

COX AND ROOSEVELT ARE NOMINATED

San Francisco, July 6.—James M. Cox, three times governor of Ohio, was nominated for the presidency early this morning by the Democratic National Convention in the breakup of one of the most prolonged deadlocks in the history of national political parties.

It took forty-four ballots to make a choice and it was not until the thirty-eighth, when Attorney General Palmer withdrew from the race, that the long succession of roll calls showed any definite trend.

In the turnover of the Palmer delegates Cox gained the advantage over William G. McAdoo, his rival for first place since early in the balloting and that advantage was never lost.

Supporters of Governor Cox won away to the nomination by persistent battering at the Palmer and McAdoo forces in many states throughout a long series of shifting and rallies which left now one and then another of the candidates in the lead.

On the opening ballot Friday the Ohio governor was in third place. He soon passed Palmer, however, and on the twelfth ballot went ahead of McAdoo. Then began a see-sawing between the Cox and McAdoo totals which at the end of the thirty-ninth ballot at midnight found the two virtually the same.

On the forty-second ballot the accession of most of the Palmer strength to Cox put him well ahead and after that great and little state delegations went into the Cox column in a procession. On the forty-third ballot he got a majority for the first time of all the votes cast and on the forty-fourth he was plunging toward the required two-thirds when Colorado changed its vote to him and made the nomination obvious. It was made unanimous on motion of Sam D. Amidon of Kansas, a leader of the McAdoo forces.

Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, assistant secretary of the navy and relative of the President who bore that name, was chosen by the Democratic national convention today as its candidate for Vice President and running mate for Governor Cox.

WHERE ARE THE WORKERS

One of the greatest difficulties which men on farms as well as manufacturers and transportation companies must overcome before production can become normal is "labor troubles." Labor is "troubled" and consumers are at the mercy of high prices and the speculators. Why should there be labor troubles? Labor is in greater demand than ever known. Higher prices are now being offered laborers on farms and in all lines of development than was ever known before. There is work and high prices for the old and the young and the strong and vigorous. Surely "the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few."

Where are the willing laborers? Where are the hands who want an opportunity to do a full day's work for a full day's pay?

Strikes, demands for shorter days and more pay, and idleness are a serious reflection on a brave and patriotic people who have won a world war. Are people not willing to help get society back to normal conditions? It will take hard work, more than an eight-hour day to produce the food, clothing and other necessities the people need. —Farm & Ranch.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company.

THURSDAY CLUB

On Thursday July first the Thursday Club held a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting at the palatial home of Mrs. Dr. Geo. L. Miller.

The afternoon was spent in playing the popular and progressive game of "forty-two" after which a delicious refreshment plate of Pear Salad, sandwiches cheese straus and ice tea were served to about sixteen members.

J. A. Collins is sojourning in the state of Tennessee, among the haunts of his boyhood days and old friends and relatives.

MISS PIERCE FOR SUPERINTENDENT

In the announcement column of this paper our readers will find among the aspirants for the office of County School Superintendent of Taylor county, the name of Miss Ada D. Pearce, of Abilene, as a candidate for that one of the county's most important official positions.

Miss Pearce is no stranger to most of the voters of this vicinity and in fact Taylor county, as she taught for two years in the Merkel schools and for a number of years in other schools of the county. She is a native of Taylor county, is an A. B. graduate of the State University and in all has had twelve years training in rural and city teaching, is therefore thoroughly qualified and familiar with the duties of the office and the needs of education generally.

She promises if elected, to devote her entire time and attention toward the school work throughout all the county. Among the things mentioned in her campaign literature we notice the following: "I realize that the greatest problem, the sternest peril, the strongest defender, the mightiest force, the richest asset, the highest hope of Taylor county is the children of the public schools of today.—The men and women of tomorrow, and I work with this thought in mind."

