.
 Give me your car and I will
 get it run right.

J. W. Simpson.
 7t4p

Kids Cause Grip and Influenza
 REMOVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the
 There is only one "Bromo Quinine."
 GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
 Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E.W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

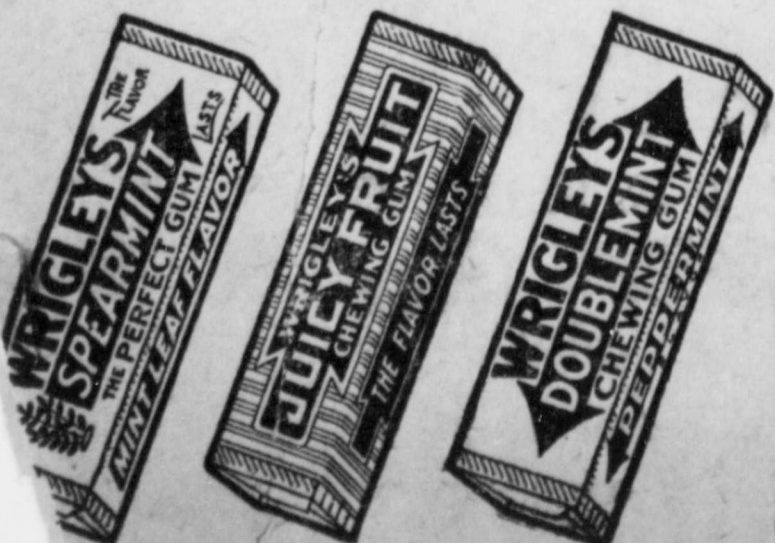
WRIGLEY'S

5c a package
 before the war

5c a package
 during the war

5c a package
NOW

**THE FLAVOR LASTS
 SO DOES THE PRICE!**



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Physicians Getting Ready For Business

Drs. Smith and Grimes are fitting up swell offices in the building formerly occupied by Dr. Adkisson. They have complete equipment for their profession, and the experience that has been theirs for the past few years is a great recommendation to their ability. We predict for them much success in the practice of their profession here.

A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable Advice for Merkel Readers.

Many a woman endures with noble patience the daily misery of backache, pains about the hips blue, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders, hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed such aches and pains follow.

Then help the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone.

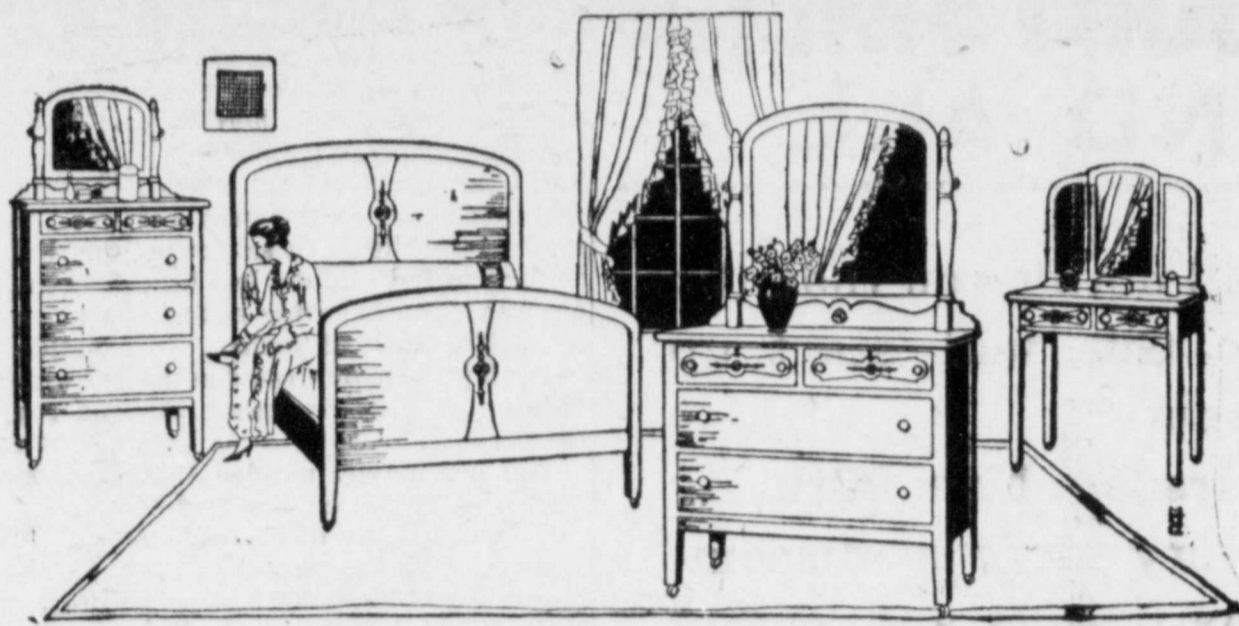
Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—Read this Merkel woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. A. D. Williams, says: "Several years ago I had pretty bad pains in the small of my back over my kidneys. It was a dull ache that felt as if there were a heavy weight bearing down on me. I had headaches and was bothered with my kidneys acting too freely. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills so I got a box and I got my trouble in time for Doan's soon relieved all that dull aching and my kidneys were regulated."

