

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

Merchants Are Among Those Buying Costly Homes in Various parts of the City

VALUES STEADILY INCREASING

That could have been bought six months ago at \$1,500 Now being sold at three thousand

Among the many real estate sales recently, taking place we note the purchase by Brown, the genial manager of Brown Dry Goods company of the splendid residence usually known as the old place. This is indeed a splendid home ideally located, and we feel sure will prove to be a valuable purchase by the new owner, who with his family will move to same.

Another important deal was purchased by E. Siegel, proprietor of the Economy of the Tracy property, in the southeast part of the city, going to Mrs. Emory McCall. This is also among the best homes in the city, nicely and comfortably located on the edge of the city and without will make a most desirable home for Mr. Siegel and the latter being expected to move here next week, east Texas, where Mr. Siegel closed out his entire business. He states that they are to rent fixtures in Merkel, and expect to lead every assistance possible toward his share in the rebuilding of the city.

Another important deal was when Mr. Frank Sears sold the beautiful and palatial home of T. A. Johnson, cashier of the Farmers Merchants National Bank, which is located right in the heart of the residence section of the city. It is expected Mr. Sears and family will move to their new home about the first of February, or as soon as Mr. Sears' family moves to their home in Coleman, where he is the local pastor of the Coleman National Bank.

Henry West, of the G. F. Company, recently purchased a beautiful and costly home known as the Burroughs and with his family has moved to same, after having sold the same to Rev. Parrack, father of the local pastor of the Baptist church, who has moved here and calls Texas.

Bungalow aprons in attractive styles at The Star Store.

WRESTLING MATCH AT GEM MONDAY

The Gem Theatre announces on next Monday night, February 2nd, there will be a wrestling bout between John Chadwick of this city and Harry Woda, of Waco.

Understand the visitor is to handle and has won wrestling matches, and is a local champion is a well known fact, with a united backing, expected that the French will make the bout one of the most interesting ever before placed here.

Load of New Fords just in, also one new Dodge. Post and Ferrier at Merger.

Seats at the Arcade.

BASKET BALL GAME HERE WITH TRENT

We are informed that there will be a basket ball game to-day between both the boys and girls of the Trent School and those of the Merkel High School.

We also learn that Merkel has held the championship for Taylor county for several years, and say they are going after the district championship this year. However, it is also stated that Trent has a fine team this year, and say they are going to be a strong contestant for this honor.

Will Merritt Accepts Position With Ft. Worth Bank

Will S. Merritt, who for a number of years has been connected with the banks of Merkel and lately with the Farmers State, will leave within a few days for Fort Worth, where he has accepted a position with the Texas State Bank of that City.

Mr. Merritt has been reared in the city, has made good in every position he has ever undertaken, and we join his host of friends in commending him to the good people of Fort Worth and also predict that he will make good in his new and responsible position.

J. F. ODOR IS OUT FOR COUNTY SUPT.

We call the attention of our readers to the name of John F. Odor, in our announcement column as a candidate for the office of School Superintendent of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Prof. Odor is by no means a stranger to the voters and people of Taylor county, as he has been a resident of the county for eighteen years, has been a teacher in the best public schools of the country for twenty years as Supt. and is in every sense thoroughly qualified to fill the position with satisfaction to the people of the county and a credit to himself.

His life, his school work in the county is before you, we therefore kindly ask that you carefully investigate his claims before casting your vote for this position in the coming Primary.

WHAT ABOUT THAT OIL MILL

It seems that the proposition to build in this city, an oil mill has kinda died down, and all because of the failure of some one to take the lead in pushing the matter. But as is always the case with everybody's business, it is nobody's business. So it seems to us that this is a matter for the Board of Trade to take up, if there is such an organization in the city.

That an oil mill is needed and would be a paying business in any town where there is as much as 18,000 bales of cotton weighed, is a well known fact. Hence, it seems to us that some one should take it upon themselves to start the matter by calling a mass meeting of the business men farmers and other citizens. Who will tackle the job, and help start a proposition which if carried out would help to make Merkel the city she is entitled to become.

C. A. Bickley of Oklahoma, was here recently looking after his property interests, and while in the city dropped in and had us send him the Merkel Mail.

Cow Feed at G. M. Sharps.

FOURTH NUMBER LYCEUM TUESDAY

Company of Young Ladies will Render A Program that will be Very Interesting to all

On next Tuesday, February 3rd, at eight o'clock the fourth number of the Lyceum course will be given at the High School Auditorium. This is the last, and by far the best number, of the entire course. The company to entertain us that evening will be the Sterling Entertainers. This is one of Redpath-Horner's best numbers. The company consists of Miss Beatrice Baughman, Miss Lona Hoover and Miss Esther Burke.

The program is so varied that you are certain to find something that pleases you no matter how difficult to please. It consists of readings, vocal selections music on the piano, saxophone and violin, solos and duets. It is of the most advanced type of high grade, refined entertainment.

Miss Beatrice Baughman is a reader of unusual attainments, radiating good cheer and happiness. She is an excellent saxophone player as well as a reader. You will enjoy her numbers on the saxophone.

Miss Lona Hoover plays the violin and piano. She plays with ease and delicacy. Those who enjoy violin music that is really good will do well to hear her.

Miss Esther Burke has a soprano of unusual beauty and range. She has always been a favorite in musical circles and has been in great demand as a soprano soloist.

Come to this last and best number of the lyceum and see what a good thing you have been missing. Give the course one trial and see if you are not well repaid for your trouble. You will enjoy this number if you enjoy a varied program of high class entertainment that is clean as well as entertaining. The admission to those not holding season tickets will be fifty cents. Come, High School Auditorium Tuesday, February 3rd, at 8 o'clock.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a. m. With classes for all.

Bad weather last Sunday hindered some of the people from coming so we had only 106 present but it is hoped that we may have the 225 this time.

Mens Bible classes will be fully organized Sunday.

Preaching by the pastor both morning and evening, morning subject, "Meet for the Masters use" evening subject "The Conversion of a Moral Man".

Teachers Meeting Monday 7 p.m. Ladies meeting in circles, Tuesday 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

A. Cordial welcome awaits all. Strangers especially welcomed. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor. Phone 194

GINNING. NOTICE

We under signed, ginners of Merkel will gin on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays of each week, beginning February 5th.

There will be no ginning only on these days until further notice.

Brown Ind. Gin
Ham Gin
Guitar Gin Co.
Planters Gin Co.
Browning Gin Co

Charming new blouses of georgette. The Star Store.

PIE SALE TO BE HERE SATURDAY

Proceeds to be used in Placing Cement Sidewalks Around School Building

There will be a sale of pies, cakes, candy etc., given by the Parent-Teachers Association in the Beasley building Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10:30 until 2:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for needed equipment on the school ground. Get your Sunday pies and cakes there and thus help to place concrete walks all around our school buildings.

The Parent-Teachers Association met at the High School building Monday afternoon and transacted important business. Mrs. R. O. Anderson was elected vice-president and committees were appointed to arrange for a pie sale etc. The contract for the placing of walks on the ground has been let and all the front walks laid. Join the association and have a part in this important work. A number of the members of the Parent-Teachers Association are behind with their dues. Come across before a committee is appointed to call on you.

H. F. Groene, the genial and hustling proprietor of the Cozy Theatre, was a business visitor at the county seat Thursday.

