

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MAY DRILL SEARS WELL DEEPER

As is a well known fact the Sears well was recently drilled down to a depth of 3,000 feet, which completed the Company's contract, and it is reported that the officials of the Company have been divided on the question of whether they would go on down with the drill or come back up and shoot the well at the 2,490 foot sand where the showing of oil was found when that depth was reached last fall. This question has been hanging fire for some time, and some 10 days ago a movement was started to interest the people of Merkel and the surrounding country in subscribing for \$10,000 worth of the stock of the Company, for the purpose of drilling the well deeper, with the result that the matter was taken up through the local Chamber of Commerce. And of which there has been several meetings, and several thousand dollars raised on the above plan, and the committees are working hard in an effort to secure the required amount. The move has the unqualified backing of the Chamber of Commerce, and L. R. Thompson, president of the organization, stated to a reporter that while there is several hundred dollars yet to be raised, there was going to be no let up until the goal was reached.

As we see it, there may be some chance of those subscribing to the proposition receiving but little out of the transaction, yet the people of this community cannot afford to fail to see that this test be drilled down to at least 3,500 or 4,000 feet. If oil is found in paying quantities, every one taking stock in the move will be repaid many times over. Our town will come a city almost over night, and in fact every man, woman and child will be benefitted by same.

President Thompson stated also that he had information from the officials to the effect that they felt confident that if the amount be subscribed there would be plenty to drill the well down to 4,000 feet if necessary, and that drilling would begin 24 hours after the entire amount was subscribed.

## L DAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Social services will be held at the Baptist Church Sunday. A picture will be taken at the Sunday School and it is urged that not every member of the school be present, but every one who can, and even the strangers that may lend their presence to the occasion. These pictures will be sent to some of the leading religious publications. The picture is intended to show the departmental plan of class organization. A picture will be exhibited at the State Superintendent's convention to be held in Fort Worth June 6 to 10.

Rev. J. B. Parrack will preach at the occasion, and is cordially invited to all.

Another car of Lump Coal for the first car did not get this one is half gone. Why not get in all gone. You not money but you know have when you get your coal bin. T. J. R. Phone 291.

## BANKS TO TAKE HOLIDAY

We are requested to announce that as May 30, known as "Decoration day" falls on Sunday, Banks of this city will close their doors all day Monday, hence their customers and the public may be governed accordingly.

We are also informed that the local Post Office will also close likewise the rural carriers will observe the day.

## DRILLING CONTINUES BLAND WELL

Drilling has been going on at the Bland well for some ten days, and according to reports fair progress is being made towards getting by the tools which have been lost in the hole.

If success is attained in getting the tools out or getting by them, this test will be pushed to completion within a short time. Much confidence is had by many in finding a strong well at the 2,490 foot sand, which it is believed was passed up in the Sears well. The Bland test is now down about 2,400 feet.

## OLD TIMER VISITS MERKEL COUNTRY

J. L. Cyphers, of Spur Texas, was here first of the week mixing with old friends. He is quite well known to the old timers, having resided here for many years in the early days. In fact he was one of the pioneer citizens of Taylor county and West Texas. He settled in Mulberry Canyon in 1878, when there were but a few people in all the west. He was here when the county was organized and assisted in that move. And when the T. & P. Railroad was building through here he and a neighbor went out in the mountains and killed a wagon load of wild turkeys and sold them to hands who were grading the road bed. He also claims to have raised the first bale of cotton produced in Taylor county. Hauled it to Coleman to have it ginned, and then back to Buffalo Gap, then the county Seat, where he sold it to a business man at a little over eight cents per pound. The business man hauled it to Waco, the nearest railroad market in those days, where he sold the cotton for about the same price he gave for it after hauling it about 300 miles.

## GEM THEATRE \$4,000 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Manager Harold S. Dale has this week added a beautiful four thousand dollar Wertzler, nineteen instrument, automatic orchestra piano, which will add much to the splendid entertainment of his patrons.

## MOVED TO REISEL, TEXAS

Rev. J. B. Parrack, who about the first of the year moved to Merkel and purchased a home, has sold same and with his family moved to Reisel, Texas.

Rev. Parrack and wife made many warm and lasting friends during their stay in this city, and with whom join in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Mesdames W. V. Harris and H. B. Bullock, both of Caddo, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris this week. The former being a daughter-in-law and the latter a daughter.

## BUSINESS MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Business Men's Bible Class of Merkel Baptist Church meets next Sunday morning at ten o'clock in regular class work. In addition to the regular work, special business is to be transacted. Election of a Team Captain, appointing of committees and other minor business. We urge that all members be present and help to make this class the best organized Class in this District.

Our Superintendent is to attend a Conference of Texas Sunday School Superintendents and is to open the meeting with an address telling them how to attain and maintain an A-1 Standard Sunday School. Let us back him up in his statement with our attendance and loyalty to the School. He wants to see the attendance reach the three-hundred mark next Sunday, and we, The Business Men's Bible Class, must not lay down on our job but have ourselves at our best and push. We build our class to a higher standard and have better attendance and the other classes do the same, we will go beyond our goal.

We very cordially invite all young men who do not attend some other Sunday School to be in our midst. We need your help to make our school better and you need to be a member of an A-1 Sunday School. Show what you stand for and let it be for good by coming to our class beginning next Sunday, May 30.

Hoping to meet you in Class next Sunday, Sincerely yours, President.

## COMING ATTRACTION FOR COZY THEATRE

Popular Stars in Popular plays Directed by Master minds.

- Dorothy Gish in "Turning The Tables"
- Tom Mix in "The Heart of Texas Ryan"
- Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty the American"
- Larry Seemon in "The Waiter"
- Wallace Reid in "The Lottery Man"
- William S. Hart in "The Apostle of Vengeance"
- Elsie Ferguson in "Under the Greenwood Tree"
- Mary Pickford in "Pollyana"
- George Walsh in "The Shark"
- Charlie Chaplin in "Shoulder Arms"
- Dorothy Dalton in "La Apache"
- Jack Pickford in "The Little Shepard of Kingdom Come"

Watch our weekly program in other columns of this paper.

## AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZED HERE

As per the published call for all Ex-Service men to meet in this city last Friday night, a number of the boys gathered at the Chamber of Commerce room and organized a temporary post of the American Legion with Dr. R. I. Grimes, Comandant, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Adjutant and John R. West, Secretary-Treasurer. All of the officers are only temporary officers who will hold until permanently organized.

A charter has been applied for and it is expected that same will be granted soon. Quite a number of the boys were present from the town and surrounding country, and it is hoped that every one will be present at the next meeting, which will be held at the Cozy Theatre, when permanent organization will be gone into.

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that there will be a real nice time for all as there will be some good wrestling and boxing bouts and big smoker in connection.

Let all be present and besides helping to get our organization started out in the right way, have the pleasure of enjoying these wholesome sports. Don't forget the date, Monday night, May 31.

W. O. Johnson of Mulberry Canyon, was in the city first of the week, looking after some business matters, and incidentally rejoicing over the fine rains the past few weeks.

## SPECIAL SERVICES NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Beginning Friday night and continuing over Sunday, there will be services at the Church of Christ. The following subjects will be discussed, and to which all are cordially invited to come and enjoy.

Friday night, the position of the Church of Christ concerning the "Inter-Church World Movement," by President Jesse P. Sewell, of Abilene Christian College.

Saturday 11:00 a. m., Congregational cooperation in Mission Work, by Evangelist O. E. Phillips, of Eastland.

Saturday 3 p. m., What the cause of Christ needs in my community, by Visiting brother en.

Saturday 8:00 p. m., "Fundamentals of the Church of Christ," by O. E. Phillips, of Eastland.

Sunday 11 a. m., "Christian Education" by President, Jesse P. Sewell.

Sunday noon Basket Dinner, on the church grounds. Sunday evening Services worth attending.

All members of the church in the entire surrounding country are especially invited to attend all these services.

An effort will be made to have some special singing at all these services. Visiting singers are expected to be with us, and all singers are invited to come and help.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong left Wednesday morning for Midland, where the doctor was called to his old friend, Hon. A. S. Hawkins, who has been in ill health for some time.

Lloyd Dry of Eastland was here first of the week for a visit to home folks and friends.

## THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

Mesdames Hancock and Leevy were hostess to the members of the Thursday Club last week, at the home of Mrs. Leevy.

Twelve ladies enjoyed progressive 42, while others who were too industrious, to while the time away sewed and discussed the "small town" news. Late in the afternoon, delicious sherbert and beautifully decorated angel food cake were served.

## C. & H. COMPANY IS SPUDDING IN

We are informed that the C. & H. Oil Company are to day spudding in their deep test five miles north of this city near Stith, and that work on same is expected to proceed now without delay.

Officers of the Company inform us that they have all the material necessary to push the well down without delay, and which has been a great hindrance in many instances the past few months.

