

SOME HAPPENINGS ELEVEN YEARS AGO

Believing that to review each week a few of the happenings in and around Merkel as published in the Merkel Mail years ago will be interesting we present for your perusal the following items of interest which were published in the issue of March 12, 1909, just 11 years ago today, and when the Hon. John G. Jackson, now of Abilene, was Editor in chief:

A pile of ashes and a mass of ruined machinery is all that is left of the Merkel Steam Laundry, as the result of a fire which started at two o'clock last Friday morning. Loss of building and machinery is estimated at about \$6,000.

The accidental killing of Lois Touchstone by the discharging of a 22 calibre gun in the hands of a friend, who unthoughtfully pointed it at the young man thinking it empty, pulled the trigger with the fatal result.

Two deaths at Trent, Prof. Lyon, who was in charge of the Campbell school near Trent and J. P. Causeaux who resides 3 miles north of Trent.

The announcement of a social by the Young Ladies Home Mission Society at the home of Mrs. Jennings on St. Patrick's Day.

The announcement of a meeting of the Merkel Camp U. C. V. No. 79, with A. A. Baker Commander, and W. H. Hawkins, adj.

Among the Butman Community items is the report of a box supper given for the purpose of raising funds with which to buy a pump and paint the house etc. About \$51.00 was raised, and the occasion pronounced a great success. "Farmer Boy" was the correspondent.

Among the card advertisements appears that of G. W. Johnson and H. C. Williams, Insurance agents. Mr. Johnson is still in the business and enjoying a splendid patronage.

Robert I. Grimes, Tailor to men who know. It is Dr. R. I. Grimes now, one of Merkel's popular practicing physicians.

J. W. Prater left Saturday for Eastland to look after some land he owns there. We wonder if the gentlemen owned this land when oil boom in that country made it's appearance there.

C. M. Largent who resides 3 miles north of Merkel shipped a lot of fine cattle to Fort Worth this week and will have them on exhibit at the fat stock show. We understand Mr. Largent is also in Fort Worth at present with more and finer cattle than he had in those days eleven years ago. In fact he has won many blue ribbons at the different exhibits over the entire United States since then.

We understand that Eld. Geo. Cypert is to locate in Merkel and will preach at the north side Christian Church a part of his time. Bro. Cypert is still pastor of this congregation, and a most excellent citizen and Minister of the Gospel.

Among the social events mentioned, was that of an entertainment by Miss Virginia Mackey, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Scott.

If you enjoy reading reminiscences as above, tell us about it as we will likely continue to give a few items weekly of such happenings as we think will be interesting from the files of the Mail years ago.

J. T. Warren president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank is among those of our city attending the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

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BIG CHICKEN DINNER

The ladies of the Home Mission Society announce that on next Saturday, March 13, they will serve to the public a big Chicken dinner, and that the price will only be 50 cents.

The money derived from same will be used in improving the interior of the church. Call on them and get a fine dinner at half what it costs to serve it, and help a worthy cause.

The dinner will be served in the building formerly occupied by the Rogers Grocery Company on Main Street.

M. E. REVIVAL HERE BEGINS APRIL 4

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist Church of this city announces that on Sunday April the 4th., he will begin a series of meetings at the Methodist church, and will be assisted by Rev. Doak, of the first Methodist church of Abilene.

Rev. Doak is an able and forcible minister, and with the energetic and untiring efforts of the local pastor and his co-church workers, we predict much good will be accomplished as a result of the great meeting planned.

He invites the hearty cooperation and assistance of all christians, singers, and workers.

E. W. Kelley, of Dinuba, California, writes our friend and splendid citizen, J. P. Sharp to have the Merkel Mail sent to his address. He was formerly a citizen of this city.

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf

M. E. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We did not reach our two hundred mark last Sunday on account of the weather but we expect to go over next Sunday.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning hour will be "The Dedication of the Temple". Song service at 7:00 in the evening; we are having some great singing come and help us. Do not forget the protracted meeting to commence the first Sunday in April. Rev. Doak of the first Church of Abilene will do the preaching.

W. M. Murrell.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. with Mr. Walter Jackson and his trained helpers in charge. A place for every one.

Preaching by the pastor at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject: "Contrary Currents of Life". Evening subject: "A Modern Prodigal".

Junior Union at 3:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 p. m.

Teachers meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Ladies meeting in circles, Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 8:15 p. m.

You will find a warm welcome waiting you at all of these services. Come and bring your company with you.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor. Phone 194.

John Sears returned Wednesday from attending the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. He says it was as usual, a great big fine Show.

Board of Trade Banquet

BY
Parent-Teachers Association

MARCH 9, 1920

PROGRAM

TOASTMASTER..... J. C. Mason
Invocation..... Rev. W. M. Murrell
Merkel—Past, Present and Future..... G. W. Johnson
Solo..... Miss Jackson
Sanitary Conditions in Merkel..... Dr. R. I. Grimes
Duet..... Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Scott
Community Aspirations..... J. E. Farrow
(West Texas Chamber Commerce)
Solo..... Paul West
Parent-Teachers Association, Its Purpose and Benefits..... L. R. Thompson
How to Build a City..... Mayor Dallas Scarborough
(of Abilene)

Perhaps the greatest gathering of the business men and citizens of Merkel and surrounding community ever held in this city was, Tuesday night of this week. There was indeed a large attendance and the above program was carried out to the letter, and enjoyed and appreciated by each one present.

Toastmaster Mason never allowed a minute of the time to become dull, and with his wit and enthusiasm kept the guests deeply interested during the pause needed for introduction of the next speaker.