Friend Groene said he was going down to close up a deal with the tax collector, provided he could rake up enough shekels to put it over, and realizing that he was one of those fellows around this town who really needed assistance, we offered to lend him all we had taken in on subscription for the week, but he sized up the pile and said he appreciated our offer, but that it would not pay the penalties even.

Come in and talk it over with the Officers of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. They will be glad to get better acquainted with you.

THE METHODIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

We had a good attendance last Sunday and expect to reach our goal of 200 next Sunday. Come to Sunday school. Preaching at 11 o'clock with the sacrament administered. We are continuing our canvas for new members this week and will make Sunday a special day for the reception of the same, come and bring your letter or come and we will get your letter later. At the evening hour at 7 o'clock we have a song service come and sing with us.

Preaching at 7:30 o'clock. We have plenty of fuel now and will have prayermeeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 come to prayermeeting. W. M. Murrell Pastor

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Song, business and records, Group Texan, subject: Jacobs vision, Jacob's family—Annie Marie Brown.

Jacob's Flight,—Vena Mae Jackson.

Jacob's Vision,—Leol Merritt

Jacob's Victory—Mary Parrack.

Scripture reading, Gen., 28:11-17—Ona Tatum.

Discussion, Leaders ten minutes, song, Prayer.

Best eats at the Arcade.

OIL DEVELOPMENT ON STAND STILL

There has been no new developments with reference to the oil situation in the Merkel field this week. We understand the Sears well is still flowing oil most all the time, but for some time drilling has been shut down but it is expected same will be resumed within a short time.

The Bland is still shut down waiting for tools with which to pull a casing which is smashed up.

We understand the Butman well is drilling at around eight hundred feet.

And it is expected the Trent well will be spudded in within a short time now, as they are waiting for some casing before drilling will begin in earnest.

League Program

Subject, The Reward of Religion.

Leader: Ulysses McNeis.

Song Service.

Prayer.

Talk Mr. Cary.

Duet: Charlie Bell Thomas, and Lorena Dry.

Reading: Iris McClary.

Quartette. Business. Benediction.

FRAZIER FOR CO. COM. PRECINCT 2

In the proper column of this issue of the Merkel Mail our readers will find the name of W. H. Frazier, of this city, as a candidate for the office of county Commissioner for this precinct, No. 2.

Mr. Frazier needs no introduction to the voters of most of the county, as he has been a constant citizen of Taylor county for more than twenty-four years was formally a Merkel business man and has a wide circle of close friends, who are favorable to his candidacy. He has never asked for public office before, is thoroughly capable and qualified to conduct the affairs of the office in a safe and creditable manner, and promises if elected to render the best service possible. We kindly ask the voters to consider his claims before casting their vote for Commissioner at the coming July Primary.

WOMANS BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Baptist Womens Missionary Society met at the hospitable home of Mrs. John Sears on Tuesday afternoon, and rendered their Home Mission Program.

Mrs. Causseaux was leader for the afternoon, and was ably assisted by Mrs. J. L. Warren and Rev. I. L. Parrack. After the program was rendered and all business dispensed with a social hour was very much enjoyed.

Music was rendered by Mesdames Scott and Howard, which added greatly to the entertainment.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

B Y P U PROGRAM

Subject, Servants of the King Leader, Mrs. W. Jackson.

Topic 1. Dixie Howard.

Topic 2. Willie Swann.

Topic 3. Ruby Campbell

Piano Duett, Lula Bell Sharp.

Topic 4. Ola Sharp.

Topic 5. Mrs. N. Hancock.

Miss Net Womble of Fort Worth spent the week end with Miss Edith Brown.

MERCHANTS BUYING SPRING GOODS

Some Have returned While Others In The Market or Will Be Shortly for Same

THIS TO BE BANNER YEAR

Many Have Purchased More Goods for This Season Than for two years Previous, to Take Care of Trade

E. N. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods company returned first the week from the Eastern markets where he had been to find selecting the large and complete stock of spring and summer goods for his store. Mr. Brown states that he anticipates the best business this spring the town has ever experienced, as he has purchased the largest stock of spring goods for the coming season than he has for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg left last Sunday for St. Louis, where they will purchase for their immense stock of spring and summer dry goods. They expect to be gone some ten days or two weeks. Miss Willie Swann, Miller for this firm returned this week from the eastern market where she selected the large and complete stock for the coming season.

And Mr. A. C. Rose manager for the Merkel Dry Goods company is also in St. Louis and Eastern markets where he will buy extensively and complete for his firm. In fact we understand this firm expects to expand its stock up larger than ever before in order that they may carry their customers every want.

Mr. G. E. Comegy, proprietor of the Star Store stated while he had been receiving considerable new spring goods, had considerable more purchased, he would soon go to the market where he would make other selections. He too anticipates greater business for Merkel merchants this spring.

Mr. E. Siegel proprietor of the Economy store, informs us that while he has already made some large purchases of spring and summer dry goods and ready wear, he will leave shortly for the markets, and will purchase of the latest goods. And while he has only been in business for a few months, he states that his trade has been far better than he anticipated, and yet he expects for the merchants of Merkel an ever larger volume of business during the year 1920.

SAM SWANN GOING TO ABILENE BANK

We notice through the daily press that a charter has been granted the Guaranty State Bank of Abilene, with R. A. Hodges as President and Sam Swann Cashier. The new institution will open with a capital of \$100,000.

Mr. Swann is a Merkel reared boy, who has made good in the banking world, and we predict great success for the Guaranty State Bank of Abilene under his able guidance and management. For some time he was assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, and has a large number of friends who will regret to learn that he is to soon leave Merkel, but wish for him bounded success and happiness in his new home and position.

STATEMENT
Farmers State Bank
MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business Dec, 31, 1919

RESOURCES

Commercial Paper.....	\$246,800.00
Other Loans.....	200,946.07—\$447,746.07
U. S. Certificates of Deposit.....	25,000.00
Banking House.....	7,850.00
Other Real Estate.....	706.16
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Stocks, Stamps and Liberty Bonds.....	7,163.67
Interest in Guaranty Fund.....	3,445.73
CASH AND EXCHANGE.....	\$460,200.20
Bills of Ex.—Cotton.....	282,075.45—742,275.65
	\$1,238,687.28

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus funds, earned.....	35,000.00
Dividends unpaid.....	10,500.00
Reserved for taxes.....	1,438.67
DEPOSITS.....	1,156,748.61
	\$1,238,687.28

The above statement is correct.
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

OFFICERS

T. J. Toombs..... President
R. L. Bland..... Vice President
John Sears..... Vice President
R. O. Anderson..... Cashier
F. Y. Gaither..... Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

H. L. Propst R. L. Bland John Sears
M. Armstrong H. H. Toombs
T. J. Toombs R. O. Anderson

THE GROWTH OF A BUSINESS

hinges largely upon the quality of service rendered customers. This Bank has many advantages to offer to its customers. Its established policy, which has never changed in the slightest degree, is to place the best interest of its customers ahead of every other consideration.

GUARANTY FUND BANK

POSTMASTER EXAMINATION

At the request of the Postmaster General the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Abilene, Texas on Feb. 18, 1920 for the position of postmaster at Merkel, Texas. This office has an annual compensation of \$1700.

To be eligible for this examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred.

Applicants must have reached their twenty first but not their sixty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination.

