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15 MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Monday night's exercises at the Methodist church closed the graduating ceremonies of the Merkel High School for the 1919-1920 term, and fifteen boys and girls received their graduating diplomas.

Superintendent Burgess and the entire faculty have labored unceasingly to make the term just ended, the best in the history of the Merkel Schools, and today are receiving the congratulations of the majority of the people of the town and community over their splendid success.

Through the courtesy of H. F. Groene, the genial and accommodating manager of the Cozy Theatre a number of the closing exercises were given in this splendid place of amusement. The closing exercises of the school for this term began on Wednesday evening when the music and expression pupils of Miss Perry and Miss Jackson gave their recital at the Cozy Theatre. The program was a success throughout. The tableaux were very effective. The proficiency of the readers and those at the piano showed the result of good training upon the part of the instructors of these departments.

On Thursday evening the seventh grade gave their graduation exercises in the Cozy. There were thirty-nine who received their certificates of graduation from the seventh grade to the High School. The program was short, well rendered, and enjoyed throughout. Johnny Sears was valedictorian of her class, and also took honors by making the highest average grade of the entire Merkel School.

On Friday evening the Senior Class gave their play, "The Daughter of the Desert" to a capacity house at the Cozy. The play was one of the best amateur plays given in Merkel, showing the effect of the excellent coaching of Mr. Reinhard. The Seniors realized a neat sum from this play which they will donate to the Merkel School Library.

The Senior class and their friends were not disappointed on Sunday evening when Rev. J. W. Hunt, Pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Abilene preached for them their commencement sermon. His sermon was appreciated by all. The Methodist Church was crowded to its limit. Merkel needs a big auditorium for such occasions.

The culmination of the school exercises came on Monday evening when fifteen young people received their diplomas of graduation from the Merkel High School. Rev. Willis P. Gerhardt gave them their graduation in his own interesting way. Agnes Rister was valedictorian of her class, while Julia McDonald was salutatorian, having made the second highest grade for the year. Diplomas were awarded to the following:

Annie Louise Bickley, Christene Collins, Annie Mae Coste-hens, Maurine Cobb, Abbie Ruth Darsey, Lorena Frazier, Doyle Garrett, Ruby Hamm, Chester Hutchenson, Vivian Hutchenson, Julia McDonald, Agnes Rister, Deci Sharp, Murphy Thomas, Charlie Tucker.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Two hundred and ninety five present last Sunday morning. Let's make it three hundred next Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. On account of the revival at the Presbyterian church we will have no services at the evening hour. W. M. Murrell Pastor.

J. T. Warren, President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, in speaking of condition in this country stated to a Mail representative this week that he considered the prospects at this time very flattering for crops as well as the cattle industry. Mr. Warren has some very fine cattle and says he never saw cattle do better at this time of year than he finds those on his ranch at this time.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

Last Sunday morning, May 30 marked the opening of the revival of the Presbyterian church. On account of the public school exercises there were no services on Sunday night or Monday night. However, the services on Sunday morning was splendidly attended, with a fair attendance on Monday morning. Tuesday evening's service was well attended, and it is hoped that the evening services may continue without interruption until the close of the meeting.

These revival services will continue for a period of two weeks. Rev. Crouch of Waxahachie is conducting the work. He is a man of broad experience and a forceful speaker. His sermons are timely, helpful and inspirational. It shall be the endeavor of Rev. Crouch not to prolong the services unduly; and those attending will find the services beginning and ending promptly on time.

We cordially urge the people of Merkel to line up with this work. The prayers and co-operation of every Christian in Merkel are asked, that the Lord may graciously bless the services.

Remember the two services daily, morning and evening.
Press Reporter.

N. Hancock, who owns and operates in this city the best, nicest and cleanest bakery and "Kandy Kitchen" west of Fort Worth, has been making some improvements on the interior of his place of business, which when completed will make his place more comfortable and attractive.

BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a.m. with classes for all.

Last Sunday we had 321 in Sunday School. This shows what we can do when we want to. Let us make our Sunday School what it ought to be every Sunday. Come Sunday morning and see the pictures of the Sunday School.

Those who want pictures can leave their orders with us Sunday and we will have enough made for all. They will cost .75 each.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.

No preaching at night on account of the Presbyterian meeting.

B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 p. m.
J. Union at the Anex 5 p. m.
Teachers meeting Monday at 8 p. m. We will plan to start a new class for those who wish to begin this work. Come and meet the class and arrange to begin this work with others that are starting.

Ladies meeting at the church Tuesday 4 p. m.

No prayer meeting if the meeting is still in progress with the Presbyterians.

You will find a hearty welcome at any of these services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

SEARS WELL WILL DRILL DEEPER

After considerable hard work in making a canvas among the citizens of Merkel and the Surrounding country, the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to raise the sum of \$10,000 to be used by the Security Banking and Investment Co. in an effort to drill the Sears well down to a depth of 3,500 or 4,000 feet report the amount practically raised, and the report now is that the Company has everything about in readiness to start drilling this test down to a depth which will likely satisfy the majority of those interested.

It is also stated that while the Bland well has been shut down at 2,400 feet for a week, it is expected that drilling will also soon start again on this test, and that when work is begun again it will be rushed both day and night until finished.

WHERE TEACHEES SPENT SUMMER

School closed with the graduation exercises on Monday evening. With this closing there is always a general scattering of teachers. Several of them are leaving the profession to enter some occupation that will yield enough to get three squares per day.

Most of the teachers are to spend part of the summer and the little cash they may have saved up to attend summer schools and better prepare themselves to teach successfully. Miss Annie Laurie Smith, Miss Lorena Dry and Miss Alice Yate go to the University of California at Berkeley California to take courses in their particular line of work in the Merked schools. R. J. Miller, our high school principal, and superintendent R. A. Burgess go to the University of Texas at Austin to take special courses. Misses Nell Tracy, Wilma Garrett and Jesse Sutphen spend the summer in Merkel. Our genial coach, Mr. R. E. Carey goes to Pampa to harvest his wheat crop. He will not accept the proffered position in the Merked school for another year, but will farm. He says he can no longer starve in the teaching profession. Miss Eakman spends the summer with her people at Canyon. Miss Ruby Campbell and mother left to spend the summer with her brother at East Las Vegas, New Mexico. Miss Reed will spend a part of the summer at the Canyon Normal and the remainder at her home in Memphis.

We wish all that were re-elected would return to Merked to help us another year; but cannot blame them for going into other occupations where pay is so much better.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION HERE NEXT Y'R

Wallace Bragg returned last Friday from Lockney, where he had been as a delegate from the local Epworth League, to the District Convention. He reports a big time, large attendance, and best of all he captured the meeting of the convention next spring, bringing it to Merked. And we feel sure that our city will come up to everything he promised those in attendance, in the way of an interesting program and entertainment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Howard a son on June 1st.

STITH WELL DOWN ABOUT 100 FEET

We understand the Stith well which is being drilled by the C. and H. Oil Development Company of Atlanta Georgia, spudded in first of the week and is now about ready to set the 20 inch casing at about 100 feet.