## PAT M. NEFF AT ABILENE JUNE 4

Hon. Pat Neff, of Waco, candidate for Governor, is scheduled to speak at Abilene at 8 p. m. on June 4, which is Friday. He is making a thorough canvas of the state, and his many friends in this part of the country will be delighted to have this opportunity of hearing him discuss the issues of the day concerning the governor's race.

He is one of Texas most eloquent and able speakers and will interest you whether you expect to vote for him or not.

## THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met May 13th at the home of Mrs. L. Gambill. Mesdames R. I. Grimes and L. Gambill were Hostess. Despite inclement weather a large number of the Club and four visitors gathered. This being the afternoon decided upon by the Club to do some charitable sewing, busy fingers fairly flew, making dainty stitches and many useful garments were finished and folded away with loving care. The Hostess then passed a contest paper and weary fingers forgot their toil while busy minds labored under the burden of a long forgotten poem. Mrs. Lytton Howard having completed her poem with the fewest mistakes, was awarded with a lovely box of confections, which she in turn passed to the members of the Club. Refreshments of cream and white cake were passed after which reluctant "good-byes" were said.

## MORE THAN 11 INCHES RAIN

According to Mayor Stallings who for many years has kept a close record of the rain fall in Merkel, states that since January 1 there has fallen here a total of 11.98 inches, about ten inches of which has fallen during the past 30 days.

Eld. W. G. Cypert and wife and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Woodruff, returned first of the week from a visit to their daughters Mrs. C. V. Roughton and Mrs. Frank Cook, at Rockport, Texas. Brother Cypert reports a fine time.

## ANOTHER DEEP TEST NORTHEAST MERKEL

Messrs Cooper & Anderson, capitalists and influential citizens of Atlanta, Georgia, spent some ten days here recently looking over the oil situation in the Merkel country, and after going over the ground thoroughly entered into a contract with J. W. Teaff and other citizens around him, whereby the former agreed to drill a deep test on Mr. Teaff's land within the next ten months.

These gentlemen secured the lease on 200 acres of land belonging to Mr. Teaff and some of his neighbors, and have agreed to drill a well to a depth of not less than 4,000 feet unless oil and gas should be found in paying quantities before, and have put up a forfeit to the effect that this will be done, and the contract calls for beginning the test, not later than next April, 1921.

This location is about three and a half miles northeast of Merkel and about a mile and a half southeast of the Stith test by the C. & H. Oil Company also Georgia people.

This will make the sixth test in the Merkel field, and from what we learn it is likely that there will soon be contracts signed for the starting of two more, making eight in all. And which leads one to remark that "where there is so much smoke there must be some fire." So it would seem that with so many tests right in our midst and with the fine geological reports made by every geologist of note on every foot of the territory, who have visited same, one could hardly feel other than optimistic over the outlook for some big oil production from some one of the many tests going down.

H. T. Merritt, who for many years has been in charge of the Merkel Mail, and by the way, we might add the best allround printer and newspaper man in West Texas, left today for a visit to his sons at Fort Worth and Handley. On his return he will also visit his daughter, Mrs. Baker at Eastland, returning home Monday. His daughter, Miss Leel, will accompany him as far as Eastland where she will spend a few days with her sister.

## NEW BANK IS OPEN ABILENE

The new Guaranty State bank of Abilene opened its doors last week for business with a flourishing business, receiving on their opening day nearly three-hundred thousand dollars on deposit. Mr. Sam Swann formerly Assistant Cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, is Cashier of the new institution.

Messrs R. O. Anderson and J. S. Swann of this city were among those attending a big banquet given in honor of the new bank's opening day.

## BROTHER BAKER AND WIFE RETURN

Rev. A. A. Baker and wife, most excellent and pioneer citizens of Merkel, who for some 3 months have been residing at Phoenix, Arizona, returned this week to make Merkel their future home. Their host of friends will rejoice to learn this, and the further fact that Rev. Baker's health is greatly improved.





## THE REAL BANK

Is the spirit that animates the Institution

Financial resources, building, fixtures, equipment — all these things — are, after all, the mere tools with which the bank works.

A real understanding of the customer's need; an earnest desire to cooperate with him in every legitimate way; a realization of public responsibility — these constitute the BANK. Everything else is secondary.

The spirit that animates this bank is the ground upon which we invite your account.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

T. J. TOOMBS ..... President  
 JOHN SEARS ..... Vice President  
 R. L. BLAND ..... Vice President  
 R. O. ANDERSON ..... Cashier  
 F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 625,250.04
Banking House	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
U.S. Liberty Bonds & W.S.S.	6,459.55
Interest Guaranty Fund	4,068.79
CASH & EXCHANGE	407,080.97
Total	\$1,055,909.35
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	21,303.08
DEPOSITS	934,606.27
Total	\$1,055,909.35

cient electric energy is not developed to meet the growing demands.

"It is becoming increasingly evident that the business life of a community is in very large measure dependent upon the growth and expansion, and in some instances even its continued operation, upon electric energy."

One tube free with each Auto casing sold this month. Firestone, Pennsylvania, Keen-Kutter West Company. 1413

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

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

Little Miss Helen Williams of Fort Worth, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

## NUBIA NEWS

Another fine rain, and my how the weeds are growing.

Mr. J. B. Neill and family and Mr. John Latimer visited at Mr. Harrison's Monday evening.

Mrs. M. P. Latimer spent the day at Mr. Wood Turner's Monday.

"Grandma" Dudley has been right sick but is better.

Little Miss Mabel Butman visited in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Harrison spent the day at Mr. Bedford Neill's Tuesday.

Mr. Haine Blackburn from Knox County and Mr. Jim Moore ad family spent the day at Mr. Dee Moore's one day last week.

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

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

## CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me... but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot..."

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.



Condensed Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

### RESOURCES

Loans—Time and demand	\$467,147.53
Loans—Cotton	12,214.88
Stock in Federal Res. Bank	1,950.00
United States Securities	19,774.04
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Five per cent Redemp. Fund	312.50
Cash on hand and in Banks	258,357.99
Total	\$764,256.94

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	32,272.62
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	675,734.32
Total	\$764,256.94

Every dollar of deposits shown in this statement represents the earnings and accumulations of local people.



## WOULD MODERN BUSINESS FAIL WITHOUT SERVICES OF UTILITIES?

California Commission say Stoppage of Investment means Themendous Losses

To what extent does growth and expansion of business life in modern communities now depend upon the prosperity and the ability to attract new capital of its utilities?

The Railroad Commission of California in a decision rendered on April 15, says failure of the utilities to obtain new money and to grow would result in "tremendous losses to the whole community" and that "business life of a community is in a very large measure dependent for its growth and expansion and in some instances even its continued operation", upon the utilities' ability to earn sufficient profit to attract capital from other business.

In the decision, which grants an increase of 27 cents in rates to the Southern California Edison Co., one of the largest electric utilities of the state, the commission gives this interesting view of the relationship of the utilities to the community.

It is vitally necessary for the continued growth and prosperity of the vast territory in Southern California supplied by the company with electric energy that its full program of development go forward without interruption.

"We believe it to be in the interest of the consumers that they pay rates sufficiently reasonable to enable the Company to earn a fair reasonable return upon the actual investment. Unless this is done it is plain that the utility cannot borrow sufficient funds to carry forward necessary developments. It is of great importance that this program of development go forward. Should there be any halt in the program it is evident that tremendous losses will result to the whole community, if suffi-

# Not in His Class!

We are not in the class that marks a profit of 75 to 125 per cent on their goods

NOR the firm that sells on fall time

NOR the fellow who buys his goods on time from the wholesaler and over buys

NOR the speculator who uses piles of money in filling his house full of silks and sport goods and then is told by his banker to sell his goods quick and pay up.

## EVERY DAY IS SPECIAL SALES DAY WITH US

Good overall and jumper at, each .....\$2.50 See our good brown domestic ..... 25c

See our silk tissue gingham 75c See our hats for men at \$1 to \$2. Saving on every hat

See our \$42.50, \$45.00 and \$47.50 Suits. A saving of \$5.00 to \$15.00 per suit

MANY HUNDRED OTHER lines of goods at JUST RIGHT PRICES

Keep coming along, we will do you good

# The Brown Dry Goods Co.

## PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Again we are forced to plead unfavorable weather. It is not however, that Presbyterians are afraid of water; but that, in these days of high prices, our clothes will not last long enough when worn only under favorable conditions. Nevertheless, there is yet another opportunity to reach the one hundred mark in attendance in the Sunday school. Let us grasp the opportunity. We can reach the goal if each one will say, "It's up to me."

There will be three services Sunday morning, and no Sunday night; we give the public school exercise regular Sunday school will begin promptly at 10. This will be followed, if permit, by the junior or senior. The subject of this lesson will be "How Jesus Down the Stairs." No pair be spared to make this an interesting and inspiring lesson; let our boys and girls bear in mind. Rev. Crouch with us in the morning, to begin our revival. And we extend a cordial invitation to all to come and worship with us. Monday morning we shall have services again and in the evening we again give way to the public school.