Application form 2241 and full information concerning the requirements of the examination may be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., in time to arrange for the examination of the applicant.

Go to J. B. Bell and Sons for your horse jewelry and hardware, and he has the price and the goods. 30 2t pd

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.

Cotton seed meal at G M Sharps

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr E W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

THE CROP OUTLOOK

The West Texas farmer faces a year that promises to be the very greatest in the history of the country.

There is an excellent season in the ground, the farmer has plenty of money to carry on his work properly, and prices of farm products will probably continue high into and through 1921.

The farmer of West Texas never fails to make the most of his opportunity. He knows how to farm and he is not afraid of hard work. He has harvested the greatest crop in his life and is ready for another of the same dimensions.

The farmer is the backbone of the country when he prospers everybody prospers.—Reporter.

To the Dyspeptic

Would you not like to feel that your stomach trouble are over, that you can eat any kind of food that you crave? Consider then the fact that Chamberlain's Tablet have cured others—why not you. There are many who have been restored to health by taking these tablets and can now eat any kind of food that they crave.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I am preparing to take care of your building needs, have plenty of first class carpenters. Come and see me and let me figure your work. Estimates free
P. L. McClary Contractor.
Phone 19.

\$125 A MONTH

MEN and WOMEN Fill out and mail this to-day
Drayton's Business College, Abilene, Texas.
Send FREE book about your NEW, EASY, quick METHOD for training me, at my home or at college, for guaranteed position, as bookkeeper or stenographer, at \$65 to \$125 a month, and tell me why your home-training courses are better than courses at other colleges and why business men prefer to employ those you train. I prefer training at.....[state "home" or "college"]

[Your name]

[Your address]

THE
Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$65,000.00

This bank basis its claims for your business on its reputation for giving prompt and satisfactory SERVICE to EVERY CUSTOMER.

DEPOSIT YOUR MONEY with a bank that for more than fifteen years has conducted a SAFE, CONSERVATIVE business.

BUILD YOUR CREDIT

with an institution that is at ALL TIMES able to extend you accommodations.

DIRECTORS

J. T. WARREN, President
L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
HENRY JAMES, Vice President
G. F. WEST, Vice President
BOOTH WARREN, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

M. L. Estes left Tuesday on business.

Your shoes of the Star We have them for less.

Neill of Trent was in Merkel Tuesday.

Johnson, Dentist has offices in Dr M Armstrong.

P. Oliver of Buffalo Gap at Tuesday with his old and W. H. Elliot who is visiting here.

are invited to become shareholders in the fine service offered by Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

M. A. Adams one among those who have recently moved to Merkel and purchased a home, has our thanks for his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

G. M. Sharps. Fresh car Peace Maker flour

We are glad to learn that our fellow townsman Mr. J. P. Hutkins, who for several weeks has been quite sick, is now about straight again.

We now have a supply of Lee Puncture Proof Casings, that are guaranteed to run seven thousand miles without a puncture. Frank McFarland Garage.

Put your funds in a National Bank.

Your eyes are giving you trouble better consult Dr. McGuire the graduate optometrist, who will be in Merkel again Wednesday and Thursday, February 11th and 12th at Dr. Smiths office. Prices Moderate.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry & Bel, Drug Store.

Worms in a Healthy Child
Children troubled with worms have an unclean, which indicates poor blood, and as a result is more or less stomach disturbance. TASTELESS child TONIC given regularly three weeks will cure the blood, invigorate, and set up a general strengthening the whole system. Nature will then eliminate the worms, and the child will be content to take. 60c per bottle.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO BUY

LOTS OF NEW GOODS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

White Goods Silk Tissues

Ginghams Shirts Sheetings

Hosiery, Shirts, Shoes, Ties

A few ladies spring Suits --- more to arrive

PRICES IN 60 TO 90 DAYS WILL BE HIGHER

We Have Plenty House Canvas

Fine Cotton Batting for Quilts

Good Reductions on Mens and Ladies Suits, Coats and Overcoats

Quality, Cash Buying and Selling and Good Service is our bid for your trade

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

THE FUTURE FIELD

Oil production moves steadily westward. The latest report that a good well, or prospect, a good one, has been opened in the southwestern corner of Eastland county, two miles of the Callahan county line approximately 30 miles from Taylor county line.

There is oil in big quantities main under the soil of old Taylor county. The fact has been amply proved. It remains for somebody to drill a well deep enough—not less than 4000 feet.

The Reporter believes that in time the Taylor county field will be brought in. This belief is shared by many others, including experts.—Reporter.

No Great Act of Heroism

If some great act of heroism was necessary to protect a child from croup, no mother would hesitate to protect her offspring but when it is only necessary to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and give it as soon as the first indication of croup appears, there are many who neglect it. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is within the reach of all and is prompt and effectual.

Correspondents Wanted

We want to make the Merkel Mail a real live, newsy week paper, one that will interest every person in the town and surrounding country. In order to do this we must do our best to publish as near all the news of the whole community. Therefore we want a good, live correspondent in each community surrounding the town. We invite each and every one to come in and get acquainted with us, and when you see us tell us the news.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly and should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates, Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

MAKE-ROOM SALE

For the next ten days we will put our whole entire stock at
ABSOLUTE WHOLESAL PRICE

We need room for our new Spring goods coming in every day. In order to get the room, you make a little room in your home and put some of our goods that you will need next fall, away. Be wise and take advantage of these ten days

Make-Room Sale

We have now on display our new Spring Suits. Come early and get your size and style, at The Economy, where you Economize

The Economy Store

S POULTRY AND DAIRY

The last two years were hard for the chickens and turkey in Merkel country; ordinarily of the farmers have large flocks of chickens and heavy shipments leave Merkel for so and Douglas Arizona. In the past few weeks; in fact it has been falling off for some time.

There are several reasons for the decline.

One reason was that during the dry spell the farmers did not have the feed, and did not think it a better part of thrift to have high priced feed. The shipments then were heavy, and it has gradually fallen off at the present time it is practically nothing.

The immediate reason for the falling off of what was left of the chicken is living in the chicken. The growers are feeding their chickens to the cotton pickers and it is taking what is left of the previous shortage.

However much breeding stock has been left and next year will see a big increase in the tribe of fiddie; for this is a wonderful poultry section of the great southwest; there are fewer diseases to combat with; it takes less shelter than in other climes. There are several flocks of chickens in this section now; but there will be no heavy shipments.

But now that feed stuff is plentiful next spring the Merkel country will be eating hen fruit, and the chicken again.

It is the fact that other sections of the new farming district in the southwest the Merkel farmers and the big flocks of them are thrifty, and the advantage of having a nice flock of chickens, a good cow, and a good milch cow. That is the real farm life, the real way to cut the high cost of living.

A prominent strain of chicken in this vicinity is the Land Red; it is said that the slump in chickens,

but for home consumption. Right now quite a few are being shipped in for breeding purposes, so it is safe to say that there are going to be some shipment for market shortly. The Poland China seems to be the predominant hog in this section; though before the war there were quite a few pens of Duroc Jersey.

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keeps his cows; and the farmers have their own cows, so what is the use.

But now that the big five million dollar cotton crop has set the cotton grower on his feet; he has some spare cash to make investments; and with the excellent prospects for feed crops, along with those now being gathered, it is a safe bet that these necessary adjustments to the

farm life and farm profits will come fast, and naturally will assist in making the farmer more independent.