After Invocation by the Rev. W. M. Murrell, the first speaker of the evening was Hon. G. W. Johnson, whose subject was "Merkel—Past, Present, and Future". To say that he was equal to the occasion and did the subject justice, would be putting it mild for he has seen Merkel in the past and present, and wonderfully pictured her bright and glowing future. Mr. Johnson always interests his hearers at any time and on any subject.

Next on the program was a solo, by Miss Jackson, expression director in the Merkel High School, and which was indeed very fine and pleasing to the entire audience.

"Sanitary Conditions in Merkel"—Dr. R. I. Grimes was the speaker of this important subject, and ably set forth his ideas concerning same, very forcibly demonstrating the necessity that steps should be taken at once for better sanitary conditions in Merkel if our people desire to conserve their health and make our city a place where the thousands of good people of other states would like to locate as it is a well known fact that the best element of people are seeking to locate in towns and cities where such accommodations can be had.

The Duet by Mesdames Howard and Scott, received repeated echoes of appreciation.

"Community Aspiration", by J. E. Farrow, Organization Manager for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was a subject unlimited in its boundaries of appliance toward community and city building, was eloquent and ably handled by that splendid gentleman, and whom our people felt proud to have as their guest upon this occasion, and we might add that from whose address our citizens learned the real and wonderful work the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is doing for all this great country.

The Solo by Paul West, was masterful and pleasing to every one present. This was the first time young West had appeared in song before the public, and many were surprised at his wonderful voice, and it is to be hoped that he will avail himself of an opportunity to further cultivate it for no doubt he would soon take his place among

those of national repute.

Parent-Teachers Association, its purpose and benefits, was a subject given L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, and we must say that the program committee acted wisely in thus giving Mr. Thompson this important subject, for to the amusement and benefit of every one present did he analyze every feature and scope of same. For a number of years Mr. Thompson was Superintendent of schools in the larger cities, and naturally knew both sides of the question. In fact he demonstrated without a question of doubt, that it took the hearty and united cooperation upon the part of both the parents and teachers for any school to succeed.

"How to build a City"—By the Hon. Dallas Scarborough, Abilene's wideawake and progressive Mayor, was indeed one of the best and most inspiring addresses of the evening, for he eloquently and forcibly gave our people his splendid ideas and experiences in city building. And the first and among the most important things he suggested was, that we should prepare to conserve the health of our city, and that the best way to do this was to put in the proper water and sewer system. In fact, he stated that he felt sure that if our citizenship expected to see Merkel keep step with the neighboring cities, and receive her share of the great mass of new people coming this way, we must prepare to make our town clean and inviting. A thing every town should do.

At the close of the program Toastmaster Mason announced that Mr. Groene, proprietor of the Cozy Theatre, had offered as further entertainment to those attending, a free show, and those desiring to contribute something to the fund being raised by the Ladies of the Parent-Teachers Association, could do so. Many took advantage of this most generous offer, and attended the splendid show, and in this way a handsome sum was donated to the ladies.

The banquet was by the Ladies of the Parent-Teachers Association, and was delicious and daintily served, and we feel sure that our citizenship is indeed greatly indebted to Mrs. R. O. Anderson and the many other good ladies who with her worked so unceasingly to make the occasion the splendid success which every one present declared it to be.

The women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will give a chicken dinner Saturday, March the 13th. The place to be announced later. Your patronage will be appreciated.

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

PIE SUPPER BIG SUCCESS

The Pie supper given by the Epworth League which was given on last Friday night at the Woodman Hall was indeed a grand success, and well attended.

The handsome sum of \$82.00 was realized and will be profitably used by this splendid organization. Those having the occasion in charge extend thanks and appreciation to all who so generously contributed.

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

BAPTIST REVIVAL BEGINS MARCH 21

Rev. Parrack the splendid pastor of the Baptist church of this city announces that, beginning Sunday, March 21, at the Baptist church in Merkel there is to be a revival meeting conducted by the local pastor, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Keith of Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Keith are graduates of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and are gospel singers and personal workers of the highest type.

The Baptists are expecting the cooperation of all christians in Merkel and hope that the meeting will prove a distinct blessing to all of the churches in town.

Remember the date and make your plans to come and help make the meeting a success.

KINGS DAUGHTERS WERE ENTERTAINED

At two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon of this week The King's Daughters met at the home of Mrs. W. M. Murrell. The afternoon being pleasant quite a number of the class was present. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn by the class in chorus after which a scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Sanders. Roll call was answered by a Bible quotation after which the minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. The president then opened the business session and the "March Hare Sale" to be given by the class on Saturday March 27, was discussed at length and committees to look after the various parts of the sale were appointed by the president. Other small business was transacted and then came the social hour. Mrs. Briggs being on program for a reading very reluctantly gave "Mary had a little lamb", but the wording was somewhat different to the Mary's Lamb we had all once learned at school and was much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Jones had prepared some games for the afternoon one of which was to name 21 states of the United States and their capitols. This gave some of us quite a little lesson in Geography. At the close of the games Mrs. Murrell Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Jones served us with delicious cake and cream topped with candied cherries. The class then adjourned, voting our three hostess many thanks for a pleasant afternoon.

This class will meet with Mrs. Beene on April 6.

Press Reporter

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

SCHOOL REPORTS TO THE PARENTS

On Monday, March 15th the pupils will receive their report cards for the sixth grade-period. With these reports ends two-thirds of the school term. There are a very few pupils who have so badly failed in their work that it cannot be brought up to a passing grade by the close of school if the pupil will apply himself for the remaining three months of school.

Parents will please notice whether or not their children are making a general average of 85 or better and an average on each subject of 75 or more. If these averages are not being made by your child, he is failing in his work, and unless he begins now to improve in his work it will be necessary for him to remain in the same grade another year. It will help the pupil much toward promoting if the parents will cooperate in seeing that the child does some home work. If the child is allowed to dissipate his energies by being away from home during the nights of the school week, he will not only come to school unprepared in his work, but will be in no condition to work when he comes to school. Parents should not be surprised at their children failing to make their grades if no regular systematic home work is done by the pupil.

