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CONGRESS- MEN TAKE STAND

Wellington, Feb. 10—Sixteen congressmen were included in the Democratic caucus yesterday against the opinion of President Wilson's universal military training made a party issue at this time. The Texans participated in the team roller which ran the President's views as to and legislative affairs.

A vote against military training was 106. This also is a vote against the President because he injected himself into the issue at the last

two Texans voted for training and likewise to the president's views. Bee of San Antonio speth of El Paso. Both of military training speth wants this training in the public schools. Bee because of the physical of the youth of the coun- the spirit of patriotism culcated.

litarism feature, he be- but incidental. Repre- Connally of Waco par- in the caucus speech but he uttered no criti- the President for his ac- urged that universal training or service be led upon the country.

ite the widespread inter- that the action of the atic caucus constituted a o the President and a re- of his views Democratic smen are not ready to is viewpoint of the Tex- voted against the pro- expressed by Represen- Eugene Black, who said: us action must not be d as a desire to slap the nt in the face. No such thought of. The caucus ever differ from the t on the economic ques- lved.

not think there is need ersal military training at e. There is not the slight pect in the world of a war for years to come. no Nation on earth now n afford another war. n saddle the country annual additional mil- use of \$1,000,000,000? y the caucus rejected raining."

OLIVER WITHDRAWS

W. B. Oliver, who re- nounced for the office ty Judge of Taylor writes the Mail that he drawn from the race, as this week for St. here he is to engage in He has a host of ho regret his decision, for him unbounded and prosperity in his e.

NT-TEACHERS ET THURSDAY

uent-Teachers Associa- told its regular month- g next Tuesday after- ruary 17th, in the High ditorium at four p. m. matters will be cond- all interested par- ot only invited, but resent. The follow- program will be ren- o ... Neil Holloway ... Hattie Proctor of Minutes. for our new sidewalks. business.

gives service.

DISPUTE OVER FARM RESULTS IN KILLING

Sweetwater, Feb. 11.—As a result of a difficulty over the renting of a farm, Jeff Singleton was shot to death late Tuesday afternoon on his farm north of here in Fisher county. Mr. Harris, a renter on the place, was arrested, charged with the crime. Singleton's body was practically perforated, twelve shots took effect.

C. E. Adams of Iola Kansas, is here for a visit to his uncle, W.I. Avery and family.

BANKER THOMPSON IMPROVING HOME

Mr. L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, has a force of carpenters and painters at work making valuable improvements on his excellent home on Oak street, and which when completed by these workmen will be among the best and most beautiful in the city.

We commend Mr. Thompson upon his progressive spirit, and trust that others will catch the decoration spirit, for any town where the property owners keep their homes nicely painted and their premises neat and clean makes a good impression.

All Merkel should put on their Sunday suit of improvement this spring, for with the fine prospects now facing this country there is sure to be many prospectors visit the West this next summer, and the town with nice homes, good streets etc., will enjoy receiving some of the new comers, and the values in the town will be up too.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a. m. under direction of Mr. Walter Jackson director of Bible Study for the local Baptist Church. Organized classes and a welcome for all.

Preaching by the pastor morning and evening.

Morning subject, As thy day so small thy strength be."

Evening subject "Faith that has results".

Junior Union 3:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. 5:00 o'clock.

Teachers meeting Monday 7:30 p.m.

Ladies meetings in circles Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Prayermeeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Subject "How Jesus led a man to trust him". Scripture John 3:1-21.

You will find a cordial and frank welcome at any and all these services. Come and worship with us.

We would urge those who are not attending worship any where to come and worship with us, if you like the spirit of the services become a regular member of our congregation, if you do not like the spirit of our services help us to make them better.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor, phone 194

Tom Henderson who resides ten miles and a half north, was in the city last Saturday, and was a pleasant visitor at the office. He is formerly from Wood county, but is highly pleased with the Merkel country, and feels that with the fine season now in the ground there is almost sure to be another good crop raised throughout the West

We are ready to paint your old Boat or make you a new Top, at the right prices. 131f

Auto Laundry.

ROY PARMELLY IS FOR TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized this week to place in the proper announcement column the name of Roy Parmelly as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Mr. Parmelly is by no means a stranger to the voters of the county, as he has been a citizen of the county for many years, and two years ago made the race for this office coming close to being elected. He is honest, well qualified, and if elected promises the best service of which he is capable of rendering, with courtesy and fair dealings to one and all alike. To those who are not acquainted with him he invites your closest investigation of character and ability.

We kindly ask that in making up your minds as to who to vote for Tax Collector, that you give his claims due consideration

Mrs. E. L. Rogers and children spent Sunday afternoon with friends in Sweetwater.

BUSINESS MENS BIBLE CLASS

The Business mens Bible class of Merkel Baptist Church meets every Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

This class is taught by our able teacher and Pastor, Ira L. Parrack, who studies the Bible from A to Z and is a master of Ancient History which enables him to give a lecture worth while

We take for our study the outlined systematic study as outlined by our National Bible Scholar and in this way we study the Bible characters, tracing them through their travels of Ancient days.