This is an ideal climate for the growing of not only poultry and hogs and dairy cattle, but Merkel is so geographically located as to become a good market for all surplus.

It used to be you know that "Chicken money" was good mon-

ey for the farmers wife and kiddies; it is yet of course to a great extent but it now "savings accounts" or will because with the chickens and the eggs which are likely to stay some time until the crop supply is replenished, a that money will run into several dollars.

Quite a number of incubators are in the homes of the population and it will not long to build up the poultry industry.

At the rate the breeding are shipped in from other sections it will be but a short time until many hogs will be being and fattening into nice round dollars or bacon for the folks at home.

RICH MAN, POORMAN, BEGGARMAN, THIEF, DOCTOR, LAWYER INDIAN CHIEF

All have their troubles, the rich man has nothing on the poor man when it comes to troubles, the doctor and lawyer by their troubles, they may do somewhat but trouble is trouble and why trouble it until it troubles you? Dr. McGUIRE, THE GRADUATE OPTOMETRIST can overcome all eye trouble, better consult him about your eyes at Dr. Smiths office Wednesday and Thursday, February the 11 and 12.

The Best Cough Medicine

When a druggist finds that his customers all speak well of a certain preparation, he forms a good opinion of it and when in need of such a medicine is almost certain to use it himself and in his family. This is why so many druggists use and recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. J. B. Jones, a well known druggist of Cubrun, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family seven years, and have found it to be the best cough medicine I have ever known."



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To Have Your New Home Attractive in Place of Unightly and Box-Like

☐ If your home is planned by men who know how to add little touches that cost little but mean much, and how to use every foot of space, then you will really save money and get more Home value.

☐ That's why we furnish our customers with plans to build from. Then to make it easy, we have a large selection of actual photos of homes and plans to choose from.

☐ We can tell you the cost to build, and of course, furnish you with the best in materials from foundation to roof.

Burton=Lingo Co.

L. D. LEVY, Mgr.

Merkel, Texas

Merkel Dry Goods Company

As our buyer, Mr. Rose, is now in the eastern market making extensive purchases for our entire stock, we wish to call your attention to the daily arrival of our big assortment of early Spring Ready-to-Wear. Also we wish to assure you that we can take care of your wants throughout our entire stock.

SPORT COATS

First, We now have a beautiful line of Sport Coats to show in medium and short lengths in golf cloth, bolivia and kitteneer, in the new shades.

SUIT DEPARTMENT

Second, We are showing one of the most beautiful lines of ladies Coat Suits that will be shown throughout the entire season. Tricotine, serge and wool poplin. Styles, the new ripple tail, semi-box and russian, featuring the new novelties in vest, waist finishings and colors.

DRESS DEPARTMENT

Third, We wish to call your attention to our beautiful line of ready-made Dresses in georgette, crepe de chine, taffeta and silk poplin in the latest styles and all new shades.

SILK and STAPLE DEPT.--Don't fail to see our beautiful line of dress goods, including silks, suitings and new spring gingham

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Our buyer, Miss Mariam Mitchell, is now in the east making large purchases for this department, and within the next few days we will have in stock to show you one of the largest and smartest lines of headgear that will be shown throughout the entire west, featuring Gold Medal Pattern Hats.

MERKEL DRY GOODS COMPANY, Merkel's Big Cash Store

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We have visitors, or if you know of any in which would be of interest to the editor, please write a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a note will be promptly sent to get all particulars.

CHANGES OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will please favor upon the management by changing the fact. You should also label of your paper to ascertain your time is out and renew your name automatically leaves all papers stop when the subscription expires.

Texas is the home of the best grade of cattle, swine, and goats, we are told by the editor of West Texas Today. It is the home of the best and milo and feterita. It is one of Texas' best wheat states. In it are located the best irrigation projects of the world. In it have been discovered and developed five or six of the largest oil fields in America. It is the famous cotton patch of the staple product of the South. West Texas is on the map. West Texas demands her own. West Texas knows what she wants and she is going to get it.—Fort Worth Record.

And Merkel is located right in the heart of this great stock raising and farming section, and here are geologists and oil men who believe that this town may be located right in the heart of one of Texas' biggest oil fields.

AUTO LAUNDRY

We are pleased to announce to the Automobile owners of Merkel and the surrounding country, that we are prepared to wash, clean and polish your cars, do upholstery and top work. We also have with us a thoroughly experienced painter and upholsterer, who can make your cars look as good as new. We can also upholster and refinish your furniture.

We are located at the Polly Smith Shop. Auto Laundry

WANTED—We want to buy the 20 pound lard buckets. Will they are worth. Will good clean buckets. Patterson Bros.

Alex A. Wisdom now of Eastland, and once a prominent citizen of Merkel, is here representing the Wisdom Realty Co. He has many friends here who were glad to have him pay our city a visit again. Mr. Wisdom is organizing the Wisdom Realty Company of Eastland and is having splendid success putting same over, for he has an attractive and interesting proposition.

FOR SALE—Buick Touring car, also Franklin. Both in fine condition. For particulars call at the Economy Store.

WANTED—Middle age woman to work at Campbell's Cafe from 12 to 5 every day. R. N. ampbell. 30t1p

Best eats at the Arcade.

LOOK! LOOK!! LOOK!!!

A chance of a life time. The best refinery proposition on the market today under construction at Sipe Springs, Texas.

For further information see Newton & Roby or W.A. (Billie) Hellums. See us at the Collins House. 30t1p

The Arcade gives service.

J. H. Bridges of near Stith, was here recently and reports the crops in his neighborhood about gathered. He is among the large number of Stith people who read the Merkel Mail.

LOST—A Ford hood on street near Arcade Cafe. Finder please return to Crown Hdw. 1t

Eat at the Arcade.

FROSTPROOF CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE

Cabbage plants postpaid, \$2.50 per 1000. Cabbage plants express collect, \$2.00 per 1000. Ask price large quantity, all varieties.

Georgia-Texas Plant Company, Dallas, Texas.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrah that can be cured by Hall's Catarrah Medicine.

Hall's Catarrah Medicine has been tried by catarrah sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrah. Hall's Catarrah Medicine acts thru the Blood, the Mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrah Medicine for a short time you will find great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrah Medicine at once and get rid of catarrah. For testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Merkel Mail Subscription to advance February 1.

In his issue of December Mr. Jackson announced that the Subscription price of the Merkel Mail would advance on January 1st to \$1.50 per year, but upon finding that we have sufficient print paper for about two months, we have decided to postpone making the subscription advance until February one, for any one desiring to renew for one or two years can do so before February 1st, at \$1.00 per year.

The cause of advance in advertising and subscription is mainly because it was either do this or go out of business. The price of material for printing purposes has advanced one hundred percent during the last thirty days. We expect to make the Mail a first class news paper, one which the citizenship of Merkel will be proud to refer to as their home paper, and in order to do this must keep up with the advances which every business concern in the land is experiencing today.

You Do More Work.

You are more ambitious and you get more enjoyment out of everything when your blood is in good condition. Impurities in the blood have a very depressing effect on the system, causing weakness, laziness, nervousness and sickness.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will appreciate its true tonic value.

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is not a patent medicine, it is IRON and QUININE suspended in a so pleasant even children like it. So please get Quinine to Purify it and to Enrich it. These reliable tonic properties never fail to drive out impurities from the blood.