BIG CELEBRATION TRENT JULY 9-10

Homer L. Easterwood, affable and efficient Cashier of the First State Bank of Trent was in this city yesterday, and reports arrangements all made and the stage set for the biggest celebration in that city on today and tomorrow, Friday and Saturday July 9th and 10th. The program of entertainment promises to be of a splendid variety of wholesome enjoyment, such as bronco riding, goat roping, base ball, and it is expected that all the candidates for county office will be on hand and make their announcements, and last but not least, Thos. L. Blanton, congressman from this district, and who is a candidate for re-election, will meet his opponent, Hon. R. N. Grisham, in joint debate on the issue involved in their campaign.

MISS COLLINS ENTERTAINS

On last Tuesday evening Miss Christene Collins entertained a number of her friends at her palatial home north of town.

Music was highly appreciated and enjoyed during the entire evening.

At a rather late hour every one assured their hostess of the most delightful time they had.

AMERICAN LEGION FRIDAY JULY 9TH

Merkel Post No. 233 is expecting a large turn out at its called meeting Friday night July 9th. This Post is young, having only recently been chartered, but from all reports the ex-service men of this part of the country are as desirous of having a wide-awake organization as any elsewhere.

Quite a number of the boys joined in with the Abilene boys soon after being discharged, before a Post was organized in Merkel, but now since the formation of a home Post it is expected all these will transfer up here.

We understand that permanent officers are to be elected at the meeting Friday night as well as other very important business to be transacted.

At the reunion of ex-service men in Abilene July 5th the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. furnished the boys with a very sumptuous noon day meal included on this menu were some 215 fried chickens. Abilene seems to still be in support of her ex-service men in these times of peace and plenty as she was during the time that they were making history for the good old U. S. A.

Let us as citizens of Merkel and Merkel country be ever mindful of the fact that there are real men among us who have suffered that we might live and prosper and therefore do all we can to help them all we can in their pursuit of honest and conscientious undertakings.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject—"Absalom, a Handsome Demagogue." Leader—M. F. Carey. Introduction by Leader. A prince in exile by Althea Chamberless. Stealing the hearts of the people—Ola Sharp. In rebellion against the King, his father—Walter Jackson. The tragedy of grief—Joel Count. Reports of committees, business benediction.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Lets have a full attendance Sunday morning. Preaching at 11. Subject for the morning hour, "Insolation by Contract." Service at 8:30 in the evening. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening 8:30 we are studying the gospel of John by chapters at the prayer-meeting. Come and get interested in these meetings. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. Why not come out and let the attendance run over 300 Sunday? Preaching at the regular hours, morning and evening. B. Y. P. U. will meet at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

SINGING AT SALT BRANCH

We are requested to announce that on next Sunday, July 11 there will be a meeting of the Taylor County Singing Convention held at Salt Branch Baptist Church at two p. m., and to which all lovers of good singing are cordially invited.

Dr. W. V. Cranford came in Wednesday from his visit to friends and relatives in the state of Louisiana. Doctor Cranford says he enjoyed his visit but was glad to get back to Merkel and West Texas.

BIG REVIVAL AT THE NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Beginning Friday night Elder Joe S. Warlick of Dallas will conduct a series of meetings at the North Side Church.

The building will be equipped with electric fans to make it as comfortable as possible.

You are cordially invited to attend these meetings to hear this great man preach. Assist in the singing and help in any way to make them a success.

B. H. Hollingsworth of the C. H. Oil & Development Company returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Sierra Blanco and the Rio Grande country recuperating etc.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Last Friday evening's business and social session of the New Era Class was, indeed, a profitable and an enjoyable one. There was present on this occasion an attendance of over half of the membership, which was gratifying, indeed. As business discussion proceeded, considerable interest was manifested, and spirit of enthusiasm prevailed the session. T. M. Smith was elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Mr. Tucker. The office of assistant secretary will be filled by W. H. Barnett during the temporary absence of the secretary, Miss Russell. The reports of the committees were of especial interest, and numerous plans of growth and service were considered. The meeting adjourned, there followed a few minutes of social pleasure, during which time the social committee served delicious sandwiches and refreshing lemonade.

Another evidence of the spirit of progress which is prevailing the church was manifest in the successful program rendered Sunday evening by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Their subject was missions, both home and foreign, followed by a brief Bible review. The women are to be recommended for the splendid papers which were read on this occasion; and the special songs which were sung also deserve mention. The attendance upon this occasion, while not as large as had been hoped for, was above the average. And, considering the publicity which was given the service, it was, nevertheless, gratifying. Our hats are off to the ladies, even though they did take up a contribution among the men; and we eagerly await their next program.