Bear these services in mind and make our church your place of worship during the revival. Press Reporter.

You can get a good meal and a good bed for 50 cents. Mrs. Logan's Boarding House.

Lytton Howard is awake, hustling Secretary of Chamber of Commerce. If you are not a member you are mighty glad to see him NOW.

Try a sack of Flower. None better. Grocery Company.

Comb Honey at G. M. COLORITE—Makes old new. Merkel Drug Co.





Time to chop cotton is almost here. We have a good line of cotton chopping hoes, files sweeps and such goods as you will need at this season of the year. We also have a large line of water hose, lawn mowers. We would appreciate your coming to see us when in need of any of the goods here listed, or anything else usually carried in the Hardware store.

# Groceries!

Our lines of groceries is always good.  
Would appreciate your trade

## The Crown Hardware Co.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE**—About 60 bushels of good cotton planting seed. See me at Shiloh. Price \$2.00 per bushel. Sam Grayson. 14t4p

**WANTED**—Plain and fancy sewing. Mrs. W. C. Callaway, Edwards street, north of the business part of the city. 21t2p

**FOR SALE**—One Mare and Colt one three-year old Horse fat and ready for the collar. See T. C. Allen, five miles northeast of Merkel or R. D. Allen, Abilene, Texas. 21t2p

**FOR SALE**—Three 3-year old horses. Also three brood mares Arthur Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 21t2p

**FOR SALE**—A few of the Warren stock of Pigs. See J.T. Coats one and a half miles east of Merkel. 21t2p

**COTTON SEED**—100 bushels of Mebane Cotton seed for sale. Arthur Cranston, 4 miles northeast of Stith. 21t2p

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

**FOR SALE**—Three or four counter Showcases. Sanders Drug Store. tf

**FOR SALE**—One horse buggy and harness. See W. P. Duckett at store. tf

**COAL AND FEED**—Have plenty of Halls again. Hay and Coal in transit. Hope to have a supply of each at all times. Swafford, phone 291. 1t

**WANTED**—Unfurnished rooms near town. See Mrs. Dale, at the Gem Theatre. tf

**FOR SALE**—Good second-hand Ford car, in first class condition. Cash or Credit. See W. O. Bonney. 1tp

**FOUND**—A long rope, brand new, never been used. Found in the city of Merkel. Wwner can get same at this office by paying for this notice. It

**FOR SALE**—Ford Touring car in A-1 condition, a bargain at \$525.00. See W. S. J. Brown at Brown D. G. Co.

**LOST**—A dark brown horse colt about one year old. Has star in forehead. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this animal will please notify C. F. Freeman, Trent, Texas. 28t2p

#### A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Many little hearts beat happy last Thursday, when the postman delivered invitations from Master Burneal Scott to come to his birthday party Saturday, May 22, at 4 o'clock. Promptly at the appointed time, many of the invited guests assembled, each joyous and each laden with a gift for the young host. There each was greeted at the door by Master Burneal and Mother, Mrs. L. B. Scott.

The guests assembled, there

followed a gleeful frolic interspersed by various games on the lawn. When all had played until tired, they were gathered around Mrs. Gentry Holmes and Miss Floyce Boyd who told them thrilling child stories.

They were next summoned into the house, which was made inviting by the fragrance of lovely pink roses. The dining room, which was beautifully decorated in pink and white, became the next scene of action. In the center of the room was a graceful bower, in the predomi-

On the cake, which was a mass of white, burned three small pink candles held in rosebud holders. The children were in highest glee as they gathered around the table to watch their little host blow out the candles. And excitement reached its highest pitch as Mrs. Scott charmingly cut the cake. Not a single guest could surpress his eagerness to see the token his slice contained.

nating colors, under which stood the table with the birthday cake resting in a profusion of roses.

To Mattie Lou Largent fell the good fortune of receiving the ring, while the fate of the thimble went to Clara Louise Miller. Of course, each child was anxious to receive the dime in his slice of cake, but to Ethel Hamilton went this pleasure. Joe Earl Lassiter was the recipient of the button, which he considered a huge joy. The cake cutting finished, each child was given a cone well filled with cream.

A beautiful pink and white basket, filled with attractively wrapped parcels was next brought in. Each child was blind folded and permitted to find the basket and secure his prize.

At seven o'clock the little guests very reluctantly took their departure, wishing their playmate many more such happy birthdays.

Those present were little Misses Elizabeth Duncan Briggs Rose Mary Lassiter, Sarah Shepard, Mattie Lou Largent, Clara Francis Largent, Clara Louise Miller, Louise Rose, Isabell Propst, Joy Meadors, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mary Zoe West, Bernice Gambill, Eleanor Mae and Ethel Hamilton, Lola Dennis, Nina Hand, Melba West and Masters Joe Earl Lassiter, Jack Dawson West, Joe Largent, Jack Lowe, Jas. H. West, Jr., Ross Ferrier, Jr.

Others attending: Misses Nell Tracy, Mary Reed, and Floyce Boyd of Arlington; and Mesdames H. L. Propst, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter, W. M. Gambill, E. Lowe, Jas. H. West, and Jesse Scott and Gentry Holmes both of Abilene.

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

Everything for the comfort and convenience of our patrons at Rose's Barber Shop. tf

We cool when it's hot, Heat when it's not, Light when it's night, with service just right. Who? tf

## COZY THEATRE

### SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2:00 TO 5:30 P. M.

Friday, May 28

IN THE AIRDOME

Franklin Farnum Tom Mix  
in in  
"When Pals Fall Out" "The Golden Thought"  
"Innocent Ambrose" in a poppy comedy

Monday, May 31

Invisible Hand No. 11 Great Gamble No. 11

Baby Marie Osburn

IN

"Daddy Number Two"

Vitagraph Comedy Fox News

Wednesday, June 2

Tom Mix and his Horse

IN

"The Heart of Texas Ryan"

HANK MANN in "Broken Bubbles"

COMING:— Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty the American"

Saturday May 29

Gladys Brockwell Charlie Chaplin

in

"Flames of the Flesh"

in

"Sholder Arms"

Mutt and Jeff in the Shimmy Machine

Tuesday, June 1

Dorothy Gish "Christie Girls"

in

"Turning the Tables"

in

"Rowdy Anne"

Pathe Review

Thursday, June 3

"Broken Blossoms"

A six reel special, made by D. W. Griffith, the man who produced the "Birth of a Nation"



READ THE OTHER SIDE

# GREAT PUBLIC SALE

At Merkel, Texas

## 15 DAYS OF BARGAINS 15

New Bargains are Added Every Day

50 dozen men's Standard Overalls, cost wholesale now, \$3 pair at... \$2.29

Men's Blue Chambray Work Shirts, regular \$2.00 values, on sale at... \$1.19

One lot of Men's Suits, light or medium weight, Palm Beach included, regular values to \$15.00 on sale while they last at only... \$4.95

## THE STAR STORE

G. E. COMEGYS, PROP.

### \$45,000 Bargain Feast

of Standard Merchandise for men, women and children. Shoes, Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Notions, Dry Goods, etc. to be distributed into the homes of the thrifty people of this vicinity regardless of cost or former values.

Entire Stock at the Mercy of the Public for 15 Days Only, Starting

## 15 DAYS OF BARGAINS 15

Every Day a Banner Day

Good Standard Gingham, regular .35 per yard value on sale at... .19

Ladies Hosiery, regular .35 cents value, on sale at... .16

One lot of Ladies' and Misses' Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$3.50 values at... .98

One lot of Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, values to \$6.00 Special for this Sale at... \$1.95

# Sale Now Going on and in Full Blast

A \$45,000.00 Bargain Feast. An actual saving of 50c on the dollar. The greatest Price Smashing Sale ever attempted by a legitimate firm in all the past history of this county. Sound business absolutely demands this fearless resolution to sacrifice this gigantic stock. Conditions leave us no alternate. Our Loss is your Gain. We have gone into this proposition with a determination that will brook no interference or disappointment, we must sell the goods. We must, we will, close out one half or more of this entire stock, no matter how great the loss

### LESS THAN WHOLESALE COST AT THE STAR STORE'S GIGANTIC PUBLIC SALE

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Owing to lack of space we can only enumerate a few of the many bargains to be offered in this department, but every yard of piece goods in our entire stock is on sale and priced at a real saving.