The Strength-Creating Power of **GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC** has made it the favorite tonic in thousands of homes. More than thirty-five years ago, a man would ride a long distance to get **GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC** who member of their family had malaria needed a body-building, strengthening tonic. The formula is just the same today, and you can get it from any store. 60c per bottle.

Farming Implements

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a contract with B. F. Avery & Sons and Emerson-Brantingham Implement Co., and will be prepared to take care of your Implement wants from either line.

Planters in Single and Double Row
"Mr. Bill" and "Standard"
Single and Double Row Cultivators
Single and Double Row Stalk Cutters
Disc Harrows, Disc Breaking Plows, Sulkeys
Grain Drills, Drag Harrows
Go-Devils, Etc.

In fact, if you want to cultivate anything we have them from a 1-man power garden plow to Tractor Size

Full line of Shelf Hardware, call and see same
Come to see us

Liberty Hardware Co.

ROBERT HICKS, Manager



Hardware and Groceries

We are expecting in a few days a car of John Deere Implements, Double and Single Roe Cultivators and Planters. Our line will consist of most all Implements used on the farm.

We also carry Wind Mills and Pipe

Have plenty Mitchell Wagons, and will have a car of Buggies in a few days. You can get most anything you need here in the Hardware line.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

We carry a full and complete stock of Groceries. Bell of Vernon Flour, and it's good. Come figure with us for groceries. Phone us your order. Prompt delivery. Our prices always in line---Quality Considered.

Crown Hardware Co.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

WANT TO RENT—On the
ves 100 or 125 acres of good
l. Have force to handle and
ner and can furnish A-1 ref-
Will require the same. I
orked land in the West.
V Naylor, Deport, Texas.
23t2p

WANT TO RENT—Three seeder at-
t for Disk Harrow
Earl Lassiter 2t pd.

WANT TO RENT—Table boarders and
t reasonable price, per
k. See Mrs. I J Logan,
Jenkins home, or call
23t3p

WANT TO RENT—Tire and rim size 31x4
Hamm. 27t1 pd

LOST—Purse, containing \$170
in six bills, and check with my
name. Will give nice reward for
recovery of purse and contents.
return to G. W. Wadkins or to
either of the banks.

FOR SALE—2 cultivators, disc
breaking plow, 1 disc grain drill
hat is nearly new, all in good
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Texas, route 2, phone 9041F12.
30 t2 pd.

FOR SALE CHEAP—I have a
Rhode Island Red Roosters
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FOR SALE—A span of young
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aman, Sr., 5tf

WANTED—Man with small
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FOR SALE—One pair of seven
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ces. Sam Butman.

RED COWS FOR SALE—
Many good milkers, will sell
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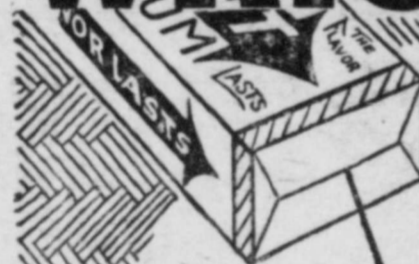
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Protect your aut
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an electric device.
of Merkel Power C
see it.

WRIGLEY'S



Here's
to teeth,
appetite,
digestion!

The flavor
lasts—and the
electrically-
sealed
package
brings

WRIGLEY'S

to you with all its
goodness perfect-
ly preserved.

Sealed
Tight—
Kept
Right!



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Of Refined Oil and Gasoline.

Our coal is now coming in.
We are adding one more
Truck to our equipment
and sincerely hope that
will soon be able to give bet-
ter service in this line.

H. M. ROSE & SON

Gem Theatre

The House of Good Pictures

Program for Week Beginning Friday, Jan. 30

FRIDAY—

Harry Carey as John Oakhurst in "A Gentleman of Nerve", also Bret Hart's Story "The Outcast of Poker Flat", a universal attraction in six acts.

SATURDAY—

Texas Guinan. The Texas Girl in "The Girl of Hell's Agony", a Thrilling Western Drama, also Hoot Gibson in "West is Best" also a Mack Sennett Keystone Comedy.

MONDAY—

WRESTLING BOUT

John Chadwick

vs
Harry Sobota

In a finished match at 8:30 o'clock also regular picture program Matinee and Night

TUESDAY—

Dorothy Dalton

in

'FEMALE OF THE SPECIES'

A thrilling drama of the West

Extra

Charlie Chaplin

in

NIGHT IN THE SNOW"

scream from start to finish in two reels

WEDNESDAY—

Al Jennings the notorious Oklahoma Outlaw (himself) in a thrilling incident of his life.

Extra a 2-reel Western drama and a Pathe Comedy.

THURSDAY—

Charles Ray

and

Dorothy Dalton

in

"THE WEAKER SEX"

Extra

A Good Comedy

They are all good you can't beat them

When a pupil makes a mistake the teachers will announce that there is absolutely no excuse for making a mistake, but when teachers make a mistake they will announce that anyone is liable to make a mistake.

The senior class and one junior were entertained Thursday evening with a marshmallow toasting by Mr. Doyle Garret and his sister Miss Wilma. It was the first entertainment given this year where every member of the class was present, all reported a delightful time.

The basket ball team are doing some hard practicing this week. The boys as well as the girls have a game scheduled with Trent for January 30, although Trent has a splendid team Merkel high has a better one and we expect to see Trent beat 90 to nothing Friday evening if nothing happens ???

Doubt that the stars are fire, Doubt that the sun doth move, Doubt truth to be a liar But never doubt that a Senior is wise.

The students interested in Athletics of any kind or any of the county contests which are to be held in the spring, met in the Auditorium Monday evening for the purpose of organizing an athletic association. They decided to charge a membership fee of fifty cents which is to go toward buying declamation book, spelling sheets and all the material necessary for the pupils who enter the contest as well as athletic material. Tuesday morning officers were elected by the entire high school. Willie Steven was elected president and Doyle Garret Secretary and treasurer. There is to be an executive council to transact all business. This council will consist of four teachers and a representative from each grade who are: Addison Britton, seventh grade; G. B. Brown, eighth grade; and Jerone Hutcheson, ninth grade. Every student of the high school should be interested in this association as no one can deny that athletics are a good thing, even Trent raised \$100 for an organization of this kind. If the right kind of spirit exists in Merkel we should be able to raise \$500. If you have any money you don't know what to do with chip in and help the cause along.

Unique

There was a young girl so benighted who never knew when she was sighted. She went to a senior party and ate just as hearty as if she had been really invited.

Ruby to Mr. Cary: "why is chemistry like love?"

Mr. Cary: "Because the lower the gas the greater the pressure" Miss Smith: "Chester do you think you can handle the English language?"

Chester: "My knowledge of the english language has been my greatest asset."

Miss Smith: "Good, take the dictionary down stairs then."

The parent-teachers association is having walks put down this week they have been trying to raise enough money for this work for some time. When the walks are complete they will cost over \$350. Everyone should be interested in this as they are very much needed.

Slez Slez

When we get side walks what will we do with our feet?

Let your money give us a concrete footing.

A negroe hasn't a thing on us when it comes to showing our colors.

If these here Seniors keeps on climbing I calculates they will soon run out of ladder.

Mary had a little sis who followed her advice

And went thru M.H.S. so dear But fully paid the price.