There is no big acreage deal connected with this test, the company only having 100 acres under lease, hence it may be presumed that the main thing with the promoters is to push the well down to pay as fast as possible. We understand nearly all the material needed to put this well down to a depth of 3,500 feet is now on the ground hence there is but little chance for delay on this account.

Walter Jackson leaves Saturday for Dallas, where he will attend a meeting of state Sunday School Superintendent's Association in that city next week.

MERKEL COUPLE GET MARRIED

The Tuesday night's joke turned into a reality Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, when a few friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens to witness the beautiful home wedding of Miss Annie May Costephens to Mr. George A. Smith.

Mrs. Lytton Howard sang "Sweetheart," after which Mrs. Roy Costephens softly began playing Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride, who was attended by Miss Lillian Morrison, entered, carrying the lovely bouquet of hydrangeas and orchids. The groom was accompanied by Mr. Shirley King. Rev. W. M. Murrell appropriately performed the beautiful ring ceremony.

The bride's wedding gown was of silk lace over according plaited chiffon and silver lace adorned with the beautiful fan-shaped lily of the valley veil. The groom wore the serge suit.

The bride's traveling suit was a soft copenhagen taffeta with the blue and gold cape.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Costephens, motored to Abilene where they after many rice showers and obstructions managed to take the Sunshine for El Paso.

Many handsome gifts were presented to the bride and groom. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. T. C. Weir, Misses Lillian and Madge Morrison, Mr. Henry Smith of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Costephens of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Costephens of Eastland, Rev. and Mrs. Murrell Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Howard, Mr. R. A. Burgess, Mr. Carey, Mr. Miller, and the 1920 Senior Class of Merked High School, a few close friends and the members of both families.

STORE CLOSED TO-DAY

The Economy Store will be closed all day today (Friday) in order that we may be able to remark our goods for the big sale which begins here at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning June 5. Remember the place and date and come and get your bargains in dry goods while they last.

Dr. J. T. Pue returned yesterday from a business trip to Ranger.

J. S. Swann reports having returned recently from a trip to his splendid stock farm some twelve miles northwest, where he found grass fine, cattle doing fine, crops coming up and growing nicely. Infact he like most every other farmer and stockman in this section was feeling optimistic over the prospects for good crops and complete comeback in the cattle industry this year.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary society held a social meeting at the home of Mrs. George Brown on Monday afternoon last. Quite a number of the members were present to enjoy the gracious hospitality of Mrs. Brown, but there were also a goodly number absent and to those who were indeed missed a treat both spiritually and socially. The program which had been previously arranged was carried out with our president, Mrs. Brown, presiding over the meeting. Mrs. Williams gave as the scripture lesson in her beautiful and impressive way and I am sure many of us caught a new vision of the beauty of this special lesson. Mrs. Martin gave as some interesting facts concerning our Missionaries and their work in Japan and many new ideas of this work, was gained.

Another excellent number was a reading given by Mrs. Watts. The reading, a poem, very vividly portrayed the gracious spirit and power of Jesus in dealing with our human weakness and frailties and in the climax we caught a vision of how Jesus takes us from the depths of sin and places us on a pedestal only a little lower than the angels.

At the close of the program Mrs. Brown, assisted by Mrs. Murrell served us with delicious Jello, topped with bananas and whipped cream, and chocolate cake.

The following visitors and members were present: Mesdames Murrell, Sanders, Armstrong, Martin, Calvert Williams Durham, Brown and Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Sandifer and Mrs. Dunn as visitors.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—"What Bible reading will do for us."

Leader—Henry Askew.

Scripture Lesson—(Ps. 19:9-16)

by Leader.

Song.

1. Bible gives vision—Agnes Rister.

2. What Bible reading will do for us—Leader.

3. What Bible reading did for President Wilson—Hazel Hark-rider.

4. Reading the Bible for help in personal work—Elmer Landreth

Special Music—Lillian Craig.

5. Bible reading will help us in hours of temptation—Maurine Cobb.

6. Stanley and his Bible—Lorena Frazier.

7. All need to read the Bible—Iva Landreth.

Prayer, Business, Song, Benediction.

A. C. Rose, genial manager for the Merked Dry Goods Company returned first of the week from a business trip to East Texas. Mr. Rose says he came back thinking Merked and West Texas the greatest place on earth to live.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

At a recent meeting of the Merked Independent School Board much business was transacted; among which was the election of a number of teachers for the next term, fixing salaries of same etc. We are informed that salaries were raised twenty-five per cent, and still it is likely the board will encounter some trouble in getting teachers with the qualification desired, as many are leaving the profession to enter other vocations where the pay is more remunerative.

The following elections have been made so far: Superintendent Roger A. Burgess, re-elected; Principal R. J. Miller, re-elected; Re Cary, Science, re-elected; Miss Annie Laurie Smith, English; Misses Elma Reed, Ruby Campbell and Alzada Pogue, intermediate, re-elected; Misses Jesse Sutphen, Alice Yates, Lorena Dry, Primary department, re-elected. As is the case all over the country, many of the above are leaving the service: Mr. Cary goes to his farm near Pampa, Texas, and will not teach next year, Miss Campbell, with her mother left for Las Vegas, New Mexico, where they will spend the Summer with her brother. Miss Campbell will not return here next year. Miss Pogue is leaving the profession.

While the writer is a new comer in Merked, we feel sure that the term of school just ended has been one of the best and most successful in all the history of the town, and we are proud that so many of the splendid teachers have agreed to remain with the school for next year. And from what we learn the board has every reason to believe that they will be able to fill the vacancies with teachers of excellent characted and splendid ability. The gentlemen composing the Merked School Board are a fine-bunch of fellows who are deeply interested in the keeping our school up to highest standard possible, and there is every indication that with the co-operation of the patrons, they are laying the foundation for an even better school next year. Our Superintendent has been thoroughly tried, we feel that we can say that his services have been highly satisfactory to the majority of the patrons and citizens of Merked.

Let the citizenship make up their mind now that they will lend every cooperation possible to the school board, the faculty, the Parent-Teachers Association and all, in every way they can toward making the next term a school of the first class.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett and daughter Iris and son Roy, left this week for Austin, where they will be present at the graduation exercises of the state University. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett's son Barney being one of those graduating from the department of Law of that splendid institution.

POWER COMPANY OFFICE MOVED

The office of the Merked Power Company has been moved from its location with the Bakery in the Beasley building, to the building opposite the Merked Mail office, and which was recently purchased by W. A. McSpadden and E. E. Leslie. Mr. McSpadden, who is also manager of the Merked Power Company, is fitting up a very neat and attractive office and which will enable him to better serve the patrons of this Company. But that is just his way. He is ever trying to render his patrons a little better service each and every day.