We are endeavoring to make this class an organization that will stand on its merits and help the men of this country to solve their problem of "How can I spend the time most profitably on Sunday?"

Along with the Spiritual side we want to make our class a social feature. We realize the need of social fellowship among men and our aim is to develop a strong feeling of fellowship toward one and another. "Let Brotherly Love Continue".

To this class we cordially invite all the men of Merkel and surrounding country who do not attend a Bible Class at some other church to meet with us at the Baptist Church each Sunday morning at the hour mentioned above.

Henry Askew President.

RETURNS FROM MARKET

W. S. J. Brown of the Brown dry goods company accompanied by Miss Willie Toombs and Mrs. Meador, also of this firm, returned first of the week from an extended trip to Dallas, where they had been to make additional selections of goods for this firm.

MR. SEIGLE BACK FROM MARKET

Mr. Seigle proprietor of the Economy Store returned Thursday from the Eastern Markets where he purchased a large stock of spring and summer Dry Goods for his Merkel Store.

Southern Motor Company now producing Trucks, Tractors, Trailers and Bodies, also Pleasure Cars soon. See Mr. Cannon, at Beasley Auto sales room.

J. W. MAYFIELD FOR DIST. CLERK

We wish to call attention of our readers and the voters of Taylor county to the name of James W. Mayfield Jr., which appears in our announcement column as a candidate for the office of District Clerk of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Mr. Mayfield is a young man, has lived in Taylor county for about twenty years, and is therefore well and favorably known by many voters over the county and needs no introduction to them, but suffice it to say that he has held a number of clerical and office positions, is well educated and highly qualified and capable to fill the position with satisfaction to his constituents and with honor and credit to himself. He has never asked for public office before, and promises if elected to give his personal time and best efforts to performing the duties of same.

We kindly ask that you give his claim fair and impartial consideration.

W. E. MARTIN IS FOR COUNTY JUDGE

In our announcement column our readers will find the name of Hon. W. E. Martin, present county Attorney as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. Mr. Martin is serving his first term as county attorney, and is making a clean and efficient record, enforcing the law of the state of Texas as per his oath of the office. He is a young man, ambitious, energetic, and without doubt is thoroughly qualified and capable of performing the duties of county judge, with satisfaction to all and with honor to himself. In his announcement which you will find elsewhere in this paper, he promises if elected, to do his best to make Taylor county the best Judge he has ever had.

Should he be elected we believe the voters of the county would have no cause to regret it, and we therefore ask that you give his candidacy fair consideration before casting your vote for this office.

Since our taking charge of the Mail we have received many compliments and kind words regarding the quality of the paper we were putting out and for which we wish to thank each and every one. We appreciate every kind word along with the substantial patronage which is being extended the paper by the business men and citizens at large. It is likely that the circulation of the Mail is now larger than ever before, therefore a better advertising medium.

We earnestly and sincerely solicit your continued patronage, co-operation and good will, for without either, our efforts would be a failure. We would appreciate your giving us any and all news items, it does not matter whether you are acquainted with us or not we want the news, all of it. If you can't call phone us your items, visitors, entertainments, or anything which will be of news.

A. W. Hunter one of the best fixed and most substantial citizens who resides in the Nubia community was a business visitor in Merkel last Saturday, and while here made this office a very pleasant call.

Eat at the Arcade.

R. L. PORTER WRITES FOR THE MERKEL MAIL

R. L. Porter a citizen of this city a few years ago writes from his present home, Wellington, Texas, that having been without the Mail for the past two years he and his family have stood about as long as they can, and encloses \$1.50 saying let it come as early as possible. He also states that this country is in fine shape, having enjoyed a great crop, and that land values are soaring. Infact he says he lives in one of the best countries in Texas.

M. E. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday school promptly at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11. Subject for the morning hour, Places of Power, Song service at 7 in the evening preaching at 7:30, p. m. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. We received three more members last Sunday, if you are a Methodist and live in Merkel you ought to have your membership here come on and join we need you and you need the means of grace that the church alone gives. If you are a stranger in the town we would like to meet you come to church. W. M. Murrell, Pastor

Jas. Bright one of the splendid and substantial citizens of Trent, was in the city one day last week, and while here made this office a pleasant call. We also learn that while here Mr. Bright purchased from Beasley Brothers a big fine new Oakland six touring car.

Seed Irish Potatoes at Bob Martins Grocery Co.

TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST MEMBERS

The church needs your personal work now as never before. The church at Merkel is trying hard to do more and better things for the Christ. If you have not been attending the services, will you accept this invitation as a token of our interest in you and come next Lords Day. The Lord has promised to be there. (Mt. 18:20) "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together", is the admonition of the Great Apostle. The cause needs your personal help.