We're the seniors we're proud to admit, in a fight for knowledge and doing our bit at all our studies, we make the best, our deportment shows too that we exceed the rest.

Tis true that most seniors just work for-the skin. To see how they scheme you would think it a sin, not us for that stuff we're off for e're.

We avoid such dishonors with the utmost of care, and know what we got was rightfully won. What you get helps you, and

Your Grocery Bill



The Family Grocery Bill is one of the big problems every head of the house has to contend with

Besides getting the freshest and best at our store, we propose to make it a saving for you to buy from us.

Smith's Best Flour

Is backed by both the Mill and our guarantee. If you will only try one sack, you will use no other thereafter.

Give us your next month's Bill.

Bradshaw & Sublett

Merkel's Best Place to buy Groceries

Phone 195

Now these are facts people, a bit hard to conceive.

Just watch our step and then you will believe.

The bell is ringing I must go to class, so please dear editor can't you let this pass.

We will pay the highest market price for your butter. Patterson Brothers Meat Market.

Two rooms to rent furnished or unfurnished, over business house on Main street. See W. Duckett at the store.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Maurine Cobb)

A great commotion was caused in the study hall Friday morning by the arrival of the senior class rings. The seniors had been waiting about two months without saying much about it but when they arrived no one thought he could wait thirty minutes to see them and enough was said to make up for lost time.

Superintendent R. A. Burgess has been visiting the History classes of the Merkel High school for the past few days. He reports the same ones reciting in history as in Geometry.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE

am still in the market for your Chickens and Turkeys

Butter, Eggs

Hides

Furs, Sacks and Rags

I will pay the highest market price—CASH

P. Duckett, Merkel



GET some today! You're going to call Lucky Strikes just right. Because Lucky Strike cigarettes give you the good, wholesome flavor of toasted Burley tobacco.

Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co.

'S toasted

C. & C. MARKET

NEW MEAT SERVICE

To the good people of Merkel we wish to Announce that we are now prepared to deliver your meet to your homes. The price is the same as before and the meat is the best that money can buy. We will appreciate your business and are prepared to take care of your orders on 30 days time.

Crouch & Sons

Phone : 25

For Windmill Repairing and First-Class Plumbing

SEE

BEN JONES

All Work Guaranteed Satisfactory

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The flavor lasts—and the electrically-sealed package brings

WRIGLEY'S

to you with all its goodness perfectly preserved.

Sealed Tight—Kept Right!



All



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Notice to Car
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We Have a Good SUPPLY

Of Refined Oil and Gasoline.

Our coal is now coming in. We are adding one more Truck to our equipment and sincerely hope that will soon be able to give better service in this line.

H. M. ROSE & SON

Following named pupils of
Merkel Public School have
90 per cent in department,
made a good general aver-
age of 90 per cent and for the
grade period of six weeks
beginning January 23, 1920.

Grade:—	
Lee Godwin,	93
Smith,	93
Lord Pitcock,	93
Middleton,	92
ne Toombs,	92
Hunter,	91
Porter,	90
Grade:—	
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ed Holloway,	93
am Sheppard,	93
ing Sheppard,	92
orie Bland,	91
rne Rose,	90.7
Marie Brown,	90.7
arrett,	90.5
d Hamm,	90.3
Sanders,	90
Grade:—	
Pue,	96
Ben Ashley,	95
rt Proctor,	95
Lee Jackson,	93
Godwin,	93
tta Adcock,	93
od Owens,	93
Mayberry,	93
Smith,	92
Brown,	92
Childress,	92
M. Stevens,	92
d Smith,	92
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Tucker,	94.4
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Eleventh Grade:—	Deci Sharp,	93	Maurine Cobb,	90.2
Julia McDonald,	Ruby Hamm,	92	Roger A. Burgess, Superin-	tendant.
Charles Tucker,	Annie Bickley,	91.1		

COZY THEATRE

Friday, Jan. 30th
Mattinee and Night

HELEN HOLMES

In The
"Fatal Fortune"

ALSO
FATTY ARBUCKLE

IN
"Fatty The Mermaid"

Admission only 10-20c

Saturday, January 31

A Paramount Program

WITH

Wallace Reid

IN

"The Dubb"

ALSO

Paramount Comedy

Monday, Feb. 2

Smashing Barriers No. 9

ALSO

Wolfville, Fox News, Mutt & Jeff

AND

Big "V" Comedy

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Marguerite Clark

IN

"Little Miss Hoover"

ALSO

Paramount-Artcraft Comedy

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Bessie Love

IN

"Cupid Forecloses"

ALSO

Vitagraph Comedy

Thursday, Feb. 5

Peggy Hyland

IN

"The Girl From The West"

ALSO

Sunshine Comedy

**Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5 p. m. with
Helen Holmes and Fatty Arbuckle**

NOTICE TO POCAHONTAS OIL STOCK HOLDERS

We take pleasure in
nouncing to the stockholders
the Pocahontas Leasing & R-
alty Company that there is b-
a small amount of this stock fo-
sale, and that same will only b-
on the market a few days, hence
anyone wishing to purchase
same will have to do so soon. We
also publish the following Press
report concerning the activities
of the company which we are
sure will be pleasing and satis-
factory to each and every one
interested.

E. D. Coats.

DALLAS, Jan. 27.—The se-
curity Production Company of
Dallas has recently made a drill-
ing contract on a fifty-fifty
basis with the Pocahontas Leas-
ing and Royalty Company of Dal-
las to develop its 20,000 acres of
leases in Cherokee County. Well
no. 1, five miles northeast of
Jacksonville, will be spudded in
this week.

East Texas and especially
Cherokee County is attracting
wide attention on account of
the large number of wells that
are going down in all parts of the
country. In Nacogdoches County
adjoining Cherokee County on
the southeast, is one of the old-
est shallow oil fields in Texas;
oil in large quantities is thought
to exist there at a greater depth
and preparations are being
made to discover it. Adjoining
the Pocahontas Company's leas-
es on the north the Brooks-Sa-
line Company is drilling three
wells.

Adjoining these on the south
near Alto, Cherokee County,
the Eagle Oil and Refining Com-
pany struck a twenty-five barrel
well at 820 feet this week. Indi-
cations look so favorable that it
is going deeper. On the east and
west of the Pocahontas leases
developments are actively going
on by big companies, and splen-
did showings are being made.

The Security Production Com-
pany's well No. 1 is being watch-
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At Beasley's Auto Sales Room

Now in actual production of

**Trucks, Tractors, Trailers and
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And Pleasure Cars Soon

A light Cultivator used all the year round

Stock can be bought in this Company
for a short time longer

Stop in and Learn About
the Largest Motors Industry in the South

Well, "hello" to everybody, I
just wanted to let you know that
the Quick Service Mattress Fac-
tory is now ready to make your
old beds over. We will be here
for just a few days. Call 189 and
and let us tell you about the
Quick Service Mattress Factory
in Merkel Texas.

The friends of Arthur Clark
are glad to learn that he has a-
gain decided to return to Mer-
kel to reside, and has accepted a
position with the Rose Barber
Shop. He is a splendid barber, an
excellent citizen, and the Mail
with his friends extend to him
and his family a royal welcome.