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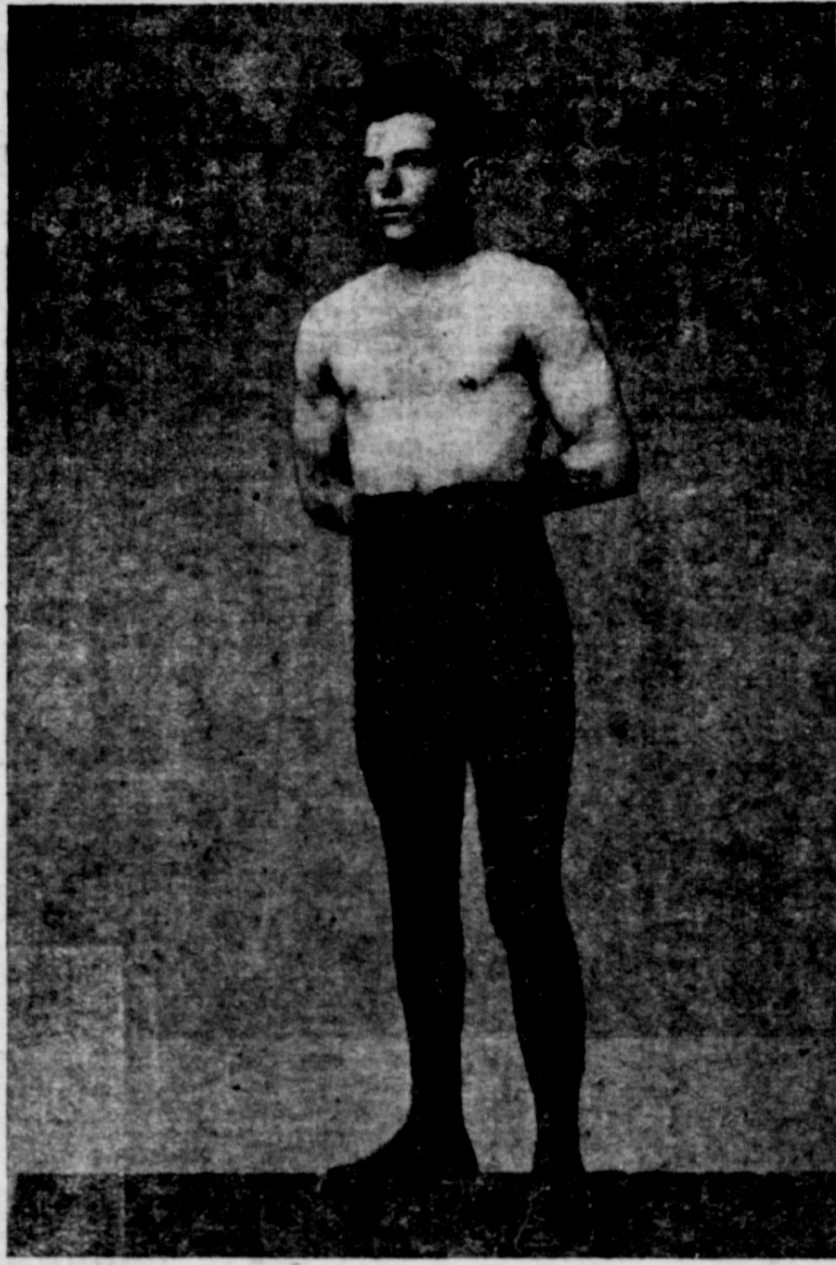
Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

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	407,080.27
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

G. W. Boyce local real estate dealer, reports the sale of the splendid home of R. H. Collins, located in Bettis Heights, one of the splendid residence parts of this city to O. Curry, of Breckenridge. We understand that Mr. Curry will soon move to the property, and we are also glad to learn that Mr. Collins and family will remain as citizens of Merkel.

Mrs. H. M. Rose and children are visiting her parents in Stephenville this week. Mr. Rose will likely join them in a few days for a short visit also.

Percy Jones and one or two other parties returned last Friday from a fishing trip to the Concho. They report that country very dry as no rain had fallen there up to that time.



JOHN CHADWICK

In the wrestling match at the Airdome Monday night between Chadwick and Jack Biddle, well known wrestler of Illinois, Chadwick won in two straight falls. First fall in 24 minutes with a scissor and head lock, in the second Chadwick came back strong and won in two minutes with a scissor and arm lock.

Chadwick goes to Clinton, Mo., June 8th to wrestle Carl Miller of that city.



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	32,272.02
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.



GOLAN NEWS

Crops look very prosperous this week, everyone is wearing a smile.

Mrs. G. M. Byron is on the sick list at present.

Mrs. A. J. Cook is improving very fast.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth and family attended church at Abilene Saturday and Sunday. Little Miss Gertrude Byron accompanied them.

The young people enjoyed a social gathering at the home of Otis Kentzie Saturday night.

Sunday school at Golan was well attended Sunday morning.

Otho Thompson and sisters Misses Ola and Edith attended the Children's day services at Horn Sunday.

Darwin Hill and Misses Menul Hill and Edna Cox were guests of Eugene and Vida Williams Sunday.

Misses Lettie Duncan and Bettie Byron and Ella Cox attended preaching at Newman Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Hill and children visited W. C. Hill and family Sunday.

Misses Clyde Williams and Val Byron and Misses Velma Hill and Pauline Byron were guests of Chester Duncan and sister Miss Dixie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guinn of Electra have been visiting their daughter Mrs. Will Herron and family the past week.

Med Herron and wife and Miss Esther Herron visited at Nunda Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children spent the day with Mrs. A. J. Cook and family Sunday.

The Golan boys met at the base ball ground Sunday afternoon and organized a first and second team.

The singing at Mr. Herron's Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Golan School will close the 11 of June, with a two night entertainment. The outsiders will play "A daughter of the desert"

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SALTY DOPE

Salt Branch is still progressing. We haven't lost any of our "Salt or pep." There is still another week of school. Although the weather is hot, the pupils are putting forth all effort to still keep a good supply of "pep" on hand.

The school will render the following program on the night of June 10:

1. Opening song by Twelve Girls
2. Invocation.....Rev. Murrell
3. Left March.....Twelve Boys
4. Coon Creek courtship....By one boy and one girl.
5. Fairy Drill.....Nine Girls
6. Clown Drill.....Twelve Boys
7. Taking fathers place....By three Girls and four boys
8. March of the pinks Nine girls
9. Duett..... Girls
10. Fudge and Burglar. 5 Girls
11. Going to Mauro...Two boys and one girl.
12. Pantomine..... Five Girls
13. Song.....Four Girls

This program promises to be one of the best ever rendered. The negro love making in the Coon Creek courtship will keep the audience in an uproar of laughter. The other members on the program will be equally as good. Everybody is welcome. Come and encourage the pupils and the teachers who have worked so faithfully to make this program and this school year one of the best at Salt Branch.

This program will be rendered outside as the house will not accommodate the crowd expected to attend.

Cases of oak or ivy poisoning should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is antiseptic and healing and a splendid remedy for such troubles. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Henry Marquis and family left this week for Ranger, where they will reside in the future. They will keep posted on the happenings in Merkel by reading the Merkel Mail.

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LOCAL ITEMS
 E. Doyle Garrett left Wednes-
 day for Clovis New Mexico for
 an extended trip.