The brethren and sisters need your help and encouragement.

You need the Christian association and exercise that you may be prepared to enjoy the association of the Christ and his saints in the glory world.

If you are among those that are already doing something for the Church of Christ, will you not be among those that have resolved to do even more, in this year that we are just beginning.

Hoping to see you at the services next Sunday together with all those you may be able to get to attend I am as ever your friend and brother in the work of the Lord.

Price Bankhead, Merkel, Texas.

IT PAYS TO PLANT GOOD SEED

All who want their cottonseed culled better bring them in and avoid the rush. 1tpd

Mason & Reagan

Sam Butman one of this county's pioneer very best and most substantial citizens, was in the city last Saturday and made this office a substantial and pleasant visit.

LYCEUM COURSE FOR NEXT YEAR

A committee of Merkel's business men, including three of the local pastors, have again signed the guarantee for the Redpath Lyceum Bureau's lyceum course. This is the same company that gave us such excellent programs at the High School this winter. Next year Merkel is to have five numbers in her lyceum course instead of four as was the case this winter. These men are more than willing to sign the guarantee for this kind of entertainment, if the Merkel people show by their patronage that they approve of this sort of wholesome entertainment. This, the committee, believes they have done.

The five numbers contracted for the High School lyceum course next winter equal or surpass in quality the four given here this year. The Angel Company, a trio of young ladies gives us a varied program instrumental music, recitations, vocal duets and trios. Clara Harold, reader and impersonator, gives us our second number in December next. Granville Jones, famous lecturer and fighter of civics evils, will lecture in January on "The Creed of Democracy." The Lucile Price Company will give the fourth number. This program consists of violin solos, readings, music on the piano, and vocal music by artists. The last number on the course will be a program given by Charles Taggart, musical humorist.

Merkel is fortunate in having secured such excellent entertainment for her next year's course. Patronize this sort of entertainment, so that the lyceum course will become, as is already the case in most of the surrounding towns, a permanent feature in Merkel.

GONE TO MARKET

G. E. Comegy proprietor of the Star Store, left first of the week for the Eastern Markets where he will purchase the large and complete stock of spring and summer goods for his business.

DR. MCGUIRE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to serious illness in my family I have been unable to attend engagements in Merkel this month, but expect to be in town next month on the 14th and 15th.

Dr. C. E. McGuire.

J. H. Hunter moved last week to Lubbock county, and had the Mail follow him as a weekly visitor. We wish him success in his new location.

You now have an opportunity to buy Southern Motor Shares. See Mr. Cannon, at Beasley auto sales room. 1f

MR. ROSE RETURNS FROM THE MARKET

Mr. A. C. Rose, genial manager of the Merkel Dry Goods Co. returned first of the week from St. Louis and the Eastern Markets, where he purchased for his store their splendid stock of Spring and Summer Dry Goods.

Mr. Rose stated that he found goods very scarce and hard to get, and the prices on most all commodities much higher this season than ever before. Notwithstanding this, he says he purchased heavy anticipating a splendid business in Merkel this season.

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Ask Our Customers

TEXAS SCHOOLS IN DEPLORABLE SHAPE.

Texas schools are in a deplorable shape according to our State Superintendent of Public Instruction who said in a recent address at Austin that between 65,000 and 70,000 children of Texas are without teachers and that twenty per cent of the text books have not been delivered.

With the average teacher's salary \$544 a year, there is a shortage of 1,827 teachers in the rural districts and about eighty per cent of those who are there teaching are mere boys and girls. Nearly fifty per cent of the teachers in rural and small town schools have only second grade certificates, and only a small portion have had any previous experience. Because of the shortage of teachers many teachers of low standard have of necessity been employed. Many of the best are leaving the profession to enter some occupation in which a living wage may be secured.

Miss Blanton suggested as a remedy for the situation the

adoption of the proposed amendment to the constitution which would remove the limit of taxes a district may levy for school purposes. This amendment is to be voted on in November 1920, and must pass if the Texas schools are to be maintained.

THURSDAY CLUB.

The Thursday Club met at the home of Mrs. Ross Ferrier Thursday, February 5. Although the weather was bad, quite a large number of members and a few visitors arrived promptly at three o'clock. Some had fancy work, some played 42.

Music by Mrs. Howard was greatly enjoyed by all.

After spending a most enjoyable afternoon a delicious salad course and hot chocolate was served, after which they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Homer Easterwood, February 12th.

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 BOOTH WARREN, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rister on January 28, an eight and one half pound bouncing baby boy.

J. B. Bell & Son have a nice supply of seed oats, maize and fetereta for planting. Call at once. 2ep1

Misses Minnie and Pearl Avery are among the many who are this week suffering from the "flu."

Two rooms to rent furnished or unfurnished, and one business house on Main street. See W. P. Duckett at the store. 13tf

J. B. Bell, one of this city's pioneer business men was in Sweetwater one day this week on business. He says that city is growing nicely.