Best standard Calico on sale at... .19  
 .30 fine Gingham on sale at... .19  
 Best yard-wide Percals on sale at... .32  
 .35 Gingham on sale at... .23  
 Light colors, best quality Percals... .24  
 .40 Gingham on sale at... .29  
 .45 Gingham on sale at... .32  
 Unbleached Muslin on sale at... .29  
 Bleached Muslin on sale at... .29  
 .60 Dress Gingham on sale at... .39  
 .40 Toweling on sale at... .29  
 Beautifully Silk finish Chambrays, solid colors, regular .45 yard value on sale at... .31  
 .40 Shirtings on sale at... .26  
 Good quality outing Flannel at... .19  
 Beautiful Curtain goods, regular thirty cent per yard value on sale at... .21  
 Flowered Crepe Kimona Cloth, regular .45 per yard value on sale at... .29  
 Linen finish Pillow tubing, yard width, regular .65 yard value on sale at... .42  
 9-4 Best quality Pepperel Sheeting, ninety cents per yard value on sale at... .74

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 \$1.00 per yard Table Damask at... .59  
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 \$3.50 per yard Table Damask at... \$2.45

#### READ READ READ

Sheets, 72x90, regular \$3.00 values... \$2.80  
 Huck Towels, regular .25 value at... .19  
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 Turkish Towels, regular .45 value at... .29  
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#### VOILES

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 .40 Voiles on sale at... .29  
 .50 Voiles on sale at... .37  
 .75 Voiles on sale at... .59  
 \$1.00 Voiles on sale at... .79  
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#### SUMMER WHITE GOODS

White wash goods, Demities, Dimity stripes, Dotted Swiss, etc.  
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 .45 White Goods on sale at... .27  
 .50 White Goods on sale at... .29  
 .60 White Goods on sale at... .33  
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#### WOOL DRESS GOODS

Serges, Worsted, and dozens of other seasonable clothes must go regardless of loss.  
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 .75 Dress Goods on sale at... .59  
 \$1.00 Dress Goods on sale at... .78  
 \$1.50 Dress Goods on sale at... .95  
 \$2.00 Dress Goods on sale at... \$1.45

#### WAISTS

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#### LADIES KNIT UNDERWEAR

Ladies .30 Vests on sale at... .19  
 Ladies .45 Vests on sale at... .29  
 .75 Union Suits on sale at... .39  
 \$1.00 Union Suits on sale at... .59  
 \$1.25 Union Suits on sale at... .79  
 \$1.50 Union Suits on sale at... .95  
 \$2.00 Union Suits on sale at... \$1.29

#### MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS

\$2.75 Teddy on sale at... \$1.95  
 \$2.00 Gowns on sale at... \$1.19  
 \$3.00 Gowns on sale at... \$1.95  
 \$2.50 Petticoats on sale at... \$1.59  
 .75 Brassieres on sale at... .59

#### HOUSE DRESSES

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 One lot of House Dresses, well made, neatly trimmed, regular \$3.00 values at... \$1.95

#### SILK BLOUSES

Beautifully hand Embroidered Silk Georgette and Crepe de chine Silk Waists, all the wanted colors.  
 \$7.50 Silk Blouses on sale at... \$4.45  
 \$10.00 Silk Blouses on sale at... \$5.95  
 \$12.00 Silk Blouses on sale at... \$7.45

#### MIDDY BLOUSES

\$2.25 Middy Blouses on sale at... \$1.59  
 \$2.50 Middy Blouses on sale at... \$1.79  
 \$3.00 Middy Blouses on sale at... \$2.19  
 \$3.50 Middy Blouses on sale at... \$2.45

#### SILK PETTICOATS

\$7.50 Tafetta Silk Petticoats at... \$4.45  
 \$10.00 Jersey Silk Petticoats at... \$5.95  
 \$12.50 Jersey Silk Petticoats at... \$7.95

#### DRESS SKIRTS

Beautifully White Summer Dress Skirts, Tailored in the newest models.  
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 Lot 2—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$5.00 values at... \$3.45  
 Lot 3—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$6.00 values at... \$3.95  
 Lot 4—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular \$7.50 values at... \$4.85  
 Lot 5—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular values to \$9.00... \$5.95  
 Lot 6—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular values to \$10... \$6.75  
 Lot 7—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular values to \$12 at... \$8.45  
 Lot 8—Women's and Misses' Shoes, Oxfords and Pumps, regular values to \$15... \$10.95

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**COMMON SENSE AND MODERATION**

From an Editorial in The Saturday Evening Post

If the United States is to re-  
main a going concern it must  
discard this soft, lie-abed, suga-  
r-teat socialism, this asking papa-  
for-anything-you-want theory of  
life, and begin to practice self-  
denial and self-help. We have  
the alternative of pulling up  
short and going into the hands  
of a friendly receiver—on our own  
patriotic and public-spirited citi-  
zens—or of going through the  
inevitable bankruptcy of social-  
ism.

Our troubles are simple and  
personal, but fundamental. The  
remedies are simple and person-  
al, not governmental, except in-  
sofar as a lot of old laws should  
be repealed and a few new ones  
passed. We do not need more  
gas, but just a little of the old  
gasless spirit.

It is not the extremes of blue-  
denim pants for the men and  
calico dresses for the ladies;  
not meatless days, wheatless  
days and sweetless days for  
everybody; not grand-standing  
by millionaires who brag in the  
papers about the patch on the  
seat of their trousers and then  
limousine in home to be waited  
on by a corps of able-bodied  
butlers and footmen but just the  
exercise of simple common  
sense, moderation and the set-  
ting of a good example to one  
person—yourself.

Too much Mustard has be-  
come the national anthem, and  
the Shimmy the national dance.  
A period of Strauss and the old-  
fashioned give-her-room waltz is  
about the prescription that we  
need. There is something wrong  
about the styles when a woman  
who wears all her clothes finds  
herself conspicuous.

There is little that we can ex-  
pect from Government—at least  
until after the ideo of March—  
and very little that we cannot,  
as individuals, do much better

for ourselves. Certainly govern-  
ment by commission, omission,  
investigation and circumlocution  
is not going to solve anything  
for us. If we offered two-bits for  
all the help we could expect  
from any government is clean-  
ing up this postwar mess in a  
nonpolitical, businesslike man-  
ner, we should be justified in ex-  
pecting twenty-four cents in  
change. But we can expect and  
we shall get a lot of help from  
the exercise of moderation and  
self-restraint. We won the war  
with those verbal qualities—plus  
a dash of immoderation in exercis-  
ing them. There is today a much  
more urgent need for the gas-  
less and the jazzless spirit than  
there was then.

The first and most important  
problem that the individual can  
solve and that he alone can solve  
in the problem of cheaper food.  
He can overthrow at will the  
whole flimsy superstructure of  
profiteering and the high cost  
of living, for its very foundation  
is his carelessness and indiffer-  
ence—not verbal indifference,  
but his failure to back up his  
fighting talk with a stiff punch.  
The Government cannot solve  
this problem—it can take a peck  
at it here and there, but it can-  
not reach fundamentals; prose-  
cution of profiteers and such  
things will not solve it, for  
profiteering is a symptom and  
not the disease, socialism will  
solve it, for it is most acute in  
the great agricultural countries  
where the socialists are in pow-  
er. Nothing will solve it but  
sense in the cities and sweat in  
the country. The farmers—what  
there are left of them—are will-  
ing to sweat, but the cities are  
driving them out of business.

This problem of production on  
the farm must be solved first,  
because every other problem of  
major importance is inextrica-  
bly interwoven with it; but we  
have been stressing increased  
industrial production, which is  
of secondary importance, except  
in the case of necessities. We  
should be vastly better off if  
production were decreased in  
certain lines of manufacturing.

Today almost every farm in  
the country is undermanned,  
almost every farmer is curtailing  
production because he can-  
not plant and harvest a full crop  
The city is taking the boys and  
the young men. The graybeards  
alone are left on the soil. There  
is no new generation of farmers  
coming along to feed the country  
As soon as the boys can strike  
out for themselves they go to  
the towns and cities, to the  
eight-hour eight-dollar a day  
jobs, and the fiddling and the  
dancing by night.

Even at the present high  
prices of food—for those get the  
long end of the final total—the  
farmer cannot compete with  
city wages and union hours.  
God almighty imposes the con-  
ditions under which crops must  
be raised, and every attempt to  
unionize the soil and the season  
will result only in fresh disasters  
Daylight saving means crops  
wasted. The dew will not dry off  
an hour earlier at the command  
of a city council Joshua. Also  
every one of our farm boys who  
is fed into factory to speed up  
the production of luxuries and  
nonessentials decreases the pro-  
duction and increases the cost  
of food, shoes and clothing.  
Every decrease in the produc-  
tion of foodstuffs automatically  
makes for a higher wage scale,  
and that in turn draws more  
help from the farms and still  
further throws but of adjust-  
ment the necessary balance be-  
tween agriculture and industry.