You are invited to become shar-
ers in the fine service offered by
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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliot of
Dawsonville, Ga., are visiting
their daughter Mrs. T. J. R.
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FORDS FOR SALE

I have plenty of them Brand
New 1920 Model, with and with-
out starters. I receive from 3 to
5 car loads a week and can deliv-
er you one any time you come.

See Pickens Burton 1415 Pat-
terson Ave. Dallas Texas 124c

BEWARE

☛ To the farmers who live along
the Electric High Line between
Merkel and Abilene:—If you see a
line down, let it alone.

☛ Please do not shoot at birds on
the line, as it might cut the wire
down and kill some innocent per-
son or live stock.

☛ Be sure you stay clear of this
Line, as it is sudden death to any-
thing live that touches it.

☛ We will appreciate it if you will
telephone us any unusual disturb-
ance you might see along this line.

Respectfully yours

Merkel Power Co.

WHAT HAPPENED AT ABILENE

The annual meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Abilene, Thursday, was unquestionably the most important gathering ever held in this section of the country. This is true not because of any particular action taken at the meeting or because of any particular policy decided upon; it is true because it marked the maturing of one of the most important movements that has ever been started in Texas. The thing which was in the mind of every man of the 400 or more who gathered at the banquet which closed the convention Thursday night was that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was a success and that it was just embarked upon a career of usefulness with the assurance of high achievement before it.

For there is no denying that the first year of the organization's existence was, for the most part, one of struggle to get a footing, while at the same time it attempted to perform some of the things its promoters saw ought to be performed. At first there was even a period of doubt as to whether it would get a footing. But as the year progressed its basis became more certain and its foundation more solid. The Abilene meeting disclosed it with its feet set firmly upon the ground, so to speak, facing the tasks ahead of it with confidence and enthusiasm. It was that which impressed the average delegate in attendance at the meeting. For the first time—because it was the first opportunity presented—the West Texas Chamber of Commerce stood out in bold relief as the truly big thing it is. That was the chief feature of the Abilene Meeting.

And that is all the comment that need be made on the meeting in expressing first thoughts. We shall have occasion to refer frequently to it and to things inaugurated there in the near future. The program of work for the coming year includes many fundamentally important things that have to do with the development and welfare of West Texas and the Panhandle. As occasion arises we shall do whatever is possible to further those things. For the present it is necessary only to say that a young giant has come to maturity in West Texas—that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is now beyond question, the biggest thing in the shape of a commercial body that has ever come into being in this country—Fort Worth Telegram.

CHILDREN NO EXCEPTION

In Merkel as elsewhere Youth And age Suffer Alike from Kidney Weakness

Is your child weak, frail and pale? No control over the kidneys' action? Kidney weakness is a serious thing—

Far too serious to overlook. Profit by Merkel's experiences Use Doan's Kidney Pills Endorsed by Merkel parents. Read this Merkel mother's endorsement.

Mrs Percy Jones, says: "Some time ago I gave Doan's Kidney Pills to my little boy who was troubled a great deal from kidney weakness. He had suffered that way from the time he was very young. Nights he was bothered a whole lot because the kidneys acted too freely. He soon became sallow and then I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Grimes Drug Store and since he used them I am glad to say he has gotten good relief. He has a better color and general health. Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for children."

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

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

OPENING AND CLOSING -- NOTICE --

**Beginning Monday, Feb. 2, 1920
both banks will open at 8:00 a. m.
and close at 5:00 p. m.**

No Business Transacted Before or After These Hours

Farmers State Bank

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

F. & M. National Bank

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT

I will open up a dressmaking parlor, in Mrs. C. L. Cash's Tailor shop, Monday, Jan. 25th. Will appreciate your work. Have had experience in this line and can give entire satisfaction. See me for all sewing. Prices reasonable. Mrs. Ida M. Lee Phone 180. 23t2

NEW FORDS

1920 models with starters. We have two car loads due here Jan. 30th. Place your order today, by doing so before they arrive you save \$25.00. Price is right. Don't delay, reserve yours now. Write or phone KENNER BROTHERS 1059 south second street, Abilene, Texas. Phone number 707. 30t2p

NARROW ESCAPE

Last week during the sleet storm one of the high lines between Merkel and Abilene, the line that supplies Merkel with electric current broke from the enormous ice weight three miles east of Merkel.

During the time this line was on the ground two wagons and

teams drove over it, evidently the parties did not know what they were driving over. It is a miracle the horses and occupants were not all electrocuted and even the wagon and contents burned.

It is not known who did this but to say the least its the most dangerous thing they ever did barring none. This line 3,500 volts and powerful enough to kill every man, woman, child and animal in Merkel and Abilene at one touch.

The Electric company is ever on the look out and watches this line closely for they know what it means for anything to touch it. The public is warned not to touch any wire that is down on the ground or hanging loose.

Even a telephone wire might be down across a live electric line which could kill you just as quick.

EGGS--EGGS--EGGS--EGGS

Condimental tonic produces eggs. It takes the place of the green stuff, chickens get in the spring time.

Money refunded if you do not get more eggs in 30 days. For Sale by W P Duckett Only. 23t4c

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How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, to cease to be published once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State Of Texas

To all persons interested in the estate of Eugene R. Strickland, Deceased. You are hereby notified that Mrs. Sarah B. Strickland, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County, an application for the probate of the last Will and Testament of said Eugene R. Strickland, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in February A. D. 1920, the same being the 16th day of February, A. D. 1920 at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, at which time all persons interested 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 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 20th day of January 1920.

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

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Lumber, Builders' Hardware, Brick
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in our line—may be we

could both make money if you would talk it over with
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THE MERKEL BAKERY

(By R. Kenneth Evans)

Candies, Cakes, and Pies. Say doesn't that sound good to you? You'd say so too, you strangers who have never been to Merkel and indulged in the products of the Merkel Bakery. And say this is sure something an industrial man likes to read about just as well as the reader likes to read about.

All this is in reference to the Merkel Bakery; a new establishment in Merkel? No. Just one that has become popular that it has to be enlarged; and for two reasons: because Merkel is taking on the activity and increase of a young city, and because of the popularity of Hancock's products.

We say Hancock's because Hancock made his "eats" famous throughout this section.

N. Hancock the owner and proprietor of the Merkel Bakery, is a gentleman of twelve years experience, he learned the business out in California; he came to Merkel from Abilene four years ago and started a small and unpretentious Bakery. "It took", and is still taking no other bread is sold in Merkel.

The business has grown so that he has had to enlarge or make too many annoying explanations for not furnishing the increasing demand, and when a fellow wants something good to eat, and wants it bad, it's hard for a fellow to explain that he is doing his best.

The Merkel Bakery has just finished an up-to-date oven in the Beasley building where the Bakery has just opened for business. It was formally down near the railroad. This oven is of steel and clay with a capacity of twelve hundred loaves; however, he thinks six hours a day will supply the demand at the present time; anyway until the oil development becomes more than a wild cat field; which most people think will develop into a real oil field just as soon as the drill gets down far enough into Mother Earth.

Every loaf of bread now baked is sold in Merkel and at Trent.

While Mr. Hancock is the chief in the Bakery business he has able assistants.

Of course pastries cannot be handled much right now no matter how bad the public wants them. There is a limit to all things, at least it looks like there is a limit to the supply of sugar over the country, and the bakers are hit pretty hard.

This concern makes all kinds of candies and sells both locally and to several small towns over this section of the country. Mr. Hancock is an expert at making good candies and as the sugar situation gets better he will be able to have more and candy, but as it is he can very well supply the present trade.