Buy your Tanlac at Lowry & Gambel, Drug Store.

D. M. Miller, one of the clever and well-to-do farmers of this section, was here recently and dropped in to renew for the Mail. He stated that he had already gathered 48 bales of the fleecy staple, and had ten bales yet in the field. Great is the Merkel country.

FOR SALE—Bunch of White Face Cattle for \$700.00 consisting of 1 registered Bull, 3 years old, \$250, 6 High grade cows 4 to 8 years old, bred to above Bull, \$75.00 each.

Cattle can be seen on my farm 3 miles East of Merkel on Merkel and Abilene Pike. J. T. Warren. tf

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WANTED—A slightly used Touring car. Must be in condition. J. T. Warren.

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FOR SALE—Mesquite on my place five miles S of Merkel, in the French W. D. Haynes, Route 1, telephone 9032F 1-3

FOR SALE—One Buick car, in good condition consider good team. G. rie.

FOR SALE—Two cul one sulkey, and seeder. W. Hunter, Route 5.

FOR SALE—Milk cow Charles Orr.

WANTED—Man with family to work on farm ranch by the month. S man

FOR SALE—One pair year old mules, and one mares. Sam Butman.

FOR SALE—Bunch of face cattle for \$700.00, consisting of 1 Registered Bull, old, for \$250.00, 6 high cows, 4 to 8 years old, above Bull, at \$75.00 each.

Cattle can be seen on 3 miles East of Merkel and Abilene Pike. J. T. Warren.

FOR SALE—One Buick two sulkey plows, and Mill. Mrs. R. B. Rain. 9001R11.

FOR RENT—Small miles Southeast of 1 acres in cultivation. See Mary King, 9032f4.

Best eats at the Arcade.



Hardware and Groceries

A car of John Deere Implements, Double and Single Row Cultivators and Planters just arrived. Also have the Oliver Line of Implements. Our line consist of most all Implements used on the farm. We also carry Wind Mills and Pipe
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L. D. LEVY, Local Mgr

Baker Declares Country Has Lost Spiritual Leadership.

New York, Feb. 8.—Industrial reorganization in America in order that "our civilization may force ahead," was urged by Secretary of War Baker here today before the members of the Free Synagogue. He appealed for a better understanding between employer and employe "who should have a mutual regard for the rights and services of each other."

Secretary Baker said that in his judgment it was not a question of a particular set of words or group of phrases that were embodied in the League of Nations, but the underlying principle that was back of them.

"We have lost hope, but I trust not permanently," he added. "We have the spiritual leadership of the world. We have abandoned the spirit of Chateau-Thierry and the Argonne."

Garage.

I wish to announce to my friends and the public that I have opened a Garage and Repair business on Kent street, and will be glad to have a share of your business in this line. I have a practical mechanic, a man who knows, in charge, and your work will be done correct and reasonable.

Geo. Brown.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend to our kind friends and neighbors who were so very kind and good in administering aid to us during the recent illness of the latter signed, our heart felt thanks and deepest gratitude.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Avery.

Stamford, Feb. 11.—West Texas and its resources, embracing every section of the West, will be described in a booklet of 100,000 circulation which is being distributed to business men, bankers, capitalists and manufacturers of the North by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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FIGURES TO SHOW WHY TEACHERS NEED MORE PAY.

The following figures on the cost of living will show what has happened to the teachers' salaries:

| Articles | 1916 | 1920 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Table board, month | \$15.00 | \$35.00 |
| Table board, meal | .25 | .50 |
| House rent, month | 17.50 | 35.00 |
| Room rent, month | 8.00 | 15.00 |
| Milk, per quart | .10 | .20 |
| Butter, per pound | .30 | .75 |
| Eggs, per dozen | .25 | .75 |
| Flour, per barrel | 7.00 | 21.00 |
| Steak, per pound | .18 | .35 |
| Bacon, per pound | .22 | .55 |
| Coffee, per pound | .20 | .50 |
| Lard, per pound, (compound) | .18 | .35 |
| Sugar, per pound | .08 | .25 |
| Corn, per pound can | .10 | .25 |
| Beans, (Lima), per pound | .08 | .18 |
| Irish potatoes, per 100 pounds | 1.50 | 6.50 |
| Chicken feed, per 100 pounds | 2.00 | 4.50 |
| Cornmeal, per 100 pounds | 1.75 | 5.60 |
| Salt, per pound | .02 | .05 |
| Coal, per ton | 4.50 | 11.00 |
| Wood, per cord | 4.00 | 12.00 |
| Gas, natural, per 1,000 feet | .25 | .80 |
| Gasoline, per gallon | .10 | .26 |
| Shoes, Men's | 5.00 | 13.50 |
| Shoes, Ladies' | 6.00 | 17.50 |
| Shoes, Children's | 1.75 | 6.00 |
| Suits, Men's | 18.00 | 50.00 |
| Suits, Ladies' | 25.00 | 75.00 |
| Suits, Children's | 5.00 | 20.00 |
| Hats, Men's | 3.00 | 8.00 |
| Hats, Ladies' | 7.50 | 25.00 |
| Shirts, Men's | 1.50 | 3.50 |
| Linen, per yard | 1.25 | 5.00 |
| Laundry, dry, per pound | .04 | .12 |
| Total | \$137.59 | \$375.59 |

The foregoing figures on the actual necessities of life show that there is an increase of 173 per cent, and prices are still advancing.