The world needs and should  
have a moderate amount of the  
luxuries and pleasures that  
make for real comfort and true  
happiness, but every manufactur-  
er who is draining labor from  
the country to meet an inordi-  
nate and unwholesome demand  
for the fiddlers and the dancers  
is chasing profits into the mouth  
of a pit that will finally engulf  
him. Every man and woman who  
is keeping unnecessary help, lux-  
ury and show servants, or let-  
ting able-bodied men fill the  
jobs that women could hold is  
actually more blameworthy than  
if he had done these things dur-  
ing the war. The need for every  
able man in useful productive

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age will be served by it, the  
time is coming when there will  
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tle service please!" is the cry  
and the cure of this country. We  
do not need more service. We  
can get along comfortably and  
profitably with a whole lot less.  
The cafeteria idea could be ex-  
tended with advantage to many  
departments of life.

There are only three ways in  
which anything can be accom-  
plished in this world—by act of  
God, by act of Congress, and by  
action of the individual; though  
there is a large and growing  
school of socialistic thinkers  
who believe George will do it. It  
is quite useless to look for fur-  
ther help from the first source.



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that it can do to help; so you must do it yourself. We cannot forget George; he is on strike. It is not desirable for the country to proceed to extremes of self-denial. But we can very well get along with simpler liv-

ing, fewer luxuries and cheaper, more wholesome pleasures Make the old car do; make the old suit last. Buy new clothes when you really need them, but cut out extremes of styles. Starvation and superfluity are equally undesirable. Stay at home occasionally and read a book as an alternative to the theatre; take a walk between the trees once in a while instead of chasing pleasure between the bright lights. In short, cut down excesses of consumption and speed up your production a little. A great deal is not asked of anyone. Somewhere in our work we all have a little slack that we can take up. Hit a better pace during working hours if you are one of those who make a god of short hours; add a little to your working time if you are one of those who have discovered that the secret of happiness is a good deal of work and a little play. Get a job if you are a loafer, rich or poor, male or female. No great giving up and no drastic speeding up by anyone is needed but just a little from everyone. One man or woman to set an example in a house, a hundred in a plant—the boss taking the lead—and a few thousand in every city, will start a movement that will quicken the willing to join and finally drag in the unwilling by the scruff of the neck. Life is a game of follow the leader. If you cannot be the leader, pick a good one to follow and keep him moving in the right direction.

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UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE SENATE

Dr. George W. Truett's address from the steps of the capitol Sunday, to a crowd conservatively estimated at 10,000 people, people who cheered his words with extraordinary enthusiasm, ought to be an index to the Republican leaders of what the common people of this country feel and think about the League of Nations.

"Standing under the shadow of the United States Senate," he said, "I dare to say as a citizen and as a Christian and moral teacher that the moral force of the United States without any regard to political party will never rest until we have a League of Nations.

"I dare to say also that the unquestioned majorities of both great political parties in this country regard the delay in the ratification of the League of Nations as a national and world tragedy. I can certify to men of all political parties that the moral forces of this country will not be silent until there is put forth a great League of Nations that shall strive with all its might to put an end to the diabolism and horror of war.

"I thank God that stricken man yonder in the White House pleaded and pleads yet that the Nation will take its part with others in bringing a new era wherein shall dwell righteousness and peace. God does not raise up a Nation to get strutting and selfish, forgetful of the high interests of humanity. We are bound up together in the big bundle of human life and every day that comes and goes binds the world more closely and more intimately in one great family of people. The Nation that walks the path of selfishness is a Nation that shall finally be doomed. The Nation that asks the old murderous question of Cain, Am I my brother's keeper?" the question of the slacker and the profiteer, that Nation is marked for decay

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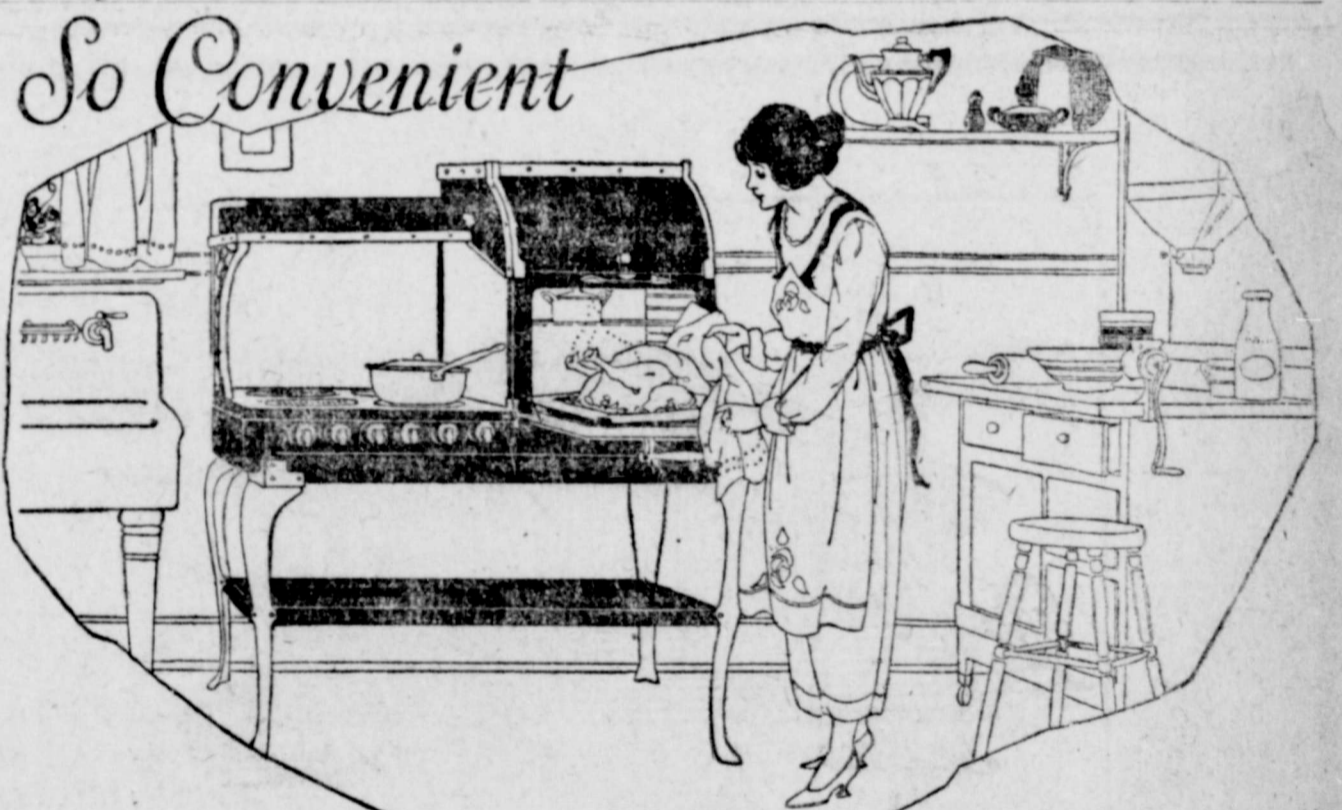
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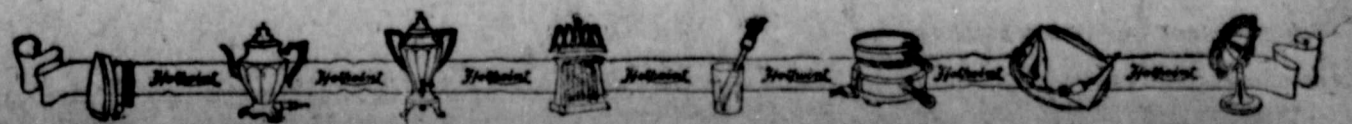
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 \$2.00 Hosiery on sale at.....\$1.29  
 \$2.50 Hosiery on sale at.....\$1.79  
 \$3.00 Hosiery on sale at.....\$1.95  
 \$4.00 Hosiery on sale at.....\$2.75

**MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS**

Men's .25 Hose on sale at.....12  
 Men's .35 Hose on sale at.....19  
 Men's .50 Hose on sale at.....29  
 Men's .75 Hose on sale at.....44  
 Men's \$1.00 Hose on Sale at.....67  
 Men's \$1.25 Hose on sale at.....79  
 Men's \$1.50 Hose on sale at.....98  
 Men's .75 Neckwear on sale at.....39  
 Men's .15 Handkerchief on sale at.....11  
 Men's .50 Suspenders on sale at.....37  
 One lot of Leather Work Gloves, regular \$1.25 value on sale at.....89

**FORCED OUT**

**ENTIRE STOCK**

Regardless of Price or Former Value

15 DAYS

15 DAYS

**Be Here Saturday**

**THE STAR STORE**

G. E. COMEGYS

Merkel :: Texas

**MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S FINE DRESS SHOES AND OXFORDS**

A gigantic stock to select from, all sizes, all lasts, in black, tan and brown; button or lace styles; vici kid, Russian Calf, English gun metal, cordovans, kangaroos, and other standard leathers.  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$4.00 values on sale at.....\$2.45  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$5.00 values on sale at.....\$3.45  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$6.00 values, on sale at.....\$3.95  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$7.00 values, on sale at.....\$4.75  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$8.50 values, on sale at.....\$5.95  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$10.00 values on sale at.....\$7.25  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$12.00 values on sale at.....\$8.95  
 Men's and Young Men's Shoes and Oxfords; \$14.50 value, on sale at.....\$10.95

**MEN'S TROUSERS**

Palm Beach, Serges, Worsted, Cassimers etc. One lot of Men's Summer Trousers regular \$2.25 values on sale at.....\$1.19  
 \$3.50 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$1.95  
 \$4.00 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$2.45  
 \$5.00 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$3.19  
 \$6.00 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$3.95  
 \$7.50 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$4.75  
 \$10.00 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$6.95  
 \$12.00 Men's Trousers on sale at.....\$8.45

**THE GREATEST SALE OF HIGH GRADE MERCHANDISE EVER ATTEMPTED IN THIS VICINITY**

**NOTHING RESERVED ENTIRE STOCK ON THIS SALE**

The prices mentioned in this circular are only a few of the many hundreds of Bargains to be offered during this sale. As it would take a twenty-page newspaper to quote them all. This bill can only give you a faint idea of the magnitude of this gigantic sale. You undoubtedly have attended other sales, but never before have you had the privilege to make unlimited purchases from one of the best stocks in this vicinity at PRE-WAR PRICES. If you really value your money, you cannot—you dare not—miss this great Sale.