If your child's report shows that his work is not up to standard, the teachers will be glad to cooperate with you to see that all that is possible is done to have the child do satisfactory school work. Feel free to call on us now. Suggestions made in the spirit of cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Now is the time to get busy, not after the child has failed next spring. Cooperation makes a cooperative business a success.

Yours for a standard School
Roger A. Burgess,
Superintendent.

PRSEBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTICE

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School, 10 a. m. We welcome all to these services. Spring and better health ought to increase our attendance on public worship. We have made some splendid progress in the recent past and now we must do more personal work for our master and continue to build up this branch of his kingdom. If sickness prevents your coming to church then pray for us.

Sincerely yours,
C. C. Dooley.

NORTH SIDE CHURCH NOTICE

To the Brethern and Sisters of the North side church. I will not be able to fill my appointment next Sunday, as I leave today for the Temple Sanitarium for an operation. This will be the first time I have failed to fill an appointment here on account of sickness in Eleven years.

May I expect your prayers and sympathy. Brother Price Bankhead will fill my place both morning and evening.

W. G. Cypert.

S. F. Haynes one of this city's most substantial and influential citizens returned recently from a trip to the plains country and left this week for a trip through the eastern and northern part of the state.

Pigs for sale, see E. S. Swafford, four miles north of Merkel, Phone 9004F22. 1tp

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

STATEMENT
Farmers State Bank
OF MERKEL

Close of Business Feb. 28, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans	\$554,256.08
U. S. Treas. Certificates.....	25,000.00
Banking House.....	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Stocks, Liberty Bonds.....	5,961.30
Assessment Guaranty Fund.....	3,445.73
CASH AND EXCHANGE	415,447.14
	\$1,016,460.25

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
Undivided profits net.....	13,157.35
Reserved for taxes.....	2,286.51
DEPOSITS	901,016.39
	\$1,016,460.25

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The patronage we receive is proof of the service we give.

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

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Murphy Thomas)
 There has been nothing thrilling happened in school this week except examinations and they were a little bit too thrilling. My but we are glad we can't flunk any oftener.

The senior and junior basket ball girls, chaperoned by Messrs Burgess, Cary, Miller, Miss Goss and Miss Garrett, referee drove over to Trent last Friday afternoon to play the girls of that place. A number of others accompanied the team, so in all, there were about six cars. The Merkel team proved to Trent that they could win. The senior girls score was 14 to 9 and the junior girls score was 13 to 2, both in Merkel's favor.

Mr. Burgess was very much surprised but glad when the Senior girls had won.

The Senior will defeat Abilene here at 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Come and see what a team of girls merkel has.

Pictures

Picture the Seniors not wanting to eat.

Picture our ball teams knowing defeat.

Picture Mr. Burgess not blushing.

Picture Mr. Cary always with a frown.

Picture Mr. Miller not saying "I Can".

Picture Miss Smith not in a hurry.

Picture Miss Tracy not wanting to go home for dinner.

Picture Miss Akeman not dressed in her best.

Picture Agnes not always at work.

Picture Doyle ready to shrink.

Picture Julia very thin and tall.

Picture Christene fat and small.

Picture Annie Maye with her hair not in a "friz".

Picture Lorena not tending her "biz".

Picture Ruby without all her charms.

Picture Maurine wanting to do harm.

Picture Abbie Ruth without a great mind.

Picture Annie saying "I don't know".

Picture Deci not, "Jonny on the spot".

Picture Chester quiet for a while.

Picture Murphy one best in the class.

Picture Charlie flirting with some girl.

Psalm of High School

Tell me not in mournful numbers that our high school life is dull for at night when teachers slumber we poor students cram our skull.

High school is real! High School is earnest, Graduation is it's goal, back to eighth grade thou returneth, was not spoken of our fold.

Not enjoyment and not sorrow, is our grand old High school way, but to work, so, each tomorrow, our grades will be higher than today.

Latin is hard and time is fleeing and exams., we try to brave, while we spell with hearts fast beating, all the words the teachers gave.

To learn History has been a battle it has been a distressing life; In Algebra like dumb, driven cattle, we dreaded failure in the strife.

In the future seems more pleasant, for the first few months are past, we are acting ever in the living present.

Lives of great men all remind us, we a ladder too must climb; and departing leave behind us, records unsurpassed and fine.

Records that perhaps another in some future high school class, a forlorn and disheartened pupil shall try to surpass.

Let us then be up and doing until we know our final fate, still achieving, still pursuing, students learn to labor until late

FOR RENT

40 acres 3 1/2 miles west of Merkel to be planted all in cotton. Dr. Miller. 1tc

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's. tf

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL

At Close of Business February 28, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans—Time, Demand and Cotton.....	\$598,898.53
Stock in Federal Reserve.....	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
United States and Other Securities.....	15,834.30
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
CASH AND IN BANKS	270,227.86
Total	\$891,273.19

LIABILITIES

Capital.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	29,581.26
Circulation.....	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	805,441.93
Total	\$891,273.19

I certify the above statement is correct.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. WARREN, President
 G. F. WEST, Vice President
 HENRY JAMES, Vice President
 BOOTH WARREN, Asst. Cashier
 E. D. TEUTON, Asst. Cashier

LOCAL NEWS

Judge S. M. Overshiner of the County Court was a welcome visitor in Merkel Wednesday. The judge is a candidate for District Judge and was incidentally mixing with voters here.

We can save you money on top and seat covers. Auto Laundry one block north of Cozy theatre. tf

County Attorney W. E. Martin who is a candidate for County Judge of Taylor county, was here last week, on business and incidentally mixing the "dear people".