The National Educational Association made calculations from five of the Middle West States and found that the salaries of teachers had been advanced only 12 per cent.

You can readily see why 143,000 teachers dropped out of the profession in 1919. Unless the salaries of teachers are raised to meet the above advance in the actual necessities of life, the teacher must, of course, seek other employment.

Can civilization afford to lose the best men and women from the teaching profession? No. Then raise the wages of the teacher to a living scale.

Teachers, in the main, will stay in the profession if given a wage which will permit them to enjoy the comforts of life and enable them to clothe their children as men of other professions do. Teachers love their work because of the wonderful possibilities offered.

It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us. We can not secure and hold enough competent teachers unless we shall pay living wages, and we can not afford to let incompetent teachers conduct the schools. And we can afford to provide additional revenues in order that adequate salaries may be paid to the teachers, for our individual incomes have increased. It is not the part of economy to spend anything for schools and yet fail to spend enough to make the schools efficient.

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ENTRIES FOR BIG FORT WORTH SHOW CLOSE ON FEB. 28

SHEEP AND HOG EXHIBITIONS ARE BEING GIVEN ESPECIAL ATTENTION THIS YEAR—POULTRY SHOW TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF STOCK SHOW.



Entries for all classes of livestock in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 6-13, will close Feb. 28, according to official announcement of M. Sansom Jr., secretary-manager, and so stated in the premium lists that have been spread broadcast to prospective exhibitors throughout the land.

While the cattle classes have been amplified and the greatest and most representative exhibit in history is anticipated, with contestants from many states, other livestock departments of the show have not been neglected. Around three times as much money as in the past has been hung up in the sheep department. J. J. Jones, Texas A. & M. College, has been secured as manager of the sheep and goat department and, after a thorough canvass of the situation, declares that the exhibition will be far and away better than any previous one ever held at Fort Worth. G. R. Warren of Solora will officiate as superintendent in the sheep department. The judges will be: R. S. Matheson, head buyer for Swift & Co. at Chicago, carlot sheep; W. J. Kennedy, Sioux City, Iowa, fat wethers; R. F. Miller, Texas A. & M., registered sheep; E. M. Peters, Sonora, goats.

Special classes have been made this year for Angora and milch goats. A. L. Ward of Paris has been made superintendent of the students livestock judging contest, which will be divided into two sections this year—one for college and one for vocational schools. Strong competition is expected in both classes. Prof. H. W. Mumford of Ann Arbor, Michigan, will be judge of the contest. George P. Lillard of Arlington, former president of the Texas Swine Breeders' association, has agreed to act as manager of the swine department. D. W. Williams of Texas A. & M. will be superintendent, while Eck Gentry, Armour & Co.'s head buyer at Chicago, will judge the carlots. Prof. H. W. Mumford of Ann Arbor, Mich., will judge the pens and barrows.

Special effort is being made to build up a fine barrow show and early indications are that it will be all that is hoped for. Additional appropriations have been made for this class. W. H. Purse will again be department manager for horses and W. J. Kennedy of Sioux City, Iowa, will be judge. Tom Hines of Venus has been appointed manager of the mules, jacks and jennets department, W. T. Wheeler of Baird superintendent, and Captain Tuck Hill of McKinney, judge. C. C. Miller of Fort Worth will be department manager for poultry, which is under direct control of the stock show this year. Walter Burton of Arlington will be superintendent. The poultry show promises better than ever this year.

Carnival features of the stock show will be better in every detail this year. J. George Loos has twenty car loads of paraphernalia and has been accorded extra space on the Coliseum grounds for the handling of many new amusement devices, a number of which few of the stock show visitors have ever seen. No detail is being overlooked to make this year's show the best in history from every standpoint. Work of preparation was begun early and competent men are handling every department.

The Rodeo, the big night performance of the stock show, gives greater promise even than last year. The best bucking horse and trick riders, the champion ropers and the best cow-girl performers of the country have been lined up. A purse of \$1,000 has been set aside for the cutting contest, which again will be a big feature of the Rodeo. This will be a "clean" show. However, there will be a sales division on the regular stockyards for bulls from below the line. The sales events, both public and private, promise exceptionally well.

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County Correspondence.