**BOYS PALM BEACH SUITS**

All Sizes, light or dark colors, also medium weight suits in serges, worsted etc. Buy a Suit now and save fifty per cent.  
 \$7.50 Boys Suits on sale at.....\$3.95  
 \$9.00 Boys Suits on sale at.....\$4.95  
 \$12.00 Boys Suits on sale at.....\$6.95  
 \$15.00 Boys Suits on sale at.....\$8.45  
 \$18.00 Boys Suits on sale at.....\$10.95

**MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SHIRTS**

A gigantic stock of fine Shirts with or without collars, starched or soft Shirts in Percals, Madras, rosettes, crepe silk, silk stripes, satin stripes, jap silks etc.  
 \$1.25 Shirts on sale at.....79  
 \$1.50 Shirts on sale at.....98  
 \$2.00 Shirts on sale at.....\$1.29  
 \$2.50 Shirts on sale at.....\$1.79  
 \$3.00 Shirts on sale at.....\$1.95  
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 \$7.50 Shirts on sale at.....\$4.95  
 \$10.00 Shirts on sale at.....\$6.45  
 \$12.00 Shirts on sale at.....\$7.95  
 \$15.00 Shirts on sale at.....\$10.45

**Mens Trousers**

Summer weight, all sizes, \$2.25 value, at \$1.19

**Mens Unionalls**

Good quality, well made, regular \$5.50 value, on sale at \$3.95

**Blue Shirts**

Full size, blue chambray, reg. \$2 value at \$1.19

**STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC**

After an active and honorable business career in Billings, there has been quite a number of unavoidable and ungovernable circumstances which necessitate my placing this stock on sale. Retailing such a large amount of merchandise in a short space of time seems almost impossible, and I am frank to admit, it is the biggest merchandising event ever attempted in this part of the state. But by sacrificing profits, marking goods below the present cost, and placing every article in my entire store building on sale, it will be accomplished. Every article will be marked in plain figures and sold under my iron clad guarantee.

**MEN'S AND BOYS CAPS**

\$1.00 Caps on sale at.....59  
 \$1.25 Caps on sale at.....79  
 \$1.50 Caps on sale at.....98  
 \$2.00 Caps on sale at.....\$1.19  
 \$2.50 caps on sale at.....\$1.59  
 \$3.00 Caps on sale at.....\$1.95  
 \$3.50 Caps on sale at.....\$2.45  
 \$4.00 Caps on sale at.....\$2.95

**Womens and Misses Oxfords and Pumps**

Several hundred pairs of pumps and oxfords all sizes, regular values to \$3.50, on sale at 98c

**Womens and Misses Oxfords and Pumps**

All sizes, all styles, reg. value to \$5, several hundred pairs to choose from, while they last \$1.45

**Overalls**

Standard brands, all sizes, cost \$3.00 a pair wholesale, while they last \$2.29

**Boys Underwear**

Shirts or drawers, porous knit or balbriggan, all sizes, regular 50c values, at 19c

**GROCERIES**

Our entire stock of Fancy and Staple Groceries on sale at a real saving. Buy now, reduce the high cost of living.

**NOTIONS**

Embroideries, Laces, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs and hundreds of other necessary articles included in this gigantic sale. Nothing reserved. Entire stock must be sold

**MEN'S UNDERWEAR**

Men's Shirts or Drawers, balbriggan regular \$1.00 values on sale at.....48  
 Men's Fine French Balbriggan Shirts or Drawers regular \$1.50 value on sale at.....69  
 Men's Athletic Style Union Suits regular \$1.25 value on sale at.....89  
 Men's \$1.50 Union Suits on sale at.....97  
 Men's \$2.00 Union Suits on sale at.....\$1.29  
 Men's \$2.50 Union Suits on sale at.....\$1.59  
 Men's \$3.00 Union Suits on sale at.....\$1.95  
 One lot of Boys Underwear Shirts or Drawers regular .50 value on sale at.....19

**MEN'S HATS**

\$3.00 Men's Hats on sale at.....\$1.98  
 \$3.50 Men's Hats on sale at.....\$2.45  
 \$4.00 Men's Hats on sale at.....\$2.95  
 \$5.00 Men's Hats on sale at.....\$3.45  
 \$6.00 Men's Hats on sale at.....\$3.95  
 \$8.50 Men's Hats on sale at.....\$5.45

**MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS**

Your chance to buy a summer Suit at less than half price. Every Suit must go. Mostly Palm Beaches in light or dark colors, included are some wool suits suitable for business wear, marked at less than cost of the material used.  
 Lot 1—Men's and Young Men's Suits regular values to \$10.00 on sale at.....\$4.95  
 Lot 2—Men's and Young Men's Suits values to \$15.00 on sale at.....\$7.45  
 Lot 3—Men's and Young Men's Suits values to \$20.00 on sale at.....\$9.95  
 Lot 4—Men's and Young Men's Suits values to \$25.00 on sale at.....\$13.45

**Nothing Reserved -- Nothing Excepted -- Entire Stock Ordered Sold**

Sale continues until Saturday June 12th

**THE STAR STORE**  
 G. E. COMEGYS, Proprietor  
 M E R K E L Read the other Side T E X A S

A panic in prices A whirlwind of bargains. 15 big days



## The Merkel Mail

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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.

We might have a desire to become President. But not of Mexico.

There generally comes a time when we are ready to make saints out of those we have burned as witches, but it is always too late.

The Merkel High School closed a successful term this week. There were fifteen graduates. As a patron, did you cooperate with the board and faculty in their efforts to make this school a success?

Everybody would like to see their town and community grow and develop but prefer that the other fellow take the lead in pushing the progressive moves which have a tendency toward such development.

There are men in Merkel who are progressive and willing to devote their time and money toward doing something to make Merkel a better town in which to live. Attend the Chamber of Commerce and you will learn who they are.

If you don't think the Chamber of Commerce is interesting in doing the things which is beneficial to the growth and development of Merkel and the Merkel country, just attend the next meeting.

If you are interested in seeing this city, your city, come to the front and make a better place in which to live, join the Chamber of Commerce, attend its meetings and take part in the moves made for the betterment of same.

A Contract has been made for another deep test in the Merkel territory. Some of these days the drill may hit one lick too many and then the "liquid gold" will spout forth, and then the lid will come off. It has happened

There are many who although they are prominent on the front seats of the sacred places of Holy Worship, who are first to cast suspicions and spread gossip which may cause the down fall (and unhappiness of some struggling person and whose career might have been lead to righteousness and happiness had the tongue of gossip been with held.

The business of getting ahead requires close personal attention It is an important business.

The following statistics given out by Dinsmore W. Hume, Federal District Director of the Government Savings Division, are significant. Each is a sermon on thrift and saving:

Ninety percent of the business men in the United States reach old age without an adequate income.

Nineteen out of twenty people fail to provide for old age or thier families.

Thirty-five percent of the

# Ready-to-Wear Sale

We are now giving 20 per cent off on our entire stock of Ready-to-Wear. You will find most any style and color that you want in this department if the newest is what you want.