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

G. H. Bullock, of Clovis, New
 Mexico, returned to his home
 there Wednesday after a short
 visit at the home of J. M. Gar-
 rett and Family.

If you have reason to think
 your child is suffering from
 worms, take the safe course—
 use Whitt's Cream Vermifuge.
 Worms can not resist its expell-
 ing influence. Price, 35c. Sold by
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Frank Armstrong, Son of Dr.
 and Mrs. M. Armstrong of this
 city, came in Sunday night from
 Galveston where he has been in
 attendance upon the State Med-
 ical School at that place. Young
 Armstrong will remain in the
 city some two weeks visiting
 home folks and friends, after
 which he will go to the Univer-
 sity of Wisconsin. He is an A.B.
 from the Simmons College, and
 his host of friends rejoice to
 see him continue to climb in edu-
 cational ambition.

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

Misses Lola Armstrong, and
 Annie Mae Swann, who have
 been attending Simmons College
 for the past term, returned home
 last Saturday, much to the de-
 light of their young friends
 here. They were accompanied by
 Misses Hattie and Mattie Cona-
 way, of Colorado, Juanita J.
 John, of Cisco, and Mildred,
 Hanna, of Quanah, who spent a
 few days with the former two
 young ladies before returning
 to their homes.

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 quired little property are success-
 ful, if we are to measure their
 achievements by the services
 they render society. There are
 many who have left the world
 better than they found it and
 yet they did not secure enough
 remuneration for their services
 to become rich or independent.

There are many who have ac-
 cumulated wealth, but who ren-
 dered very little constructive aid
 to society. Their wealth may
 have benefited a few, but most
 of all, it was used to advance
 themselves. Service to society
 should be the ambition of every
 individual.

Those who produce the world's
 food and fiber crops are render-
 ing service that is indispensable.
 They are engaged in luable
 work and should be awarded to
 their labor and achievements.
 They should congratulate them-
 selves upon their services to so-
 ciety and should see that society
 pays them what their services
 are worth. They should bear
 their responsibilities and meet
 their obligations cheerfully, and
 they should live comfortably
 enjoy life and rejoice in their
 position as the producers of the
 world's wealth.—Farm & Ranch

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Prof. R. J. Miller, Principal of
 the Merkel High School left to-
 day for Austin, where he will
 attend the State University dur-
 ing the summer, thus better
 preparing himself for his duties
 as a teacher and which he has
 made good as such in the school
 of this city the past term.

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 and the farmers of this section
 are going to need all the sur-
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 and idleness. Every man should
 have a job these days.

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 trolled and cause removed by ap-
 plying Ballard's Snow Liniment.
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 nent. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and
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FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITY

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 From the days of Washington
 to the present, farm boys and
 girls have given a good account
 of themselves in all occupations
 in which men and women are
 engaged. They have not always
 remained on the farm, but where
 ever they have gone and what
 ever they have done, many have
 succeeded in a large measure.

This nation has been enriched
 by the farm boys and girls who
 have come to town. They have
 not always become more prosper-
 ous and more useful citizens in
 cities and towns than they would
 have had they remained in the
 country. But often they have
 enlarged their opportunities and
 served their states and the na-
 tion by choosing other occupa-
 tions than farming.

Many who have remained in

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Pathe Phonographs
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 Each record guaranteed to
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This charming Home has five rooms with all
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L. D. Levy, Local Mgr

rural districts have accomplish-
 ed much for themselves and for
 the country, as farmers and
 homemakers. It is quite true
 that city industries are out-bid-
 ding the country for talent and
 ability in our boys and from
 farms. It is unfortunate for the
 farm and for the city consumer
 as well. But boys and girls must
 use their own judgement as to
 their own opportunities. They
 must select occupations that en-
 ables them to serve best regard-
 less of others who might want
 them to farm. The time may
 come when boys and girls reared
 in cities and trained for com-
 mercial occupations will seek the
 farm. But until farmers get
 more for their labor, few will be
 willing to farm when they can
 get more for their services in
 the cities.—Farm & Ranch.



**Specially Designed for the
 Fordson Tractor**

Authorities agree that better
 results are secured from tractor
 operation when specially de-
 signed equipment is used. For
 Fordson tractor belt equipment,
 the Little Giant, made by the
 United States Rubber Company
 has been specially designed—
 and thousands of farmers have
 found it to be the most satisfac-
 tory belt for the Fordson.

Efficient tractor farming de-
 mands more belt work—but
 make certain the belt you use is
 specially adapted for use with
 your tractor.

The Little Giant for use with
 your Fordson gives you these
 features: endless—4-ply, extra
 weight, best canvas, specially
 treated to increase toughness—
 freedom from edge wear because
 of extra edge stitching—absol-
 utely slip-proof—unusually low
 priced.

The clinging grip of the Little
 Giant transmits the full power
 to your Fordson and gives you
 the benefit of maximum perfor-
 mance of thresher, sheller, grinder,
 ensilage-cutter, hay-baler and
 other belt machinery.

There are three lengths—50', 75'
 and 100'. See them here.

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We are at Peace with the World

We are facing an era of prosperity unprecedented in our history.

Building costs are high but so are prices in every other line. It is no argument against building when tomorrow's prices may go higher.

The man with foresight will not delay further; he will build now according to his needs. Further, he will come to us for his estimates.



P. S.—Do not wait for low prices Buy Now

Lime, Brick and Cement

Window Glass

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. G. A. Guthrie is spending the week with her daughter Mrs. G. W. Ely, at Sweetwater.

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

DeVerle Johnson, of Coleman who formerly lived here, was over several days the past week, mixing with his many friends.

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

Miss Alice McGehee, who has been attending the Merkel High School the past term, left first of the week for her home at View, Texas.

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

Miss Winneth Wright of Bellview, is here the guest of her sister, Mrs. Woodroof.

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

Miss Joyce Needham of Waco, has been visiting relatives and friends here the past week.

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

Miss Ruby Goss, teacher in the Primary Department of the Merkel Schools the past term, left Saturday for her home at Abilene. Her many friends regret her departure.

Rose's Barber Shop, the cleanest, coolest place in town to get your barber work. Try it and see.

Miss Mona T. Christopher, another pupil in the Merkel High School the past term, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Clark, left first of the week for her home at Lamesa, Texas.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.



OF COURSE, your baby is worthy of the best, the most comfortable, carriage to be had. We have a particularly fine line of such carriages on hand at this time. You can make a selection of any grade, at any price.

You will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that Baby is appearing on the streets correctly if in a carriage bought here.



Hicks Swafford who for some time has been in the employment of the Crown Hardware Company, has resigned that position and left first of the week for Big Springs, where he will visit his parents and friends for a few days.

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

We are closing out our groceries and handle produce only so come in and get your groceries cheap-while they last. Merkel Produce Company on Kent Street.