We want to make the Merkel Mail just as newsy and interesting as is possible, and would like to have a correspondent in every community in the surrounding country. We will be glad to furnish stamps, paper, etc., and send the Mail free to any one who will give us the news from their community.

Sweetwater, Feb. 11—Sweetwater's new flour mills will be grinding this fall. Several cars of material for the erection have already arrived, says the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Sweetwater, Feb. 11—Out of the last 84 years in West Texas, 24 have been very dry, 24 very wet and 36 average crop years, says the research department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Notice to Subscribers.

Should you fail to get your paper regular or even miss a copy we would thank you to call our attention to same, and we will see what or where the trouble is and make it right.

SAFETY FIRST

Protect your loved ones by taking a Policy in the Illinois Bankers Life Association. Ten Year Convertible Condition Renewable Term Policy at age 36 costs \$10.50 on the thousand. See our local agent on Merkel streets or at Noodle, Texas. 13t2pd A. B. Blaylock.

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We wish to announce to the people of Merkel that we have purchased the Tailor Shop in the Rose barber shop building and are rearranging same, and have a first-class man in charge and absolutely guarantee to do your

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Call on us, give us a trial and be convinced that we GIVE SERVICE in this line.

Suits Pressed while you wait

C. C. Seckman

Our Buyers Have Returned

Our buyers have just returned from the Eastern Markets, where we have purchased the most complete line of Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery, Ready-to-wear, Shoes, etc., ever assembled under one roof in the city of Merkel. Merchandise in lots of lines is scarce and very hard to obtain, but our foresight in booking many articles six months ago shows us a saving in many instances of at least 50 per cent. From all sources we can gather, merchandise is not going to be any cheaper, in fact, higher prices are still to be looked for yet for some time to come. Our goods are now beginning to arrive and we will take pleasure in showing you through our wonderful stock.

Miss Mitchell has arrived and will be pleased to meet all her old friends, together with new ones, in our Millinery Department. Yours for a record breaker for 1920.

MERKEL DRY GOODS COMPANY, Merkel's Big Cash Store

Our short stay in Merkel has heard it said more by splendid citizens side at a distance, and some other town, that was a better place to do their trading, that would buy goods cheaper than some other nearby place. Merkel is a better place for your goods. It has the bankers, merchants and men to be found in any other town. They are for Merkel and surrounding country. Do buy it IN MERKEL, or do end away for many of the cities of life. The Mail does believe that it pays to send for goods when they can get of the home merchant at a little higher price, for you spend your money at home to build up your own town, make a better market for your produce, whereas if you are sent to a distant city to build up that city in-

There is no earthly need for these days, when there is of money in the country, high wages for any and all of work, yet in every town to be found a few wilful who are not only worthless themselves, but are in the end hinder others who do something were it not for their trifling gang. The shame of this condition there are so many young in this class who by their fall into bad company, bits and eventually become that class known as "be sports" and which more detrimental to good than all else.

Every advertiser is proud of its splendid outside world that is live, progressive town, of business men who progressive, far-sighted in letting the world the splendid goods and they offer. Mr. Non-er is your business rep- all you would like it to

were the prospects at e of the year better for a crop. A great season ground, and all is need- a few weeks pretty the farmers to pre- lands for planting. here is every indica- ere will be quite a labor.

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Dr. Hendricks and wife, of Stith, arrived yesterday from an extended visit to old friends and relatives in the states of Alabama and Georgia. The Dr. reports a most enjoyable time among his relatives, friends and old boyhood haunts, which he had not visited for more than 20 years.

Last call and last add as we are winding up our business here we thought it best to notify our customers who have mattress work to be done and wanted their present factory to do it, they can rush them in or we will be gone. 13tf.
Quick Service Mattress Factory

E. D. Tueton who for some time has been assistant Cashier of the Trent Bank, is now with the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel. He is a splendid young man of excellent ability, and we welcome him to our city.

Remember
That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better every day.

Messrs W. B. Yeary and D. J. Neill, of Agricultural Branch of the A. & M. College, were in Merkel Wednesday, and made short talks to the farmers with a view of organizing a Cotton Association.

E. L. Bankhead and family of Denton county arrived this week for a visit to the former's sister, Mrs. O. J. Adcock, and they lived here a few years ago.

Just received a car of Marchal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co. 13tf

Miss Marion Mitchell returned first of the week from Greenville and will have charge of the Millinery department at the Merkel Dry Goods Store again this season. Her many friends are delighted at her return.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett returned Saturday morning from Clovis New Mexico where she had been called on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Bullock.

Dr Johnson, Dentist has offices with Dr M Armstrong.

Best eats at the Arcade.

Correspondents Wanted

We want to make the Merkel Mail a real live, newsy weekly 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 capable correspondent in each school community surrounding the city. We invite each and every one to come in and get acquainted with us, and when you see us tell us the news.

ROGERS GROCERY MOVED

We have moved our Grocery business into the Boyce building on front street, and invite you to call on us in our new place. We are prepared to continue to give you good service in the Grocery line, and will appreciate your trade.