Fords painted, factory finish, \$12.50. Auto Laundry. tf

Mrs. Florence Vance, of Abilene, who is a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, was here last Saturday in the interest of her candidacy.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

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

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING

I wish to announce to the home beautifiers of Merkel that I am with Mr. Shepard at the Barrow Furniture Company, and he has a full stock of paint and paper and you can see what you are getting before you pay for it and if you need more you can get it, or if you have some over you can return it. I have done quite a bit of work since I have been here, so you can see them about my work, and when you need me phone Mr. Shepard at Barrow Furniture Company. tf Dowell, Painter and Paper Hanger

Now is The Time TO BUY

You will make big money to buy your next winter's supply now. The mill man is now charging our retail price for his goods. FOR INSTANCE--Outing this fall will sell at 50c, gingham 50c to 75c, shoes at \$1 to \$3.50 per pair more than now, men's hats will be \$1 to \$4 higher, and soon.

ANYTHING WE BUY NOW WILL SELL FOR MUCH MORE THIS FALL AND WINTER

It will take a big calamity to change up higher prices before fall, something like a nation or world-wide panic.

Get Our Prices Before You Buy

The Brown Dry Goods Co.

WHAT THE AMERICAN LEGION STANDS FOR

To uphold and defend the constitution of the State and United States of America; to foster and perpetuate a 1 hundred per cent Americanism to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the world War of 1914-18; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State and Nation, to combat autocracy both of the classes and masses, to make Right the master of Might, to promote peace and good will on earth, to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and Democracy to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Why not have every exservice man join the American Legion after knowing what we stand for. Listen boys we have a live bunch of young men who are now members of Winfield Brown Post No. 30, Paris, Texas. If you are not a member we want you. Notice the boys who wear the American Legion button join the bunch be a 100 per cent American.

Winfield Brown Post No. 30 will have a regular meeting next Tuesday night, March 9th at Chamber of Commerce. All members are urged to be present and all ex-service men are asked to attend this meeting. We have a committee out looking for a permanent hall, they will have something good to report next Tuesday night, come out and hear what they have to say.

We would like for the newspapers over the country to publish this we want our "Buddies" to know that we want them. Boys our slogan is "Let's stick together."—Paris News.

We are ready to paint your old Boat or make you a new Top, at the right prices. 13tf Auto Laundry.

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

NO. 7481
Report of the Condition of
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Feb. 28, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$598,898.53
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured, None.	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Owned and unpledged	5,569.73— 15,319.73
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged	514.57
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	91,532.05
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	170,191.63
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	3,217.85
Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17	\$173,409.48
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	5,286.33
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	526.58
Total	\$891,799.77

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$12,408.03
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,398.62— 9,009.41
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	5,571.85
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	12,351.45
Total of Items 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33	\$12,351.45
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	762,818.08
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	12,300.00
Other demand deposits	6,895.09
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve	
Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	\$782,013.17
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	9,930.00
Postal savings deposits	1,147.31
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 40, 41, 42 and 43	\$11,077.31
Liabilities other than those above stated	526.58
Total	\$891,799.77

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1920.
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:—BOOTH WARREN
J. T. WARREN
G. F. WEST, Directors

Fine young four year old jack and one jennett for sale or trade at once. What have you? See or write the Eagle Tire and Rubber co., 961 S. First Street, Abilene Texas Telephone, 304. Fb2014

Home dried fruit at G. M. Sharp's. tf

KILL THE BLUE BUGS
And all kinds of Blood sucking insects, by feeding Martins Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. Feb6t26

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store. tf

AMERICAN IS HELD CAPTIVE BY VILLA

ELPASO, March 8.—Joseph Williams, an employe of the American Smelting and Refining plant at Pedricena, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$50,000 ransom according to passengers from southern Chihuahua who have arrived in Juarez. Williams who is an American citizen served in the world war and suffering from the effects of German gas, was returning to the United States for treatment when the north bound Mexico City-Juarez train on which he was traveling was held up Thursday last near Corralitos, Chihuahua, 400 mile soth of El Paso.

In a battle between Villa's men and the train guards, ten of the bandits and nineteen of the train guard were slain and the balance of the defenders, fifty in number, either wounded or driven off. The train and Pullman car conductors were among the dead, the latter being killed by a shot from Villa's pistol.

When the fighting ceased the bandits herded the passengers to a small hill near the track where Villa haranged them and threatened them with death later, according to an eye witness, he broke into tears and told them he would spare their lives out of respect to the memory of General Felipe Angeles, who recently was executed by the Carranza authorities at Chihuahua City.

Williams and an Arabian Merchant, M. Nasar, were forced to

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accompany the bandits when they rode away leaving the balance of the passengers marooned in a desolate country, bereft of their belongings and many of them without their clothing, which had been taken by the robbers.

According to R. J. Peltier, an American citizen resident of Mexico City, who was roughly handled and threatened with death, the bandits numbered about 300. They stopped the train by planting a charge of dynamite on the track which wrecked the engine.

We have just received a nice line of genuine Cut Glass. Merkel Drug Company. tf

OIL TERMS AND POLITICAL PERSONALITIES

(Coleman Democrat-Voice) Wildcatting.— Texas Republican counsel.

Dry Gas.— Texas Democratic executive committee.

Skidding derrick.— The American Party.

Spudding and drilling.— Pat M. Neff of Waco.

Underreaming.— E. A. Thomson of El Paso.

Location.— Dwight Lewellen of Dallas.

Shut down with a showing.— Joseph Weldon Bailey.

Flowing by heads.— William J. Bryan.