<b>20 PER CENT</b>	BLOUSES	<b>20 PER CENT</b>	GEORGETTE, TAFFETA, AND SATIN DRESSES
	1 Lot \$2.50 Values, now...\$2.00 1 Lot \$7.50 Values, now...\$6.00 1 Lot \$8.50 Values, now...\$6.80 1 Lot \$10.00 Values, now...\$8.00 1 Lot \$11 Values, now...\$9.56 1 lot \$13 Values, now...\$10.80 1 Lot \$15 Values, now...\$13.00 1 Lot \$20 Values, now...\$16.00		Practically every sort of Frock for every occasion is included in this offering. 1 Lot \$22.50 Values, now \$18 1 Lot \$35 Values, now...\$28.00 1 Lot \$45 Values, now...\$36.00 1 Lot \$47.50 Values, now...\$38 1 Lot \$59.50 Values, now...\$47.60 1 Lot \$65 Values, now...\$52.00

## Suits 20 Per Cent

The Remainder of our spring suits will be sold at 20 per Cent Off

### LADIES GINGHAM DRESSES

You will find in these assortments of dresses the very daintiest styles, in plaid, checks and stripes.

One lot \$1.75 values now	<b>\$1.38</b>
One lot 2.50 values now	<b>2.00</b>
One lot 3.50 values now	<b>2.80</b>
One lot 4.95 values now	<b>3.96</b>
One lot 7.50 values now	<b>6.00</b>

### MILLINERY MILLINERY

Childrens Hats at a Big Reduction

One lot	<b>\$1.95</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>	<b>\$3.95</b>
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Ladies Hats at Wonderful Values

One lot	<b>\$3.95</b>
One lot	<b>5.45</b>
One lot	<b>7.45</b>

# Merkel Dry Goods Co.

Merkel's Big Cash Store

widows in this country are in want.  
Ninety percent of the children in the United States must leave school to go to work before reaching the eighth grade.  
Eighty percent of the adult population in the United States leaves no estate at death.  
One or more War Savings Stamps invested in every pay day will help make any one's business of getting ahead a success.  
We have just received a nice line of genuine Cut Glass. Merkel Drug Company.  
Buy Cracklins at Patterson Bros. Meat Market and make your own soap.

### GOLAN NEWS

This is certainly a busy season for the farmers of this community, every one has been busy planting since the late rains.

The health of the community is very good at present.

Rev. Hanks filled his regular appointment at Golan Saturday night and Sunday. A large crowd attended preaching Saturday night but the slow rain that fell Sunday prevented the majority from coming out.

Otho Thompson and sister Miss Edith were guests of Edd Jones and sisters Misses Lottie and Annie Sunday.

Ernest McCright and wife spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox.

Messers T. B. Stevens and Hugh Jeffrey and Misses Birdie Jeffrey and Vida Williams called on Ned Herron and wife Sunday evening.

Darvin Hill has returned home from Childress where he has been attending High School. Grady Cook has returned home from the oil fields.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of W. T. Jones Sunday night.

### NOTICE

The Family Shoe Shop can save you money on your shoe repairing. Now located on Front street, two doors west of Boyce Building.

Miss Ruby Harris of Caddo, came in this week for a visit to her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Bring your buckets and get fresh Barbecue at Patterson Bros. Meat Market.

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

# BOXING

Under Auspices American Legion

## MURPHY VS. THORNER

Abilene

Merkel

## WRESTLING

## CHADWICK VS. BIDLE

Merkel

Abilene

## BATTLE ROYAL

Monday Night May 31

Airdome

Merkel

E. B. RODDEN

H. GRIER

## MILL WORK

GLASS AND PUTTY  
We Sell it and Put it In

We will sell you a  
Complete House Bill  
Let us figure with you

Merkel Manufacturing Co.

2 1/2 Blocks west of Postoffice

## Lowe's



Figure your painting costs with a brush instead of a pencil—

You can't figure the cost of painting by figuring what the paint costs per gallon.

What you want to know is how much the paint covers, how well it covers and how long it takes a man and brush to do the work.

One way to figure is with a pencil. The right way is with a brush. Figure this way and you will use Lowe Brothers High Standard Liquid Paint. And once you use it, you'll always use this paint and no other.

Tell us about your painting needs and we will give you some eye-opening facts based on brush figures.

Burton-Lingo Co.  
Merkel, Texas

# Paints



# Now That Hot Weather IS HERE

Why not economize by saving food? A good Refrigerator will save enough in one season to almost pay for itself. We have any style or size, and prices are reasonable.

Have just received large shipment of bedroom furniture. Complete suits in birds-eye maple, walnut and oak.

Also a nice line of wood beds in the latest styles.

Still have a nice assortment of Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets, the best cabinet on the market for the money. Come in and look them over.

## Barrow Furniture Company

We give coupons for Rogers Silverware with each 50c purchase

Mrs. T. A. Harris, of Dallas, is here for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, and other relatives and friends.

Buy Cracklins at Patterson Bros. Meat Market and make your own soap.

Mrs. Duckett of Tulia, is here for a visit to friends and relatives.

Fresh Barbecue each day at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. tf

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

## YOU HAVE MISSED IT

If you have not been buying your groceries from us we both have been losing money.

Don't wait any longer, come and get our prices.

Capital Stock \$5,000.00 Par Value \$50

W. E. Duckett, Manager.

IF IT IS SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT WE HAVE IT

### Sanitary Self-Serving Store

PAY CASH & PAY LESS

MERKEL, TEXAS

PHONE 26

Operating under articles of agreement and Declaration of Trust

### "WILD MAN WANTED" SAYS CONNIE TALMADGE

"In search of a Sinner," starring Constance Talmadge, will begin a one days engagement at the Gem Theatre, Saturday. Adapted by John Emerson and Anita Loos the picture gives Miss Talmadge, more opportunities for displaying her personality than any of her previous pictures.

The action of the play revolves around a girl's somewhat insane desire to "be wicked" and take the wickedest man in New York for a husband. But being extremely wicked, Constance Talmadge finds, is equally as hard as being extremely good. Hence, when she finds the wickedest man available is a member of "The Purity League," she goes in for the delicate art of "making the tame man wild"—And emerges with surprising success.

"In Search of a Sinner" is distributed by First National Exhibitors' Circuit and is guaranteed to hand you a laugh per flicker.

Bring your leaky Radiators, blown out tires and tubes to Hand & Carey. All work guaranteed. Front Street, Merkel. 1tp

Merkel now has a real Chamber of Commerce. As an organization it has big things in view for a greater Merkel. If you are a live, progressive citizen get in the band wagon, and help those of our business men and citizens who expect through this agency to foster the best interests of the town, and which is to your interest if you are a citizen. Do not stand in the way of the progress of your home town.

Fresh Barbecue each day at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. tf

The Merkel Mail is your home paper. It is our desire to make the paper just as newsy as possible. Help us do so by giving us the news.

### MR. ZIEGFELD'S EXPERT OPINION

When such an "expert" on public taste in the matter of feminine beauty as F. Ziegfeld Jr. puts the ban on paint and powder, one wonders if there is not at least a slight chance that the ladies may yet "get wise" to the trick that is being played on them by the manufacturers of certain articles of commerce and the so-called beauty doctors. The average man is too little sure of his own judgment in such matters or he is too polite to tell the ladies that these things cannot possibly enhance their beauty in the eyes of men and that too frequently they actually mar it. But with Mr. Ziegfeld feminine beauty itself is an article of commerce. It is the stock in trade of his "Nine o'clock Revue" and his "Midnight Frolic." It is his business to know the public taste in such matters, and as his "beauties" are mere employes to be directed and ordered about according to the public taste, he does not need to be polite. Moreover he has the assurance of an expert and does not hesitate to speak with a note of authority and finality in his voice. In the light of this his edict against paint and powder is interesting.

"I shall not permit the use of paint, powder, mascara, or any of the other articles to enhance beauty," says Mr. Ziegfeld. "Neither will I permit the girls of my 'Frolics' to have their eyebrows trimmed. They must not blonde or tint their hair."

Far be it from us to draw too strict a moral from this or to make obvious application of it. If a minister in his pulpit has said the same thing and informed mothers of schoolgirls that they ought to have better sense than to be taken in by the idea that their daughters "live in a different age," there would be those who would be certain to question his judgment in such matters. But Mr. Ziegfeld is neither a minister nor a minister's son. He is an expert than whom there is none "experter." And Mr. Ziegfeld says he will not have such things even in the chorus! Well, they began in the chorus, spread to the drawing room and the street, and finally reached the schoolroom. How long will it take the Ziegfeld order to traverse the same route?—Star-Telegram.

There is one thing all must agree to, and that is that those who have subscribed toward the fund of \$10,000 to be used in getting the Sears well drilled down to a depth of 3,500 feet or deeper, is that they each and every one of them, are a progressive lot of men, men who realize that while they are possibly taking a long chance, know that in the event that oil is found in big quantities, they and

## Gem Theatre

Thursday 27 and Friday 28—

Norma Talmage

IN

"A Daughter of Two Worlds"

Adapt from the famous novel by Leroy Scott

Saturday—

SPECIAL

Constance Talmadge

IN

"In Search of a Sinner"

By Anita Loos

Good Music—Good Show

First Run Pictures

Chester Outings Tuesdays

Matinee Daily 2:15

## Gem Theatre

every man within twenty miles of the Sears well will reap a great reward in a financial way. It takes men like these to make cities of towns, and infact accomplish really big things. There are a number of such men in and around Merkel.