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

Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic

restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its strengthening, invigorating effect. Price 60c.



We now have one of the best assortments of Bedroom Suits ever shown in Merkel. We would be glad to have you come in and see the new styles and finishes whether you are in the market for a suit or not. We will take pleasure in showing you through.

BEDS : SPRINGS : MATTRESSES

We can solve your bedding wants, at prices you can't find anywhere else. While our present stock lasts we will make the following prices:

BEDS—A large 2-in. post iron bed and slats	\$11.00
SPRINGS—A 96-coil guaranteed spring	\$ 5.50
MATTRESSES—A 40-lb. all cotton mattress, art tick	\$10.00
—A 50-lb. all cotton mattress	\$12.50

This is just a few of the real values we have. Our house is full of dependable goods and we will guarantee to save you money on anything in our line.

Barrow Furniture Co.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church, has been returned to Merkel for another year, greatly to the delight of his congregation and to the people of the city and country at large. Rev. Murrell has greatly endeared himself to the people here and they are delighted to have him back. He is doing a great work here.

Wanted To Rent.

A first class farm, consisting of 150 acres or more. My references are as follows:

J. H. Frizzell, Merkel, R1,
 on W. E. Petty's farm.

November 1, 1919.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that we have known Mr. J. H. Frizzell for several years and have always found him straight in his dealings and he was considered one of the very best farmers in this county. Mr. Frizzell is not only considered a first class farmer, but a first class farm manager also.

First National Bank, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

October 22, 1919.

This is to advise that I have known Mr. J.H. Frizzell for several years. I consider him one of the best farmers we ever had in this section. He is energetic, industrious and the hardest working man I nearly ever saw. He is not only a splendid farmer but is a fine manager. He always makes good crops and is invariably the first man to market the first bale in early fall.

W. H. Bond, Postmaster,
 Sulphur Springs, Tex. 15t2p



HER VERY OWN

Every womanly woman longs for a Home of her own. A place where she can take pride and pleasure in it's appearance and surroundings.

Her Home takes it's rightful place with husband and children among life's most cherished possessions.

Among our new selection of "Ye Plaary" Homes you will find designs so beautiful and charming as to more than fulfill her fondest dreams.

A visit to our Model Home Display will be as interesting and helpful as it is welcome.

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

New Pastor at Trent

Having been returned as pastor of the Trent Charge, I offer this greeting to our membership and to the public. I may be expected to fill my regular appointment at all places.

We invite your hearty co-operation. Let us renew our energy and our allegiance to the cause of Christianity, and make this the best year of the four on the Trent Charge. If every one will do his part we are assured of success. Surely no one will break ranks. We desire your sympathy and prayers, and then we will be able to serve you.

F. T. Johnson, Pastor, M. E. C. S., Trent, Texas.

Lackey-Meeks Wedding

Mr. Clarence Lackey and Miss Ealie Meeks of the Blair community were married last Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. F. Sloan performing the ceremony. The couple comes highly recommended, being popular and industrious. We wish for them years of happiness and prosperity.