Hole full of Salt Water.— The

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 28th day of Feb., 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$540,756.08
Loans, real estate	13,500.00
Bonds and Stocks & U.S. Time Cert.	30,961.30
Real Estate (banking house)	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Due from Approved Res. Agts. net	238,971.31
Due from Other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	31,547.68
Cash Items	41,235.00
Currency	1,988.41
Specie	
Int. and Assmt. Dep. Guaranty Fund	3,445.73
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.—Cotton	123,256.05
Other Resources	
Total	\$1,016,460.25

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	13,157.35
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	2,959.27
Individual Deposits sub. to check	\$60,254.82
Time Certificates of Deposit	31,547.68
Cashier's checks	9,254.82
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	
Other liabilities	
Reserved for taxes	2,286.51
Total	\$1,016,460.25

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. T. Toombs, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. T. Toombs, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Feb. A. D. 1920.
W. P. Mahaffey
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest:
John Sears } Directors
R. L. Bland }
M. Armstrong }

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 28th day of Feb. 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$189,094.03
Overdrafts	475.34
Bonds and Stocks	5,960.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	46,315.36
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	
Cash Items	318.97
Currency	12,753.00
Specie	798.12
Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund	1,283.10
Acceptances and Bills of Ex.	25,262.86
Total	\$290,711.38

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,252.82
Individual Deposits sub. to check	\$247,318.54
Time certificates of deposit	3,500.00
Demand certificates of deposits	
Cashier's checks	2,638.91
Total	\$290,711.38

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, E. Kegans, as president, and Homer Easterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
E. Kegans, President.
Homer Easterwood, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March A. D., 1920.
L. E. Adrian
(SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
W. E. Hamner } Directors
J. S. Swann }
R. O. Anderson }

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

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

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Offers exceptional Bargains for Saturday and following week. Do not fail to come to see us. The New Store on Front Street.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the sheriff or any constable of Taylor county—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon H. B. Chester, by making publication of this citation one time previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there in, but if not, then in a newspaper in the nearest county to said Taylor county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 5, of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House there of, in the city of Merkel, on the fourth Monday in March A. D. 1920, the same being the 22nd. day of March A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th. day of January A. D. 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 489, wherein the Commercial Hotel, Misses Ada and Sadie Woodrum Proprietors, are Plaintiffs, and H. B. Chester is Defendant, and said petition alleging that the defendant, H. B. Chester is indebted to them in the sum of \$21.90, being for board and costs.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, 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 of said Court, at office in Merkel, Texas this the 9th. day of March A. D. 1920. W. W. Wheeler, Justice of the Peace Prec. No. 5, Taylor County, Texas.

socialist party.
Fishing for tools.— Jas E. Ferguson.
Abandoned.— Wm. Pettus Hobby.

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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.

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When He Said

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When you want to buy a Monument for that grave, See A. L. Jobe who represents one of the best Marble Companies in the United States. 27tf

Fresh car of Peacemaker Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf

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19,284 bale of cotton had been weighed at the cotton yard in Merkel up to early Tuesday morning of this week. Where is the town in all west with a population of from 5,000 to 10,000 that can boast of having received an equal amount of the fleecy staple. It shows that Merkel is located right in the center of one of the greatest if not the greatest agricultural sections to be found anywhere. Come to Merkel.

Our city officials are men who are deeply interested in the growth and development of the town. They are progressive, and with the means at hand are doing many good things in the way of street and other improvements. But from what we learn more funds are needed if we as a city are to go forward and keep abreast the age and time in which we live, and it seems that the only way to secure the needed funds with which to do these improvements is to raise the property valuations. In fact we understand the tax valuation at present are just the same as they have been regardless of the fact of the advance in everything on earth almost. Let's raise our taxable values and improve our city.

In speaking about good schools which is one of any town's best assets, there must be the proper cooperation upon the part of the parents before the Superintendent and faculty of any school can succeed. In other words the parents must give the teachers solid and united backing if the school of any city is a success.

The parent who is so little and narrow minded as to find fault with everything the superintendent and teachers do is not only hindering the progress of the entire school, but will without doubt cause their own children to become an unruly "out-law". We wonder if there are any such parents in Merkel.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM SUNDAY MARCH 14

Subject: "Waiting for the manifestation of the lord".
Leader Annie May Costephens.
Scripture; 1Thess. 5:1-11; Luke 21:12-19.
Song, Prayer, by president of the League.
1. Leader's Address: Annie May Costephens.
2. "The Manifestation and our personal Immortality" Joe Riney
3. Reading: Julia McDonald.
4. "While working with God": Earl Thornton.
5. "While Witnessing for God," Miss Ruby Goss.
6. Piano Solo: Lorena Frazier.
7. "Waiting while Trusting in Christ's Power to save": Evelyn Hamm.
8. "The Lord waits upon the Fidelity of his disciples": Howard Laney.
Song, League Benediction.
The Epworth League will have charge of the evening service at the Methodist Church on March 21, with League speakers League choir, League Quartette, League soloist, League ushers, a well pleased congregation, and a big collection.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank will be glad to deposit in its money safe, any bonds or securities registered and left with it for safe keeping. Customers keeping bonds in private boxes, who wish this additional security should register bonds with this bank. This bank will at all times render it's customers every service that can be had by any bank. Come in and talk it over with us. Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.
District Offices \$15.00
County Offices \$12.50
Precinct Offices \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:
E. M. Overshiner
District Clerk:
James W. Mayfield
For County Judge:
J. W. Moffett
W. E. Martin
For County Attorney:
Carlos D. Speck,
For County Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmelly
County Treasurer:
Austin Fitts.
For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie Tippet
For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider
J. N. Routh.
County Commissioner of Prec. 2
S. A. (Sid) Coats.
W. H. Frazier
County School Superintendent.
John F. Odor.
John R. Hutto
For Public Weigher:
J. M. Garrett

FOR SALE—Have three fine Jacks for sale, or would lease them out to right party. Also have fine Jersey cow for sale. See J. H. Grayson, Trent, Route two. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Some fine Mabene Cotton Seed at \$8.00 per bushel. E. A. Click, Merkel, Route 3.2tp

Need a few more milk and butter costumers. Call 9032F3 1t

WOOD WOOD—For sale R. L. Bland. tf

The Electric Cookery Demonstration

Under the Directions of Miss Kathryn Holy
Domestic Science Expert of
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Miss Holy will demonstrate how Economy, Efficiency, Comfort and Better Cooked Food may be effected in your home.