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

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

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HER BABY SISTER

"Love is a very magnificent thing," says the Cleburne Daily Enterprise. "It draws like fragrant flowers attract the bees and winged things seek the hon-

ey in the depths of their petaled hearts. Today a picture of love was presented to me that held my attention. Two little girls, 1 about 7 or 8 and the other just a toddling tot, were walking down the sidewalk. It became

necessary to cross a street. The older girl gathered the little one in her arms, hugged her close and tight, pressed her lips against the baby's soft cheek and hurried across the street. There was love and affection in every movement. It was evident the older girl was fond of her baby sister and enjoyed giving her the protection she needed. It was the forerunner of the days to come when the girl will hug to her heart her own dear, sweet babe, showing upon it the devotion of a loving mother's heart. Wouldn't it be a dreary old world, bleak and desolate, if it were deprived of the love that is willing to suffer and to sacrifice? It is love that makes the world go round, it is service that keeps the wheels moving, preventing selfish destruction and greedy grabbing.

If I were an artist I would want no better theme for a great picture than the living models I saw today, and the title would be "Her Baby Sister."—Ft. Worth Record.

OIL LEASE

I have only two 10 acre blocks left on my home place unsold. Directly between the Sears oil well and the Hutchenson well. See or write, S. L. Grayson Merkel, Texas. 14t4pd

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

Dick Murrell, son of Rev. W. M. Murrell, of this city, came in last week and spent several days with home folks and friends, leaving Wednesday for Pine Bluff, Arkansas, his present home.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flower. None better, Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

WHY NOT GET YOUR Silverware Free

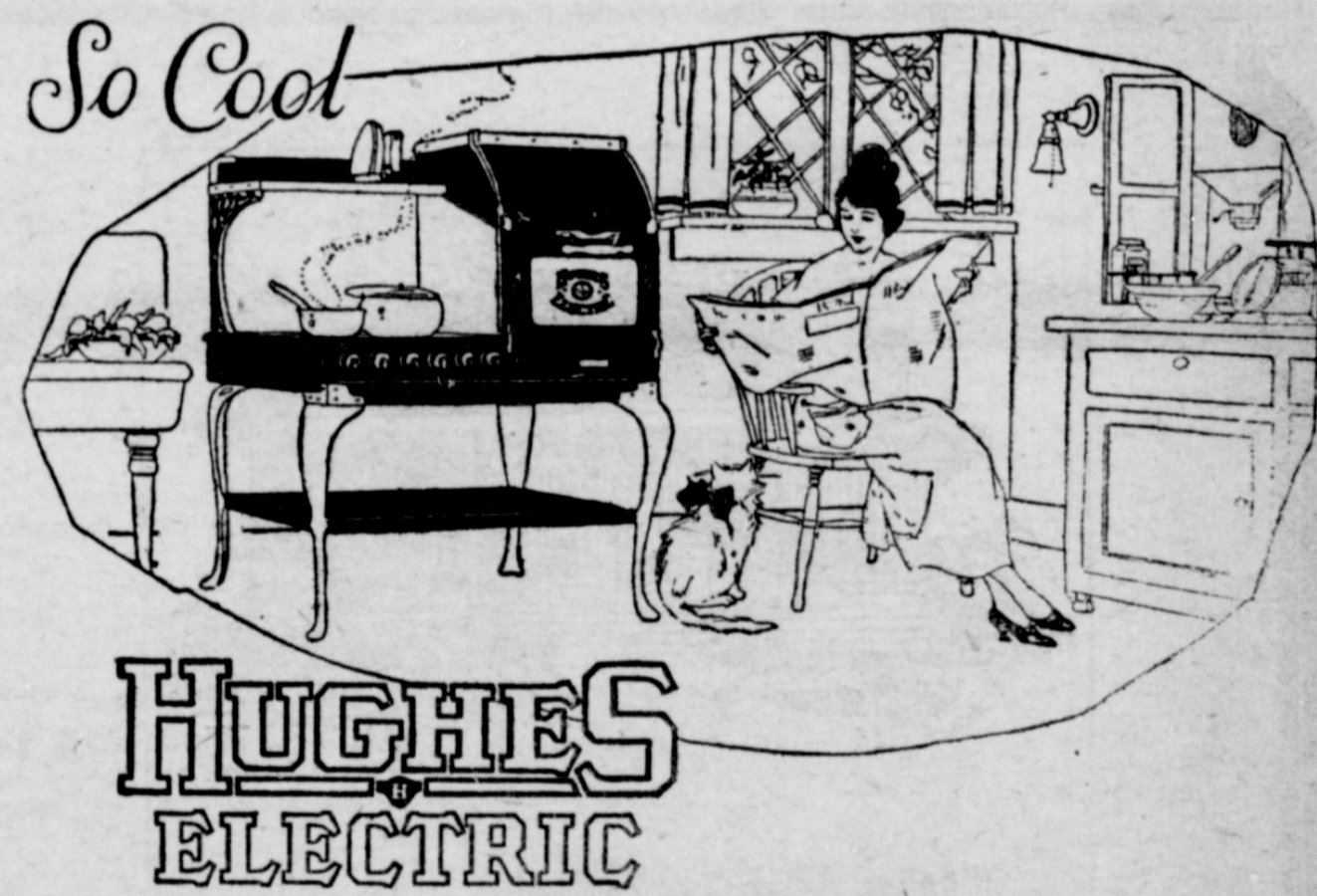
By trading with Merchants who appreciate and value your trade?

The following merchants will give Coupons with purchases made at their store, which will entitle you to this Silverware when presented in sufficient numbers. Call on them and see what they have to offer. They are

- The Merkel Drug Company
Barrow Furniture Company
Bob Martin Grocery Co.

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- Vulcanizing
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Yes, a cool kitchen, because all the heat is used for cooking. The HUGHES Electric does not heat the room—

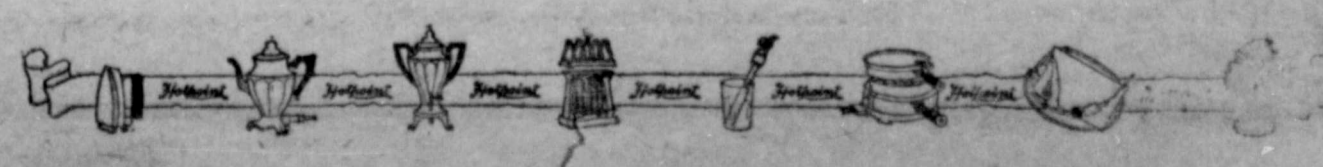
—there is nothing burning—no combustion—no flame. You turn the button and the heater becomes a cherry red; this glowing heater cooks by radiation, the radiant heat is absorbed by the food in the cooking vessels.

But that only begins the story of why you should have one for the HUGHES Range is also—

- efficient, doing everything as well as any range.
—economical of your time and economical of food because it produces heavier roasts, moister bread and eliminates spoilage.
—convenient—turn a button and you have cooking heat instantly.
—clean; meaning—the range is clean, the cooking utensils are never smutted; the kitchen floor and walls are clean because there is no fuel, no ashes, no matches, no smoke; the air is not vitiated by combustion, there are no fumes.
—endorsed by leading domestic Economists and by 50,000 practical housewives.