Rogers Grocery

R. D. Allen and family moved last week to Abilene. Mr. Allen came around and had his Mail changed before leaving and stated that he had resided here for sixteen years, that Merkel was a good town, and that he was burning no bridges behind him. We join his host of friends here in wishing him happiness and prosperity in our capitol city.

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr. O. F. McMaster Port Lavaca, Texas. 13tf

FOR SALE—Have some full-blood White Winedott Crockrels for sale. 1tpd
R. E. Cole phone 9034 ring3

Come let us figure with you on your next bill of Groceries. Bob Martin Grocery Company. 13tf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

District Offices \$15.00
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For County Judge:
W. B. Oliver.
For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie Tippet
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J. N. Routh.
County Commissioner of Prec. 2
S. A. (Sid) Coats.
W. H. Frazier
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Jhon F. Odor.

NOTICE

We are in the market to buy the mineral rights under your land. We wish to hear from every land owner in Texas. Gideon Oil, Coal and Steel Co. 1502 1/2 Elm St., Dallas Tex. Remember—We answer no letters unless you send one dollar to register yourself as a correspondent and friend of the Company. (We will send you one share of stock for the dollar you send.)

P. S.—We want to employ representatives in each County in the State. 13t4

MULE STRAYED

A Black horse mule about fourteen and one half hands high twelve or fourteen years old. Left my barn in Merkel on February 1st. Any one knowing any thing of the whereabouts of same will do me a favor by leaving word at Lowery and Gamble Drug store, or at the Merkel Mail office. Dr. N. J. Smith. 1t.

IT PAYS TO PLANT GOOD SEED

All who want their cottonseed culled better bring them in and avoid the rush. 1tpd
Mason & Reagan

BLACKEYED PEAS

I have some Blackeyed Peas for sale. Good for Planting or the table. C. L. McNEES 1tpd

G. W. Ely splendid citizen of Sweetwater, was down last Saturday for a visit to friends and relatives. He paved the way for a weekly visit to his home by the Merkel Mail.

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup. Bob Martin Grocery Co. 13tf

COZY THEATRE

MATINEE EVERY SATURDAY 2 TO 5

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| <p>Friday, Feb. 13 Helen Holmes IN "The Fatal Fortune" No. 3 ALSO 2-Reel Western AND 2-Reel Sunshine Comedy</p> | <p>Saturday, February 14 Wm. S. Hart IN "Square Deal Sanderson" ALSO Clara Williams IN "The Frontier Outlaw"</p> |
| <p>Monday, Feb. 16 William Duncan IN "Smashing Barriers" No. 11 ALSO Big "V" Comedy 2-Reel O. Henry Story Fox News</p> | <p>Tuesday, Feb. 17 Lila Lee IN "Such a Little Pirate" ALSO Good Comedy</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Feb. 18 Anita Stewart IN "Two Women" ALSO 2-Reel Vitagraph Comedy</p> | <p>Thursday, Feb. 19 Geo. Walsh IN "The Winning Stroke" ALSO 2-Reel Sunshine Comedy</p> |

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Arbor day February 23
Plant a tree. Clean up.

If we didn't like Merkel we
would move and give room for
some one who did.

A Ladies Civic League could
do wonders toward cleaning up
and beautifying our city.

Most every farmer, tenant or
land owner, in the Merkel coun-
try, is said to be classed among
those who are to make income
tax reports.

Plant a tree, you may not live
to enjoy the fruits from same,
but others will and you will there-
fore leave same as a monument
to the fact that you did not live
together for self alone.

The middle of February, a fine
season in the ground and with
some fair weather the farmers of
the Merkel country will shortly
begin putting the soil in shape
again for a bumper crop in 1920.

Spring time is coming and now
is the time to get busy and clean
up our town. Let every citizen
of Merkel do the proper thing
by beginning this good work by
cleaning up the home premises
first.

Merkel is one of the prettiest
towns in all the West, located in
the heart of as fine agricultural
section as is to be found any-
where, and yet how much pret-
tier can our city be made to ap-
pear if only the property owners
would paint up and repair their
homes. It not only makes a more
beautiful and pleasing appear-
ance, but helps considerable to
preserve and save the property
from the weather.

One of our best and most sub-
stantial farmer citizens was in
the city one day recently, drop-
ped in and had us mark his sub-
scription up another year for the
Merkel Mail, and incidentally re-
marked that, he had just come

to town to look after the making
of his income tax report, and
which tax amounted to a little
more than \$600. We leave it to
you to figure about just what
this splendid farmer friend's in-
come for the year was. And all
this prosperity enjoyed just af-
ter the greatest war the world
has ever known, and under a Dem-
ocratic administration.