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

Merkel Chamber of Commerce. That's the wording of a big window sign on the building just opposite the Post Office. And there the citizens of this town are to meet and discuss the best way to put this town on the map. If you are not a member you should be. It is the moral duty of every citizen, young and old, rich and poor, to do his part accordingly, to make his home town a better place in which to live.

COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf

### AMERICAN PARTY LEADER AT ABILENE

We are requested to announce that on Thursday June 3, Senator T. H. McGregor, will address the voters of Taylor County in the interest of his candidacy for Governor. He is a candidate on the American Party Ticket, and on which Ex-Governor Jas. E. Ferguson is a candidate for President.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson returned last week from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. She reports a pleasant trip. Her Merkel friends are happy over her return.

Miss Floyse Boyd, who has been here for some time the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Scott, left Wednesday for her home at Arlington. During her stay in Merkel Miss Boyd made many warm friends, who regret her departure.

Read the Merkel Mail

## Making =

eyes comfortable with glasses that are accurate in every detail is the part we play.

Our conscience guides our work

Your eye comfort is our mission in life

DR. McGUIRE : Graduate Optometrist  
At Dr. Smith's office 2nd Thursday in Each Month  
June 10 Next Visit



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely.

Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites. In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 50 cents bottle. Large size \$1.00  
JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.



## LOCAL NEWS

Miss Ruth Pike is thinking of attending Simmons College this Summer.

Ford Touring car, a bargain at \$525.00. See W. S. J. Brown, at Brown D. G. Co.

My Car Alfalfa came in Wednesday. Be unloaded Friday. 291. Phone 291. 1t

Mildred Sanders of Putnam Sunday with home in Merkel.

N. D. Cobb, manager of the Merkel Lumber Company had business in Fort Worth first of the week.

One tube free with each Auto casing sold this month. Firestone, Pennsylvania, Keen-Kutter West Company. 1473

J. R. Johnson of Dallas, who owns property in Merkel, was here first of the week looking after same.

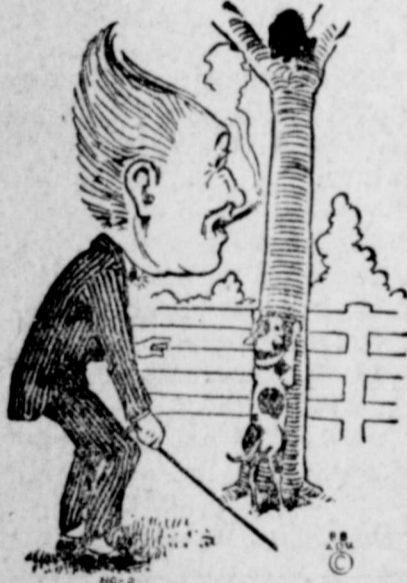
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A. Morton, one of the clever and efficient T. & P. Station employees, has a force of carpenters and painters busy remodeling and painting his home on West Elem Street, and which when completed will be among the best and most substantial in the city.

Mrs. M. A. Adams left first of the week for Fort Worth, where she was called by a message announcing the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West returned last week from their visit to Wichita Falls.

### RED PEP'S PHILOSOPHY



"Every dog has his day - the nights are reserved for the cats."

Sometimes the cats and dogs get mixed, and when they do, look out for trouble.

### BUYING YOUR GROCERIES AT THIS STORE

Is the surest Road to Satisfaction and Saving.

The following Prices will convince you of the value-giving policy of this store:

D. S. Meat.....25  
Bacon.....28  
Cottolene.....\$2.50  
Other Compounds.....\$2.30  
Pure Lard 10 lb. pail...\$2.75

Ask us for prices on other Groceries, cotton seed meal and brand.

We don't meet prices; we make them.

### CAMPBELL'S CASH GROCERY

The store of quality and service Merkel, Texas.

Saturday

May 29



Saturday

June 5

## The Latest in Footwear

Set your feet in the new pathway enclosed in a pair of Selby or Maxine shoes, priced special for one week only at the following low prices

All \$12.50 Selby pumps at.....	\$9.95
All 12.50 Selby oxfords at.....	9.95
All 11.00 Selby pumps at.....	8.80
All 10.00 Selby oxfords at.....	8.00
All 15.00 Maxine suede ties at.....	12.00
All 12.00 Maxine two eyelet ties.....	10.80

A big assortment of Maxine pumps and oxfords, cheap at \$8.50 on sale at \$6.80

## Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company

The Place Most People Trade

### EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—Intercession.  
Leader—Mae Bridleman.  
Song, Prayer.  
Scripture—Mark 9:14-29— By Leader.  
Intercession Releases money for the spread of the Kingdom— Loyce Dry.  
Intercession Brings Victory in Hours of Crisis—Roy Tucker.  
Reading—Julia McDonald.  
A life of ever Deepening Power by Irene Cox.  
Talk on Intercession—Rev. Murrell.  
Conference report by representative.  
Announcements.  
Special Music by Mona T. Christopher.  
Song, League Benediction.

### What You Want How You Want It When You Want It

For anything in the line of printing come to us and we'll guarantee you satisfactory work at prices that are right

Read the Merkel Mail

Miss Jewell Daniels will enter the National business College at Abilene next Monday.

Viola Brown will leave Friday night for the Plains and New Mexico, where she will spend the summer with friends and relatives.

Harry Woodrum, accompanied by his mother and sister will leave this week for an extended visit to relatives in the state of California. They will be gone for several weeks, and Harry says they are going to see all there is worth seeing in the golden gate state.

## Real Estate Is Moving Every Day

We have closed a real estate deal every day this week. Those who want to sell, list with us. If you want to buy, look over our listings.

### Auto Insurance

Insure that car against fire and theft. We have the best rates and the best service that can be obtained.

## Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

### 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  
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield  
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:

John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin  
J. W. Moffett

D. G. Hill

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck,

For County Tax Assessor:

Mrs. Florence Vance  
Roy Parmelly

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John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:

J. M. Garrett

### SLUMBER PARTY

In honor of Miss Alice McGehee, at nine o'clock, Saturday evening, May 22, the doors of the home of Mrs. James H. West were thrown open to nine merry making young ladies, in honor of Miss Alice McGehee who leaves next Tuesday for her home at View after attending school here the past year.

After donning their childhood dresses the "little tots enjoyed many childish games, after which they blindly went in search of their fortune which they found to be "always hiding in the darkness," but worth the search as no one was doomed to be an old maid.

At twelve o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room by Miss Rister, where they were seated at the table for a four course Mid-night luncheon, served by the hostess assisted by Misses Mitchell and Rister.

Music was furnished throughout the evening by the Victrola and Mid-night serenaders.

They were then lead to the slumber room and bade a fond "Good-night Sweet dreams" by their hostess, but the dreams were rather brief as morning came, alas, too soon. They awoke to find themselves tied together and faces painted by the early morning prowlers.

The "Slumberless" party was enjoyed by Misses Lois Dry, Maurine Cobb, Elean Hamm, Lilly Pratt Sears, Joyce Needham of Waco, Mary Eulla Sears, Lola Armstrong, Hazel Harkrider and Honored.

### PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary Society of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Witcher on last Monday afternoon. After the business hour a social time was spent and delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames West, Elliot, Butler, Smith, Dooley, Tucker, Witcher, Houghton, West Garrison, Leach, Barnett, Greer Laney, Bickley, Compton and Misses Laney and Milligan.  
Next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Society will meet at Mrs. H. C. West.

### KILLS BIG PANTHER

A Panther measuring more than six feet in length was killed on the Bud Sears ranch near here last Sunday morning by one of the employees. The beast had been playing havoc with the goats on the ranch, killing nine in one day it is said.

Mr. Sears brought the animal to town and turned it over to Claude Comegys, who will mount the skin for Mr. Sears.

### FREE TEXT BOOKS

At the close of school it seems necessary to yet explain provisions of the Texas "Free Text Book" Law. Before any child in scholastic age can receive free text books next year it will be necessary for him to present to his teacher wherever he may be a "Receipted Text Book Card" showing that he has either returned or paid for all the free books issued to him THIS year. These books are the property of the state, and are only loaned to the students. The student is honor bound, if the clear provisions of the law are not considered, to return the books anyway.

If your children quit school before school was out, moved to some nearby district, or for any other reason have not returned their books, please attend to this before June 1st and have a clean record for next year. Of course if the books have been damaged or lost, they must under the law be paid for, and then become the property of the child.

The children and parents have co-operated well for the most part in complying with the provisions of the law regarding the care and return of the books. Your trustees have given bond for the proper care and return of these books. Those of you that have not returned your books, please attend to it at once.  
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

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Make an appointment for that sitting today. Please take notice of the following. Appointments for individual sittings at any time from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. For family groups, from 10 a. M. to 4 p. m. Sunday appointments from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. only.

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