Dr. Pue Returns To Merkel

After an absence of many months, Dr. J. T. Pue returns to Merkel in the practice of his profession, that of masseur. The doctor practiced here for a number of years and his family has resided here during his absence. He feels confident that he will be able to build up a lucrative practice here. For the past few months he has been in the Ranger territory, where he has been a very busy man.

Julius Antone Peterson Dead

Julius Antone Peterson, age 84 years, passed away quietly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Frederickson, last Saturday evening.

He was a native of Denmark, and a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Peterson is survived by five children as follows: Mrs. J. P. Frederickson, Merkel, Texas; Mrs. G. E. Davis, Gallup, N. M.; Mr. S. P. Peterson, San Antonio, Texas; M. C. Peterson, Gallup, N. M.; Mrs. J. C. Canute-son, San Antonio.

Burial took place in the Trent cemetery, last Sunday afternoon

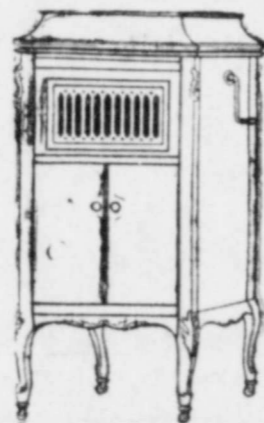
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week, for ten days, exclusive of
the first day of publication, be-
fore the return day hereof, in
some newspaper of general circu-
lation published in said county,
which has been continuously and
regularly published in said coun-
ty for a period of not less than
one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the
Estate of T. R. Bankhead, De-
ceased.

You are hereby notified that
Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, has filed in
the County Court of Taylor, an
application for the probate of the
last Will and Testament of said
T. R. Bankhead, Deceased, filed
with said application, and for
Letters Testamentary is the last
will and testament of T. R. Bank-
head, deceased, which will be
heard at the next term of said
Court, commencing on the 3rd
Monday in December A. D. 1919,
the same being the 15th day of
December A. D. 1919, at the
Court House thereof, in Abilene,
at which time all persons inter-
ested in said Estate may appear
and contest said application,
should they desire to do so.

HEREIN Fail Not, but have
you before said Court on the said
first day of the next term there-
of this Writ, with your return
thereon, showing how you have
executed the same.

Given under my hand and the
Seal of said Court, at office in
Abilene, this the 30th day of

Oct. 1919.

Fannie Tippet, Clerk,
County Court, Taylor County,
Texas.

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To all persons interested in the
Estate of W. B. Robertson, De-
ceased; You are hereby notified
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filed in the County Court of Tay-
lor County, an application for the
probate of the last Will and Tes-
tament of said W. B. Roberston,
Deceased, filed with said appli-
cations, and for Letters Testa-
mentary is the last will and testa-
ment of W. B. Robertson, deceas-
ed, which will be heard at the
next term of said Court, com-
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December, A. D. 1919, the same
being the fifteenth day of Decem-
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House thereof, in Abilene at
which time all persons interested
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(By R. Kenneth Evans)

The real value of the banking institutions to Merkel was demonstrated throughout the two years period of adversity which was visited on West Texas, by the attitude assumed by the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, this institution standing behind every man and furnishing him money with which to operate, even in the face of conditions that required nerves of steel and consistent and conservative banking to handle. The success traced directly to the support accorded the farmers, who would have been handicapped in making this years crop were it not for the attitude assumed by the bankers.

The reader may get some idea of the success of the management of this bank when it is stated that in the short period of fifteen years this bank has increased its deposits from nothing at organization to in the neighborhood of one million dollars, all local money and all produced in the Merkel country. This bank in that length of time has paid its stock of \$25,000 and today has a surplus of almost twice the capital stock. This fact in itself is significant of the success with which this institution is managed and should show conclusively a possible patron of the bank that money placed in this institution is in the hands of the most conservative and constructive management.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank was organized in Merkel in 1904 by Thos. Johnson and associates and has been under the same management since the day its doors were first opened for business. J. T. Warren the president of the bank has lived in the Merkel country for upwards of twenty-five years. The writer is not over drawing conditions in the least when it is said that he is known by practically every man, woman and child in this section, who rely thoroughly upon Mr. Warren's advice. He has an enviable reputation for a successful business man. He is one of the most extensive property owners in the Merkel country and has been a most influential factor in the development of the resources of the Merkel country.