The Cooking Rate Which we Have Put
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Our rate for cooking purposes is 3½¢ per K. W. H. In fact your monthly bill will be considerably less than wood, coal or oil costs you. And all things taken into consideration, more economical than gas.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the demonstration at Beasley Bros. Auto Sales Room, on corner Beasley block, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 18, 19 and 20th 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Miss Holy will be glad to answer any questions regarding Electric Cookery, and how to operate the Electric Range.

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If you are going to paint or paper your house, we would like to figure your bill. We have as complete a stock of paper as you will find in most of the larger cities, with the very latest designs and patterns, from the cheap and medium paper to the best. You can find the price and grade you want.

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We will appreciate any paint business you will give us. Our motto is good goods and reasonable prices, backed by an absolute guarantee of satisfaction.

If at any time any purchase made of us is not entirely satisfactory, we are only too glad to make it good.

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CELEBRATES 75th BIRTH DAY

Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford gave a dinner on last Friday, March 5, in honor of her father's seventy-fifth birth day, and who is for a man of such mature age, quite strong and hale and hearty.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliot, of Dawsonville, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Olliver, of Buffalo Gap, J. H. Elliot and family of Abilene, Mrs. J. H. Robinson and daughter, Miss Bess, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Elliot accompanied Mr. Olliver home, returning Monday. The delicious spread was enjoyed by all present and each one went away wishing for Mr. Elliot many more happy birth day occasions.

AMERICAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Notice of Dividend on preferred stock. The Board of Directors of the American Public Service Company has declared a quarterly dividend of one and three quarters per cent (1¾%) on the outstanding preferred stock of this company, payable April 1st, 1920, to stockholders on record at the close of business Monday, March 15th, 1920.
Edward J. Doyle
Secretary.

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Sell size 50 cents bottle, JAMES F. BELLARD, Prop.

SPRING OPENING

We now have to show you one of the most complete lines of new spring merchandise that has ever been shown through the entire west. Each department is filled to the brim and running over with all new colors and styles, and at prices that you can-not afford to pass up. Dont fail to visit our store while you are in town for we are always glad to see you and at each time have something new to show you.

SHOE DEPARTMENT

In this department we have about three hundred pairs of slippers that we are making a special price. Now this lot could not be purchased on the present market and then sold for less than \$7.50, but as the sizes are broke we are going to make you an extra special price of \$3.50 on the entire lot.

MILLINERY, MILLINERY

We are now showing the most wonderfnl line of millinery that has been shown in Merkel. All the new colors, shapes, and styles that can be seen any where.

Ladies hats, Prices range from.....\$3.95 to \$22.50
 Childrens hats, prices range from.....\$1.95 to \$7.50

READY-TO-WEAR

This department is full of the most beautiful line of coat suits, sport coats, Georgette Crepe de chine, satin, and taffetta dresses. Also a complete line of gingham dresses for ladies and children. We are also showing a large assortment of ladies blouses at very reasonable prices.

MENS CLOTHING

If clothing is what you want we have it, in most all colors styles, and qualities.
 Prices ranging from.....\$30.00 to \$75.00

STAPLE DEPARTMENT

Dont fail to see our new spring voils, silks satins, georgettes, crepe de chine taffettes in all the new shades.

Merkel Dry Goods Company

BLAIR NEWS

The Sun failed to show it's face Sunday, like wise the people failed to appear at Sunday School Sunday afternoon. Bro-Dooley did not come Sunday therefore there were no services. The people also failed to be interested enough to have any singing Sunday evening.

Miss Inez Walker has been quite sick causing her to be absent from school for several days but she returned Monday morning.

Miss Mae Melton has been absent from school on account of a very sore hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Ray motored to Caps Sunday afternoon.

Little Charlie Carroll was sick the former part of the week.

Mr. Karl Walker happened to an accident but not a serious one the other day, when his team ran away, and there was little damage done.

The farmers are progressing nicely with their farming until a sandstorm comes. Then they have to spend about a day searching for their implements.

We are glad to know that Mr. Web Hannah has accepted a position with the J. H. Ray Mercantile Store at Blair and we congratulate Mr. Ray on having succeeded in securing the services of such an honorable upright young man.

Mr. John Roson's baby has been real sick for the past week. We hope it is doing better.

Rev. T. F. Johnson of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes Monday evening.

Mr. John Ray of Blair is talking of putting up a fine brick store latter on.

Miss Oady Spirs entertained her friends with a birthday party Monday night.

Miss Docia Doan spent the night with Miss M. E. Ranges Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes visited Trent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, and father Mrs. Reynolds.

ty is finishing up

cotton picking rapidly.
 Hamel and G. W. Hughes visited their uncle, Mr. John S. Hughes, Saturday night.
 Little Dot.

DORA BREVITIES

Mr. Hiram Phillips gave the young folks a party Saturday night. There was a good crowd there and all reported a fine time.

Dora School is still running nicely. It seems that we have fine teachers.

There was no Sunday School

Just Sunday as there were only a few there on account of sickness and the bad weather.

There was a singing Sunday night at Mr. Henry Malon's. All had a nice time.

Cotton gathering has progressed very little owing to the cold weather.