Let us give you a copy of "How to Modernize" and tell you more about the HUGHES Electric Range.

Merkel Power Company



BIG REDUCTION SALE

For the next few days we are going to offer you the most wonderful values in dry goods that are to be had. After going through our stock we find that we are over stocked in most every department. So we have decided to offer this high grade merchandise at these extremely low prices. We do not have any old stock to offer you, but we have the newest and highest grade merchandise to offer you at old prices.

DRY GOODS

First we want to call your attention to our dress goods. In this Department we have anything in Dress Goods that you could wish for at Prices that can not be equalled.

Voiles, Lawns and Tissuh up to 50c values at.....29
 Printed Silk Voiles up to \$2.00 values at.....\$1.69
 Printed Silk Voiles up to \$1.50 values at.....\$1.29
 Printed Silk Voiles up to \$1.00 values at......79
 Crepe de chine in assorted colors up to \$3.00 values at.....\$2.49

STAPLE DEPARTMENT

In this Department you will find these staples for below the whole-sale prices of today and would be very wise on your part to buy all that you are going to need for the entire year for the prices will be much higher.

9-4 Sheeting, Bleached......75
 9-4 Sheeting, Un-Bleached......70
 Thirty-six inch Bleached Domestic......32
 Thirty-six inch Brown LL Domestic......21
 Forty inch Sea Island......29

GINGHAMS IN STRIPES AND SOLID COLORS

One Lot of 35 cent Values at......25
 One Lot of 50 cent Values at......39

Ready-to-Wear

20 Per Cent Off

We are giving 20 per cent off on all Ready-to-Wear

Millinery Department

At this time we are making big reductions on all Millinery

LADIES PUMPS AND OXFORDS

At these marvelous low Prices we are offering the most wonderful line of Solid Leather Foot Wear that is to be found anywhere.
 One Lot, Patent High Heel Oxfords \$12.50 values at..... \$8.95
 One Lot, Black Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$12.50 values..... \$8.25
 One Lot, Brown Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$12.50 values..... \$8.25
 One Lot, Brown Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$10.00 Values..... \$7.50
 One Lot Black Kid, High Heel Oxfords \$10.00 values..... \$7.50
 One Lot Black Kid, Military Heel Oxfords \$10.00 values..... \$7.50
 One Lot Black Kid Military Heel Oxfords \$8.50 values..... \$6.50
 One Lot Brown Kid Military Heel Oxfords \$9.00 values..... \$7.00

PUMPS IN HIGH AND LOW HEELS

One Lot High Heel Black Kid Pumps \$10.00 values..... \$8.45
 One Lot High Heel Patent Col. Pumps \$12.50 values..... \$8.95
 One Lot High Heel Black Kid Col. Pumps \$12.50 values..... \$8.95
 One Lot Military Heel Brown Kid Pumps \$9.00 values..... \$7.00
 One Lot Military Heel Black Kid Pumps \$8.50 values..... \$6.50
 One Lot Military Heel Black Kid Pumps \$7.50 values..... \$6.00
 One Lot Military Heel Patent Kid Pumps \$6.00 values..... \$5.00
 One Lot Military Heel Black Kid Pumps \$5.50 values..... \$4.75
 One Lot Low Heel Patent and Kid Straps \$6.00 values..... \$4.75

COUNTER SLIPPERS & OXFORDS

About 250 pairs Ladies High and Low Heel Slippers..... \$2.95
 Men's Oxfords, One lot on Table, about 75 pairs..... \$3.95
 One lot Men's Oxfords in lace and Button..... \$5.95

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MERKEL'S BIG CASH STORE



PIANO FOR SALE—Walworth, good as new. Green oak finish. H. T. Merritt, at Merkel Mail Office.

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

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

FOR SALE—Some good planting Cotton Seed. See S. F. Haynes, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—A Dodge Casing and rim between Abilene and Merkel, on Tuesday night. Finder please return to Frank Armstrong, Merkel Texas. 1tp

FOR RENT—Two good south rooms, unfurnished. Call at 600 Cherry and Baker streets. 1tp

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

FROM A WICKED WITCH TO A SAINT OF GOD'S

The other day in the eternal City of Rome the bells of St. Peter's announced that Joan of Arc had been proclaimed a Saint and the bells of all the churches on the seven hills answered. Nearly five hundred years ago this French maid was burned at the stake. As the flames of the fagots began their awful torture her parched lips breathed out a simple prayer and she died with the smile of faith upon her fair face.

But the verdict of Rouen did not make that innocent lass of

the fields who saved her country a witch and the ceremony at the Vatican did not make her a saint. The incident only reminds us of how unjust we so often are to the living and how, when they have passed beyond our sympathy and help, we stand ready to right all wrongs and herald their virtues.

When this famous tragedy occurred nearly five centuries ago, a British soldier who witnessed it said: "We have burned a saint!" The incident touched his heart, he had swept blind

prejudice aside and like a man weighed the facts. The Truth set him right and at the door of his conscience he heard the voice of Justice. There were others present who might have been as fair, as humane, as manly as he; they had, the same chance, but public sentiment sealed their lips; without a word of protest they permitted the death of an innocent shepherd girl, who until her country called, knew only the association of the wild flowers that grew in the fields of Domremy.

Five hundred years have passed and the witch has been elevated and the saint hood. It is an example of the reckless justice of an age now gone. We look upon it with horror and we wonder what kind of brutes lived and dominated in that day. Yet, we are still burning saints of God. In a thousand ways we prove ourselves as deaf to Truth and as recreant to reason as the tribunal at Rouen.

Against some innocent girl a viper has whispered suspicion. She may be as pure as the angels

of Heaven but we repeat what has been said, we wonder if it might not be so and by our inhuman conduct we light the fagot that burn a modern Joan of Arc. The crime is as inexcusable in the one instance as in the other. It is as damnable to destroy character, to shipwreck a human soul as it is to take life.

In our political conflicts how often, oh, how often do we sentence men wrongfully. Because we oppose them and want to see someone else chosen, we cry out against their honor and their

loyalty, we abuse and misjudge and misrepresent them in every conceivable way. We will not see with that Justice and speak with that fairness of the British soldier of five centuries gone; we burn up good names, we burn up human feelings, we burn up facts.

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. If through prejudice and passion and disregard for every rule of the square deal we wrong some human being while he is living, it does a very little good to praise and glorify him after he is gone.

The time to be just and fair and true is now. —Temple Mirror.