Thos. Johnson, the cashier of the bank, is what can be termed a "natural born banker." His first experience was gained in the Comanche National Bank of Comanche Texas where he received his primary training under the most successful bankers and business men. He is essentially a West Texan, thoroughly conversant with conditions here and understands the methods of banking in this section, it being a significant fact that the management of a banking institution in this section is different than the management of a bank in any other section and requires rare foresight and ability. Mr. Johnson located in Merkel be-

cause he realized the advantages here and has ingratiated himself into the confidence of the people of the Merkel country. Like Mr. Warren he has worked unceasingly to build up the Merkel country and to establish a reputation for this bank of not only being a financial success but a credit and a factor in the development of Merkel.

George F. West, Vice President of the bank is one of Merkel's successful merchants and business men and has been associated with this bank from the day of its organization. He has been an influential factor in the building of Merkel and is an extensive property owner.

Henry James, also vice president, has been an important character in the development of West Texas. Mr. James lives in the county seat, Abilene and is identified with financial institutions in that city.

This bank has recently made a new acquisition, Mr. L. R. Thompson, vice president. Mr. Thompson comes to Merkel with an enviable reputation as a successful country banker coming here from Williamburg Kansas where he operated a bank. Mr. Thompson has been in the banking business upwards of twenty years, has diligently studied it and in assuming the active duties of vice president of this bank will be a valuable addition. Already in the short time he has been in Merkel he has gained the friendship and confidence of everyone with whom he has come in contact and has shown his exceptional ability in the management of the duties of this bank which fall to his lot. He will be a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of Merkel and another strong factor in the development of the city's resources.

Booth Warren and DeVerle Johnson, sons of the president and cashier of the bank respectively, are the assistant cashiers of the bank. These young men with the business inheritance given them by their fathers, and imbued with the same conservative business principles coupled with the natural absorption of the modern business methods, characteristic of the live wire young business men of today make them valuable parts of the machinery of this institution. Both young men are diligent workers and show rare ability in handling the work of this bank.

Mr. J. T. Howard, the book-keeper of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank has been with the institution since the day it first opened for business. He is recognized as a fixture in this institution by everyone in the Merkel country and is known for his ability as an expert book-keeper and accountant. Mr. Howard has spent the greater part of his lifetime in this line of work

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this community to prosper. ☐ All this has been done according to the National Banking laws. ☐ We thank you.

THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK

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and thoroughly understands this phase of the banking business. Yates Brown as bookkeeper and Miss Lillian Watts, as stenographer, assist Mr. Howard and the management of the bank in handling the clerical work, both exceptionally efficient in their line.

With more than \$10,000,000 in capital behind the stockholders of this bank and with the personnel as outlined above the reader can readily see that this institution is an important factor in the scheme of business advancement in this section. This bank since its organization has made more than forty thousand loans, totaling in excess of seven and a half millions of dollars, seventy-five percent to the farmer, and the loss from these loans has been so insignificant as not to figure in percentage.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