Of course most of the city people of Merkel know about the Merkel bakery; and every day eat the Merkel bread; but you rural people who read this should take pride in knowing that the bread you take home comes from your local bakery; and should feel a pride in it, and when you are in town drop in and take a look at the oven which is heated by kerosine. Get acquainted with the man who satisfies the sweet tooth and who can make real good, honest to goodness bread.

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Preparations are sold
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If you are not, talk it over with us. Our Commercial Department is full of modern Labor-Saving Devices. Let us figure on your next job of wiring.

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Is now well equipped, and is enjoying a splendid patronage, both retail and wholesale, and when the new machinery ordered, including Cake, Candy and Bread machines, has been installed, it will be one of the best in all the west.

**Besides Fresh Bread, Cakes and Pies, we invite you to call and try
Our Line of Fresh Candies and Confectioneries**

MINES MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN SWEETWATER SECTION

Sweetwater, Texas Jan 27—Recent discovery of inexhaustible deposits of gypsum in proximity to Sweetwater has paved the way for the establishment of one of the largest plaster and cement mills in the state, according to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which is investigating the new discovery.

According to Secretary G. H. Appard, manager of the Sweetwater City Development, a number of capitalists of the North are interested in cement and plaster manufacturing will shortly reach Sweetwater and make an inspection with a view of their exploitation. Sweetwater is likewise interested in the resumption of the manufacture of lime, an important industry here prior to the war. Inexhaustible quantities of the white limestone are to be found near here. —Abilene Reporter.

Don't You Forget It.

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They contain no pepsin or other digestive ferment but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally.

L. R. Thompson, courteous and efficient Cashier of the F. & M. National Bank, returned from a business trip to Dallas.

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red Rooster See W P Duckett.

H. M. Rose, one of our splendid barbers was in Dallas last week on business.

Pure pork sausage at Patterson Brothers Meat Market.

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

Paint and Wall Paper!

Let us figure your Paint and Paper bill. We have the best selections of paper we have ever had. All the new designs in the Oat Meal Papers. Also a very large assortment of the medium priced and cheap paper.

We have Paint for everything, from a Ford car to a residence. The Sherwin-Williams Paints are guaranteed to go further and stay longer than any other paint.

Floor Covering

Now is the best time to buy your Floor Covering. We have an excellent floor covering that is guaranteed to give satisfaction, and is much cheaper than Linoleum. Come in and let us show you.

We also have a nice assortment of Linoleum and Congoleum Rugs. The present factory price on 9x12 Congoleum Rugs is \$22.50. We have quite a number on hand at **\$19.00**

All kind of rugs are going to be much higher this spring. You will save money by buying now.

Barrow Furniture Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following announcements are made subject to the order of the Democratic Primary, July, 1920.

District Offices \$
County Offices \$
Precinct Offices

For County Judge:
W. B. Oliver.
For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie T.
For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider
J. N. Routh.
County Commissioner of Precinct:
S. A. (Sid) Correll
W. H. Frazier
Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Florence V.
County Treasurer:
Austin Fitts.
County School Superintendent:
Jhon F. Odor.

Massey -Leaman Wedding

Last Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Miss Floy Leaman and Mr. Ernest Massey were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. I. Leaman of Trent. Present were on few close friends and relatives. Mrs. Hugh Cryer, Misses I. Hamner, and Gertrude De Mr. Royce Dowdy, Hubert Ham and Winslow Beckham Trent. Out of town guests Miss Ella Maye Joyce of S. Christine Collins of Merkel, T. E. Collins, matron of honor the bride.

Rev. Scott, the bride's officiating. The bride was attired in suit of Navy Thirtine with accessories to match. Immediately following the wedding a reception was held, where the cutting of the brides cake afforded much amusement to the people.

Mr and Mrs. Massey will return home to their friends after a sojourn of 15 days at Denton Texas.

Miss Faye Rape, has returned home after visiting her parents at Dora.

Invest Your Money in Land. It Is An Investment that is Safe

120 acres four miles west of Blair. 3-room house, well, fine tank, 70 acre in cultivation, for only \$32.50 an acre, some terms. Not rented.

133 acres five miles north of Merkel. This is extra fine land and the cheapest buy in all this country

114 acres as level as a floor and absolutely, high grade. Attractive terms.

Remember we have a section a short distance west of Noodle.

Some very attractive listings in the Dora section.

See us for listings in City property.

Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

DOCTOR PUE

Massage Treatment

Scientific Dieting
Over City Barber Shop

MERKEL :: TEXAS

Grimes County Land \$6.00 Per Acre

Improved land in Gaines County, Texas, for sale at \$3.00 per acre and purchaser to assume in addition \$1.50 per acre due the State School Fund. Terms \$1.00 per acre cash the remainder on as long terms as desired at 8% interest.

This land is practically all tillable and suitable for both ranching and farming.

We sell in 320 acre tracts. For full information write to R. A. and C. M. Cox, 3200 Guadalupe St., Austin, Tex.

J. T. Williams late of Fannin county, who recently purchased a 320 acre farm just over in Jones county, but who will make Merkel his trading point, was in the city recently and had his name entered on the Mail subscription list.

Fresh car Peace Maker flour G. M. Sharps.

O. B. Boden was taken to a sanatorium in Abilene Monday night where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. At last report he was doing nicely.

Bring your hides to Patterson Brothers Meat Market.

Will Merritt and Jack West returned the best of the week from a pleasant trip to Canyon.

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell has been sick for several days.

Miss Mary Campbell spent Sunday with home folks.

J. H. Elliot and family of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Elliot at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford Monday.

FOR SALE—2 good milk cows at a bargain if taken at once. Walter Jackson.

Mrs J B Hill and children of Lawton Okla., are visiting relatives here.

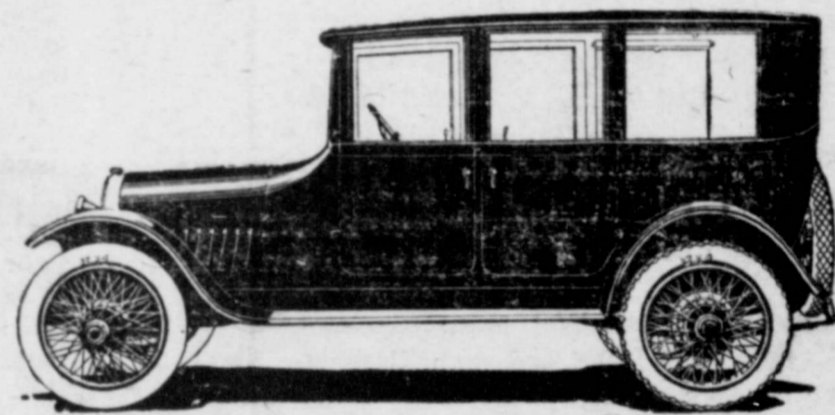
Miss Inez Scott is now located at Noodle, where she is teaching music.

Mr J E Cott of Dallas spent the first of the week visiting his mother and sister, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Cash.

P E Rape has the flu this week.

A M Giles is reported sick this week.

Several of the school teachers have been absent from their post of duty on account of sickness.



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Drop in and see them before they are gone. Remember, we can make delivery NOW.

We also have a few of those celebrated Hudson and Essex

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