COZY THEATRE

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

Friday, June 4
A Big Variety Program
 Including
 Tom Mix, Franklyn Farnum, John Dooly,
 Eddie Lions and Lee Moran

Monday, June 7
Invisible Hand No. 12 **Great Gamble No. 12**
 O. Henry in "A Ruler of Men"
 Fox News Big V. Comedy

Wednesday, June 9
Harry Morey **Hughey Mack**
 in
 "The Birth of a Soul" "Fists and Fodder"
 A new six reel A new two reel
 Vitagraph Special Vitagraph comedy
 —Topics of the Day—

Saturday June 5
Wm. S. Hart **Joe Martin**
 in
 "The Apostle of Vengeance" "Monkey Stuff"
 A five reel Artcraft production. A 2 reel animal comedy
 MUTT & JEFF in "Rum Runners"

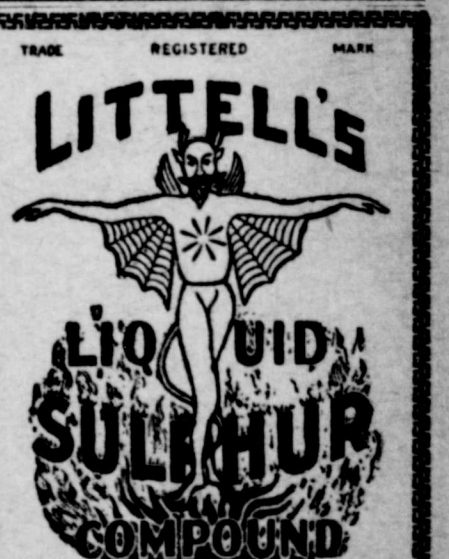
Tuesday, June 8
Wallace Reid **The Hall Room Boys**
 in
 "The Lottery Man" "Too Clever"
 A new five reel Paramount picture A two reel farce-comedy
 Pathe Review

Thursday, June 10
Elsie Ferguson **The Sennett Fun Makers**
 in
 "Under the Greenwood Tree" "Salome vs Shenandoth"
 A five reel Paramount Artcraft picture A two reel Paramount-Sennett comedy
 THE GUMPS

Coming

Douglas Fairbanks - - - in his new 8 reel special
 "HIS MAJESTY THE AMERICAN"

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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.

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SITUATION PARALLEL WITH RAILROADS

There is a striking parallel between the financial plight of municipal utility companies and that of the steam railways at the outbreak of the war.

When the federal government took the chief transportation utilities it exempted the municipal and interurban lines. These were left to battle through the war period on their own account. Like the gas, electric light and telephone utilities, they had to contend with a period of war stagnation and rising costs.

The present crisis may be judged by a single concrete case. According to President Sunny of the Chicago Telephone Company the war forced his company to cut off \$6,000,000, that would have been expended in 1918 and 1919; since then labor and material and money from the banks have advanced rapidly in price. With variations, this is the story of all the utility companies. They cannot keep pace with the public's demand for improved service without borrowing of capital, and this capital the bank refuse to lend except at ruinous interest rates.

The steam railways were lifted out of similar conditions by the federal government at the outbreak of the war. Even now, when the roads have been returned to private owners by the

government, the latter guarantees regular dividends to stockholders. The municipal utilities are fighting a lone battle on their own resources and on such help as they can get in higher rates from state utilities commissions—Chicago Herald Examiner.

A MAN'S JOB

It's a man's job to be cheerful
In the face of grief and care
Any weaking can be tearful
And a victim of despair.
But it takes a man to swallow
All the bitter in the cup,
And to live for what may follow,
Without ever giving up.

It's a man's job to be kindly,
It's a man's job to be true;
None can shut his eyes and blind
Try to journey this life thru.
And not see the wrongs about him,

Or the hazards in his way,
There are times when fate will flout him
And his feet will go astray.

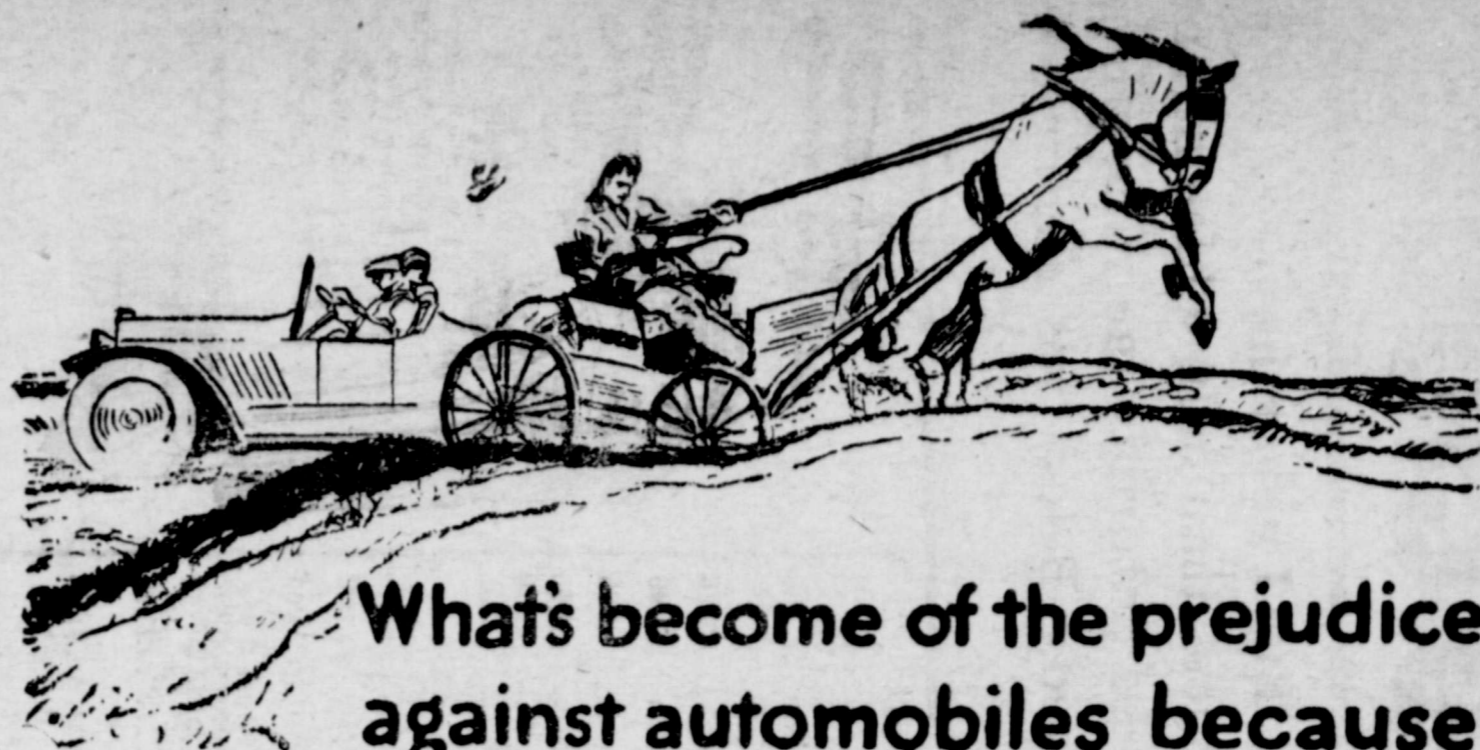
Not in fools and craven creature
Are the worthy virtues found,
Not on blank and lifeless features

Do the cheerful smiles abound
He who to his best is living
And for truth and honor stand
And is cheerful in his giving,
Has a man's job on his hands.