Quite a few of the farmers around here have burned their last years stalks and grass lately. Mabye they burned a lot of grass and weed seed, but they also burned a lot of good fertilizer, "sez I".
 R. L. Porter went home Saturday

after spending a week with his father, J. K. Porter, who has the flu. Mrs. Marshall Porter carried him to Sweetwater, wher he tookk the train for his home at Wellington, Tex. That is all for this week except that Dora is still on the Map.
 Zeber

HOUSE WANTED—To rent a good four to six room residence close in prefered. See H. M. Thompson at the City Barber Shop. It

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

FOUND—On the road four mile north of Merkel, by C. D. Taylor an automobile car number. Owner can get same by calling at the Merkel Mail Office, properly describing same and paying for this notice.

FOR SALE—Three Cultivators, two cotton planters, and one hundred bushels of Lone Star cotton seed. J. W. Childress, Phone, 9038R3. 3tpd

Fords painted, factory finish, \$12.50. Auto Laundry. tf



FOR SALE—Milk cows. See Charles Orr. 13-6tpd

FOR SALE—A good house and lot and a half just south of Mr. Joe Harris.—See him or write or see me. R. G. Grogan, Hanley, Texas, Rout 2. 27t3

Get your washing done at the Jenkins House. 27t3

FOR SALE—Three milk cows and calves and about 100 bushels of good cottonseed for planting, at \$2.00 per bushel; also one Columbus Carriage and pole, in good condition, Price \$50. 54tp
 See Sam Grayson at Shiloh.

Dont forget the chickendinner Saturday, March, 13th to be given by the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church.

Don't forget the Presbyterian Ladies Bazaar in front of West Store March 13.

MASSAGE TREATMENT

is producing results everywhere. President Wilson was treated by Massage. With no doubt great results. Don't hesitate to try it in your case. I am here to serve you Dr. Pue, Masseur. I am not a rubbing doctor, nor Magnetic Healer. 5t2

Eat chicken dinner with the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

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

WANTED—Middle age woman to work in Restaurant—Apply at Campbells Restaurant.

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Monday, March 15

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Saturday, March 13

Bryant Washburn

IN

"The Poor Boob"

A Paramount Comedy-Drama in 5 Reels

Also Good Comedy

Tuesday, March 16

Billie Burke

IN

"The Make-Believe Wife"

ALSO

Good Comedy

Thursday, March 18

Gladys Brockwell

IN

"Chasing Rainbows"

ALSO

Good Comedy

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR
 MATINEE SATURDAY

2 to 5 P. M.

GOOD WESTERN

FAST COMEDY

HELEN HOLMES

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

It's mighty easy to see the other fellow's faults, and the fellow who is always cussin' some one else is generally the fellow who has more faults than those he is continually talking about.

Texans are railing against high taxes. There are more people in Texas than there are in Ireland, and Ireland contributes to England a surplus of from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 pounds over the cost of her administration every year. Texans are self-governed, they select their own law makers and they make their own laws. Texans enjoy all the blessings of constitutional government. They have free public schools and free text books. There was a time when Texas sold the labor of its convicts to the highest bidder. This was the era of the bull whip and the highest convict death rate in America. War-time expenditures will not be heavy but Tex-



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☐ We now have a car of that good American Beauty Flour. It makes the kind of bread they all praise. We have a full line of fresh Groceries always on hand. Try us for groceries, we will please you - and save you money.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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☐ Do not fail to call and see our new line of paints, and do not forget that we still have De Voe's line of paint, Texico Roofing and all kinds of builders hardware.

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as must have more efficient rural schools, more efficient teachers, better highways and all this costs money.—Ft. Worth Record.

We cannot reform characters by legislation; we cannot deport ideas. We must combat false ideas by argument and make American character by education. Attorney General, A. Mitchell Palmer. This has been the position taken by The Record all along. We cannot reform character by legislation. We cannot deport ideas. We must combat false ideas by arguments and make American character by education and the application of the principles of justice. This does not call for sedition acts, for statutes that would throttle the press, destroy freedom of assembly and independent political action. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer is growing. John Adams was responsible for a sedition act in the early days of the republic. Americans who are readers of history know what happened to John Adams and his followers.—Fort Worth Record.

We are indeed glad to learn that it is likely that excavations for the new and modern Baptist Church for this city will begin within a very short time. There has been raised in cash and good subscriptions to date \$25,221.55 and Rev. Parrack informs us that approximately 10 per cent of this total was donated by the different business interests of this city, and he and the officers of the church feel very proud of the generous spirit so far demonstrated by the business men, and as for that the general public.

This is as it should be. The building of a new and modern Baptist Church will not only be a source of benefit and pleasure to the membership of that religious denomination, but will prove a benefit to our city and the community at large, and it is the duty of the citizenship at large to assist in these matters so vital to the religious and

moral upbuilding of the entire community. So if you have not yet contributed to this worthy cause, think it over, see if you are doing what you should in the building up of the town and community in which you live.

It has been the purpose and desire of the church to erect an edifice to cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, and considering the size of the city, the population of the surrounding country the unprecedented general prosperity of the citizenship, there is no question that this is a reasonable figure, and we feel that the amount is sure to be raised.

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Stop! Look! Listen! At the Economy Store! Follow the crowd! The second week of the Big Spring Sale. Whether you received our circular or you have noticed last week's Merkel Mail and you haven't been to see us, kindly ask your neighbors and they will tell you about our Spring Sale whether it will pay you to give us the once over or not. Easter is at hand and I am sure that you will want to look your best for the less. So come to the Economy Store.