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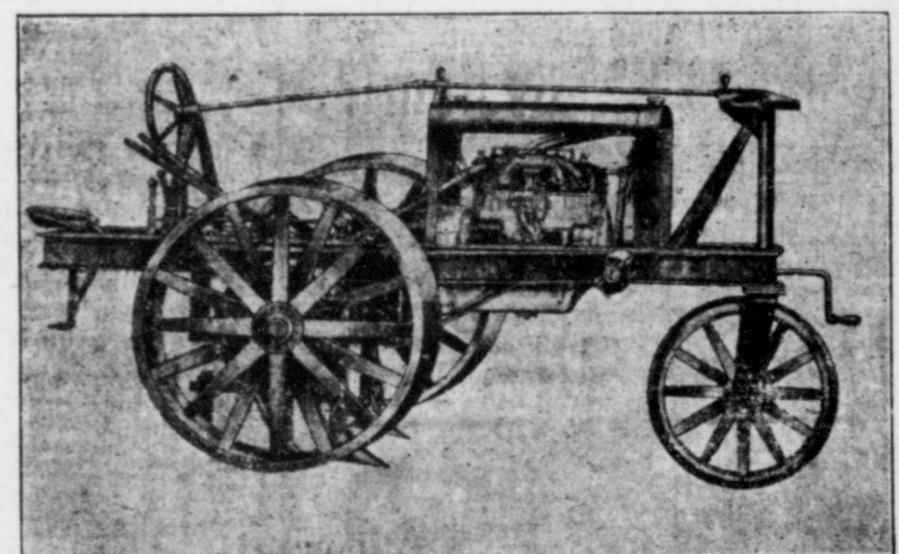
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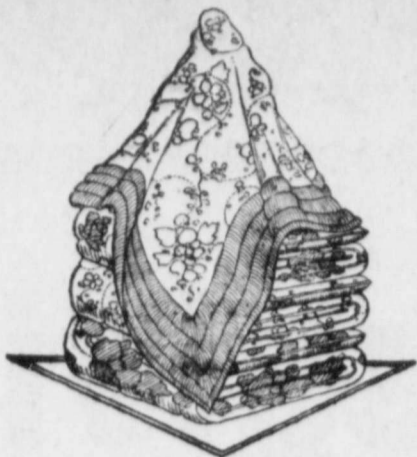
CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church Notice
 All services at the regular hours next Sunday promptly at 10 we begin Sunday School, let everybody be present for the opening song, preaching at 11 the subject for the morning hour will be "The Worlds Panacea". Song service will commence at 7 o'clock for the evening hour and preaching at 7:30, we commence a new conference year Sunday, lets get a start all together and make this the best year in the history of the church, we are always glad to have the visitor and stranger worship with us.
 W. M. Murrell, Pastor

At The Baptist Church
 Sunday school at 10: a. m. The pastor will have charge of a "Business Mens Bible Class". All men not members of other Sunday Schools are cordially invited. There will be a thirty minute discussion of the lesson by and for five active business men.
 Preaching 11 a.m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor.
 Morning subject "Jesus on the 75 Million Campaign."
 There will be a story hour at the Anex Department Sunday morning. Let every child be on Evening subject, "Jesus going to meet His Fate."
 Teachers meeting Monday night 7 o'clock.
 Joint meeting of all the Ladies of the church Tuesday at 3 p.m.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.
 The 75 Million Campaign song will be used at each service.
 Members of the church expected. All others will be cordially welcomed.
 Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Womans Bible Class Met.
 The Womans Bible Class of the Church of Christ met Tuesday evening at 3 o'clock with Mrs. G. W. Cypert, and spent one hour reading and studying the Bible. The class will meet next Tuesday evening at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Fred Groene.

A **SPECIAL SALE** OF **COMFORTS AND BLANKETS**



These brisk November days are reminding many house-keepers of the need of warmer bed coverings. Six months ago we bought several cases of comforts and blankets, and notwithstanding the fact that they are worth double the price paid for them we are placing them on sale at the following low prices.

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 Woman's Miss. Baptist Ch.
 The Woman's Missionary Society will render the following program at the Baptist church.
 Subject, "Lengthen Your Days, Strengthen the Stomachs, Lead by the Head."
 Leader, Mrs. T. E. Ragan
 View of Home Missions Education Board, Mrs. Ragan
 Hospitals and Tubercular Sanatorium, Mrs. J. M. Garfield
 Baptist Bible Institute E. A. Campbell.
 Ministerial Relief and Aid Societies, Mrs. Miller.
 Stewardship and its Joys, M. Parrack.
 League Program Nov. 23, Subject, How we May Prepare for Thanksgiving.
 Song, Prayer, Song.
 Practice... Thanksgiving Prayer and Faithful Stewardship, Wallace Bragg.
 Duet, Ruth and Nell Holloway.
 Practice Thanksgiving by Cheerfulness, Bess Tucker.
 Song.
 Announcements, Benediction.
 Next Sunday is social hour at League. Every Leaguer is cordially invited to come and bring someone with you.
 B. Y. P. U. Program Nov 23. Subject, Our Heavenly Home. Leader, Dixie Howard.
 Song, Prayer, Song.
 The Existence of Heaven, Mrs. Walter Jackson.
 The Character of Heaven, Willie Swann.
 Duet.
 The Inhabitants of Heaven Annie May Swann.
 The Activities in Heaven, Mr. Yates Brown.
 Conclusion, Rev. I. L. Parrack.
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