To be kind and thoughtful ever,
To be strong in times of need,
To put all your best endeavor
In an effort to succeed,

And to fail and keep on trying,
And not lose your cheerful way
Is a job, there's no denying,
For a real man, nowadays—
Exchange.

Read the Merkel Mail



What's become of the prejudice against automobiles because they frightened the horses

NOW cars are everywhere. The horses have gotten used to them—and so has everybody else. Think of it! This year the American people will spend *nearly a billion dollars* on tires alone.

Tires are one of the *biggest items* on the car owner's bills.

Hardly a Saturday, when you motorists drop in to "tune up" for a Sunday trip, that one or more of you doesn't tell us something of value to our business. Sooner or later it comes back to you in *Service*.

Service is what the car owners of this community are looking for nowadays.

And especially the *small car owners*, who put service

first in figuring their motor-ing expenditures.

Just because a man has a moderate-price car is no reason why he should get any *less service* out of his tires.

We believe that the man with the small car is entitled to *just as good* tire service as the man with the big car—and both are entitled to the *best tire service* they can get.

That's why we represent U. S. Tires in this community.

And why more car owners—*large and small*—are coming to us every day for U. S. Tires.

Come in and talk to us about tires. We're here to help you get the kind of tires you want.

Select your tires according to the roads they have to travel:

In sandy or hilly country, wherever the going is apt to be heavy—The U. S. Nobby.

For ordinary country roads—The U. S. Chain or Usco.

For front wheels—The U. S. Plain.

For best results—*everywhere*—U. S. Royal Cords.



ROYAL CORD - NOBBY CHAIN - USCO - PLAIN

Why Get So Warm?

If you do just cool as quickly as you got warm.

Just arrived all sizes of Ice Cream Freezers, Fireless Cookers Perfection Oil Stoves. Also Regular Perfections, Chopping Hoes, (Weed Getters) Sweeps, everything in Hardware.

Hunt us up if you have never been to see us.

We want part of your business, if we can't have it all we won't get mad about it. Try Us.

Liberty Hardware Co

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.
2½ Blocks west of Postoffice

ICE CUSTOMERS

It is imperative that you bring either cash or coupons with you on Sunday after your Ice, as Ice is Cash our losses in gathering up these coupons are too great, and unless you provide some way of paying for this Sunday Ice we must keep the Ice, if you only knew the fact in this you would not blame us.

Our Sunday hours are from 7 to 9 a. m. only for sickness we will open any other hours so please do not ask us, we need the rest and recreation.

On account of high price labor and in order to give you the best service possible we ask your co-operation by having your money ready to pay for Ice or coupons when delivered, do not ask our men to charge it until tomorrow as they don't know what you mean, they have orders to get the money or bring the Ice back. They are held personally accountable for all the Ice they take out, so they are not Bankers they cannot pay for your Ice.

We are working day and night to give you good service. The Ice factories can't get cars we have to go to Abilene at night after Ice to have you Ice the next morning.

With your co-operation we are going to go as long as possible without advancing the price of Ice we are bearing these losses hoping the transportation problem will soon ease up, we appreciate your past co-operation and ask your future indulgence.

Yours to please,
ED'S ICE COMPANY
E. E. Leslie, Mgr.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Merkel, Texas, May 28, 1920.
The undersigned will receive preproposals up to and including June 13, 1920, for the furnishing of suitable quarters for post office purposes at Merkel, Texas, under a lease for five or ten years from May 1, 1921 in accordance with the attached blank form, which, as will be noted, calls for the furnishing of rent, heat, light, water, closets, urinals, safe or vault, and all necessary furniture and equipment for the proper conduct of said office at a stated price per annum.

There will be needed in this instance: Not less than 1150 square feet of floor space. Good day-light. Location not too far from business center and within eighty rods of railroad depots are points for general consideration.
Blank proposals and specifications may be obtained from the postmaster.
The form of lease may be examined at the post office.
Diagrams of the rooms offered should be submitted, showing dimensions, windows, etc.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.
R. L. McMannus, Post Office Inspector, Abilene, Texas.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach and sluggish state of the bowels. Herbine corrects the trouble immediately. It purifies the bowels, helps digestion, and sweetens the breath. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

If there is a preacher in the land without a job we beg to suggest a very envying field to him. We want a man with logic so strong no human mind can resist it, and with a pathos so pleading that it will melt the purest carbon. No other kind of man can get results. We want the minister to preach to the scoundrels who are daily running up the price of newspaper, and we want him to take for his text "Thou shalt not rob."—Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bearden are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on May thirty.

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

Austin Callan is a Texas editor. Austin Callan is a writer of classics. For instance, (this on Mother's day: "This is Mother's day. I knew it when my eyes, at early sunrise, fell upon the golden rods and buttercups. In each little face of the million smiling blossoms I saw a glint of queen-

ly glory, a touch of divine love, a dewdrop of sweetest purity. These things told a mute but eloquent story of the Master Creator of human destiny. It is appropriate that Mother's day comes in the smiling month of May; at no other season of the year could Dame Nature assem-

ble together such a lovely array of tinted splendor. And I love to think of these flowers as true messages from our sainted dead. Each fair blossom seems to represent a kiss, a smile or word of cheer spoken by the lips that are sealed forever. As I look back this early spring day, through the mist of the past I see a pic-

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Health About Gone

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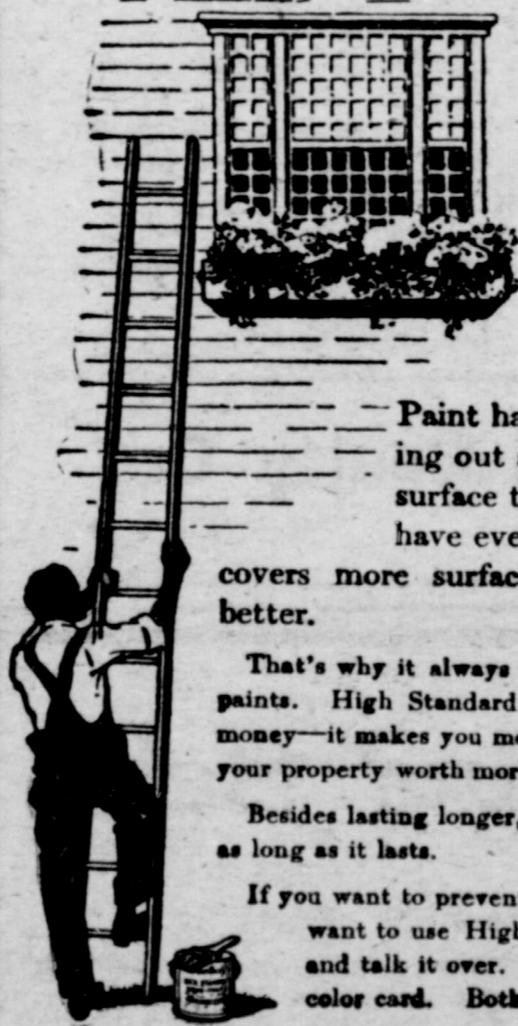
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