LOOK FOR THE YELLOW PRICE TICKET

SATURDAY SPECIAL---All our winter suits to select from---\$40, \$50, \$60, for Saturday Special, your choice \$25

STAPLES
36 inch best grade domestic, no starch regular 45c value, Special per yard 29c
28 inch Percallight and dark colors, Special per yd. 29c
Popperell Sheeting 10-4 regular \$1.00, Special 79c
Ginghams in Plaids and Solid colors very good grade, regular 50c special 33c
Bed Tick, 50c Value 39c

DRESSES
Correct Spring styles, Serviceable and becoming, Georgette, Taffeta, Serge, Silk, and Charmeuse Satin. Prices: \$9.95, \$14.95, \$19.95, \$25.95, \$29.95 and \$39.50
You would never expect nso much style, so much quality at these Prices.

SPRING COAT SUITS
Women's new and distinctive Spring Suits, representing great savings during this sale.
\$100.00 Suits \$79.50
\$75.00 Suits \$59.50
\$50.50 Suits \$39.75
\$40.00 Suits \$32.75
\$35.00 Suits \$28.75
\$25.00 Suits \$18.75

EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL
\$1.50 Blue Chambray Work Shirt, 2 pockets, Special 95c
\$1.25 Blue Chambray Work Shirts, 2 pockets, Special 79c

MENS SHOES
We have a high grade stock of mens shoes in all shapes and widths
\$18.00 Shoes, Special \$12.90
12.00 Shoes, Special 8.95
10.00 Shoes, Special 6.95
7.50 Shoes, Special 5.95
6.00 Shoes, Special 3.95
\$25.00 Cow Boy Boots \$16.90
\$16.50 Lace Boots \$12.90
\$12.50 Lace Boots \$9.90

MENS DRESS SHIRTS
\$18.00 Silk Shirts, Special \$12.90
15.00 Silk Shirts, Special 10.90
12.50 Silk Shirts, Special 7.95
8.50 Silk Shirts, Special 5.45
5.00 Mens Madra Shirts 4.45
2.50 Mens Shirts 1.95
2.00 Shirts 1.45
One Lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 Shirts 95c

HATS
A large assortment of mens Hats on the large and small shapes in all colors
One lot, \$12.50 Stetson Hats, broken sizes \$8.75
\$16.50 Hats, Specially Priced \$12.90
12.50 " " " 10.90
6.50 " " " 5.45
5.00 " " " 4.25
4.00 " " " 3.45
3.00 " " " 2.45
One lot, \$2.00, \$3.00, and \$4.00 Hats \$1.95

One lot of Ladies Waists \$2.50 values 95c
One lot or Waists, Georgette, Crape, and Silk, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00 values \$3.95

\$3.00 Mens Extra Heavy Blue O'Alls \$2.45
\$1.75 Boys Extra Heavy Blue O'Alls \$1.35

Ladies and Childrens Spring Hats at reduced Prices
1 lot, Mens, Womens, and Childrens \$3, \$4, and \$5 shoes \$1.95

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THE ECONOMY

"SELLS IT FOR LESS"

BEASLEY BUILDING

THREE DOORS FROM THE POST OFFICE

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

For engineering and surveying address, Geo. R. DeNise, Sweetwater Texas. 20tf

Full line of Groceries. Will appreciate your patronage. 13tf. W. F. Hamblett.

HOBBY SIGNS FULL BUTTER WEIGHT MEASURE

AUSTIN, March 9.—The proclamation putting into effect the standard prints of butter at four eight and sixteen ounces, has been signed by the Governor and goes into effect April 1. After that date all other prints or containers will be illegal. This does not effect the weight of butter in firkins, as it is presumed that when a retailer sells butter in the bulk form he will use his scales.

Butter sales in Texas are estimated by Commissioner F. C. Weinert at 16,000,000 pounds annually, and the shortage to the consumer, because of the sale of fourteen and fifteen-ounce packages, is approximately a loss of \$750,000 annually.

In the proclamation it is stated that this will result in no loss to the creamery or to the dairymen, for they all the time received value only for the weight of the butter, and not for the package.

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

Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered Druggists at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

Shorts and Brand at G. M. Sharp's. tf

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We buy our Paints, Oils, Etc. from Local Dealers. We do not patronize any Mail Order Houses

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Where is the man in this country who twenty years ago dreamed that it would ever be possible to raise agricultural product in one year on 460 acres of land which in value would amount to more than \$40,000? But that was accomplished on the farm of H. C. Hall, who resides sixteen miles north of Merkel. And still there are men in Merkel who say that land values are too high, and that it will never be this high again. Those same fellows said the same thing 20 years ago when land was selling

at around five and ten dollars to, but were they correct? Buy land in the Merkel Country.

GET MORE EGGS
By feeding Martins Egg producer double your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Martins Roup and Whitt Diarrhoea Remedies, Guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store. Feb 6 13

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Program for Week Beginning Friday, March 12

FRIDAY—

Monroe Salisburn

in "His Divorced Wife" It's a New Universal special in 6 acts
Also—A Good Comedy

SATURDAY—

Texas Guinan, The Texas Girl In A very Exciting Western Drama
Hoot Gibson In "The Sheriff's Oath". A Thrilling Western Drama.
A Keystone Comedy and News Weekly.

MONDAY—

Al Jennings

in

"Fates Double Cross"

ALSO

Billie West, Charlie Chaplin's double in a roaring 2 reel comedy and other reels.

WEDNESDAY—

"Lightning Bryce"

The Serial without an Equal

Also

A Western Drama
And
A Comedy

TUESDAY—

Wm. Desmond and Bessie Barriscale

in

"The Payment"

The woman gambles with fate.
Also SNUB POLLARD in a famous Pathe Comedy.

THURSDAY—

J. Stewart Blackton presents
SYLVIA BREMER AND ROBERT GORDAN IN "DAWN"

A special feature in 6 acts with a powerful gripping story. You will like it.

Extra — a good comedy