Other towns around Merkel
are building and growing. They
have commercial organizations
such as Chamber of Commerce,

etc. which organization looks af-
ter the development and civic
growth of the city. Merkel is
one of the best towns along the
T. & P. railroad, it has one of the
finest agricultural sections sur-
rounding it to be found anywhere.
Other towns are reaching out af-
ter business in the Merkel terri-
tory. Merkel business men and
citizens should defend their in-
terest. The prospects for oil
near Merkel it seems is very flat-
tering, and should oil in payng
quantities be found here, it will
take organization to care for the

people and growth of the city
which are sure to follow, hence
it seems to the Mail that the
people of this city should have a
mass meeting or some kind of
get-together occasion where
steps may be taken to revive the
Business Men's League, Board of
Trade or such organization as
has been in existence heretofore,
and let us become prepared to
push the interest of our city at
large, and which is the interest
of every business man or prop-
erty owner in the city.

Why not a nice little banquet
or smoker for the purpose of get-
ting the people together where
they may talk over the commer-
cial and civic needs of the city.
Who will start the move?

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(By R. Kenneth Evans)

Would you believe it more than two thousand Ford cars in this trade territory?

And naturally with that many cars of one special make there must be one special garage to take care of the accessories and the repairs from time to time that must be made on all cars. Now that is the mission of the Merkel Motor Company with L. B. Scott as manager.

Years ago when Ford cars began to have such great popularity on the highways and the by-ways, the Ford Motor Company saw the wisdom of having authorized agents; garages and agents who handle "authorized" parts for the great universal car. The system has meant money for the owners of Ford cars it has meant better service for the owners and a saving of repair bills.

Mr. Scott came to Merkel some three years since; the business was established five years ago. This agency has the territory for Ford cars and tractors and trucks of the following territory:

West to the Nolan county line; two miles West to Trent; North to the river; Taylor east to Tye including Tye, and south to the county line. This territory is for cars, trucks and tractors, and the genuine Ford parts.

Besides the cars and authorized parts for Ford cars, this garage has accessories of all kinds; the Firestone tires and tubes; Columbia and Willard Storage batteries; and recharge batteries of all kinds; twelve batteries can be recharged at one time with their equipment which is the same class as that at Abilene.

While in the repair department Ford cars are given preference and all mechanics are especially trained Ford experts, other cars are taken care of and repaired from time to time; this is another system of the owners of the great Ford industry, by having specially trained Ford Mechanics; and genuine Ford parts on hand at all times; by using the Ford short method of fixing and finding trouble.

Orders have to be booked in advance for Ford cars; any one who has tried to buy a car in a hurry found this out much to their annoyance, but such is the fame of the car that there are too many demands. All cars are now equipped either with the electric starter or ready for electric installation at \$78.00 extra.

The price on Ford cars (Merkel) at the present time are as follows: Touring car, \$593.36 regularly equipped, or \$671.45 equipped with electric starter. Roadster: \$566.33 regular equipped, or \$645.42, electric equipment. Sedan: \$957.79, starter equipment. The Sedan has 30 x 31½ wheels with demountable rims.

Some people have been wondering if the electric starter equipment is satisfactory and if it will stand up at the very moderate prices the Ford car sells at. The Ford people are behind every one and are so satisfied that they will that every buyer is given instructions that at any time a starter goes wrong, it should be taken off and sent into the factory; a new starter is to be furnished until the old one is repaired. Not only the starters but the generators, too. This is to be done until the authorized agents over the country can have time to send their men to the factory to learn just exactly how to repair these starters and generators at the regular Ford nominal charges.

The Fordson tractor which is destined to revolutionize farming in this section of the country now sells at \$651.00 with pneumatic equipment; or \$610.00 without this pneumatic equipment.

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Barrow Furniture Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Eunice Russell has been very sick for a number of days but is much improved.

Plenty of Brand, Shorts, cotton seed meal. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Jim Sims and R. Shelton, of Alabama are here for a visit to the former's sister and the latter's cousin, Mrs. H. C. Floyd. They are also prospecting with a view to locate in the west.

Have your Laundry here Monday's as it goes out Tuesdays. Office at Hamblett's Grocery Store.

Miss Bessie Tucker who is attending Simmons College visited home folks Saturday and Sunday. She returned to Abilene Monday accompanied by Mrs. R. A. Martin, who visited her daughter, Miss Julia of Mary Francis Hall.

Just received a car of Marchal Neill Flour. None better, at Bob Martins Grocery Co.

Miss C. Provine of Edna, Texas and daughter of Alvin, Texas, are here this week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Jack Provine and Bob Martin.

Come let us figure with you on your next bill of Groceries. Will appreciate your patronage.

L. C. Murray of Trinidad, Colorado, who owns a fine farm near Trent, and who formerly lived in Jones county, was here last week and had us send him the Mail that he might keep posted on the doings of this community.

T. J. Williamson substantial farmer citizen of Trent was here one day recently. He says he has enjoyed a fine crop the result of last years labor.

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