Now, what we want is more people to participate in our activities, to work and worship with us. We want to see our Sunday School go well over the one hundred mark in attendance. That will mean your being present during the Sunday School hour. We promise you the best that we can offer, and with your attendance we hope to become even better. Don't you think this a fair proposition? Well, come! We are sure you will be delighted with the School's splendid spirit of progress.

And after the Sunday School hour we want you in the morning service. If for no other reason, we invite you for your soul's own good. You will appreciate the sermon, and it will do you lasting good. Then, too, your presence will encourage your pastor to more noble attainment, to more effective service. You readily see then the profits are mutual; so come. And we would not have you forget, too, the evening service. Just give the church a place in your program.

Press Reporter.

THE SIMMONS BUNCH

Misses Mamie Ellis, Bessie Tucker, Ruth Pike, Jewell Daniels, Mary Campbell, Thelma Merritt and Mr. Russel Pike came in Friday afternoon from Simmons College to spend the fourth of July. Also Misses Mae Robinson and Lillian Tedford of Trent who are attending Simmons came down on the train with the crowd.

R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of this city, in company with G. E. Conegys, proprietor of the Star Store, left Tuesday for New Orleans on business.

MAY SHOOT SEARS WELL IS REPORT

We are informed that work was again started on the Sears well last week, and the plan now is to pull up the six inch casing shoot the well at the 2,490 foot sand from which the well has made a number of light flows.

BLAND IS GOING AGAIN

Work was also begun on the Bland well again first of the week, when the underreamer which delayed work on this test for several weeks arrived. An effort will now be made to fish out the string of tools now in the well.

STITH WELL GOING DOWN

We understand the fifteen inch casing was set last week at about six hundred feet, and that the test is going along down at a rapid and satisfactory rate. In fact there is every evidence that those in charge of putting this test down mean business and will likely soon complete the test. It is being put down by the C.H. Oil & Development Company of Atlanta, Georgia.

MERKEL MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the Merkel Chapter No. 374, R.A.M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

H. M. Mayfield, H.P.; W. O. Boney, King; N. J. Smith, Scribe; C. E. Mershon, Treasurer; G. W. Johnson, Secretary; L. R. Thompson, C.H.; W. M. Gamble, P.S.; P. L. McClary, R.A.C.; R. I. Grimes, M.3.V.; J. E. Bozge, M.2.V.; Jim Black, M.1.V.; and F. J. Smith, Guard.

A PLEASANT EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sears entertained Monday evening, honoring their neices, Misses Campbells of Paducah and Miss Needham of Waco.

Various games and contests were enjoyed and music was furnished throughout the evening. Misses Boog and Johnnie Sears presided at the punch bowl.

Those present were: Misses Pearl and Odie Campbell, of Paducah, Joyce Needham, of Waco, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Alice McGehee of View, Lola Armstrong, Annie Mae Swann, Lula Mae Boaz, Alva Wheeler, Loyce Dry, Lillit Pratt, Mary Eula, Johnnie and Boog Sears, and Messrs Lee Needham of Waco, Scott Johnson and Hicks Swafford of Abilene, Milo Jones, Guy Darsey, Delma Compton, Ben Smith, Wallace Bragg, Preston Guthrie and Mack Brookman.

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OFFICERS SHOOT THE WRONG CAR

According to reports a call was sent Abilene officers about two a. m. Wednesday morning from Sweetwater to the effect that a car loaded with Whiskey was headed toward the former city, and immediately city officials and Sheriff John Bond got busy and proceeded out this side of town to catclaw bridge where they waited the coming of the big car which was supposed to be loaded with booze and three men armed with sawed off shot guns. And according to reports along about three a. m., a car spied coming down the road and the officers in order to be able to see better the car and its occupants as it approached started their car, turned on the lights, and as the other car came to a stop the officers claim to have hollered "who is in it" several times, but no one answered, and instead the driver, who proved to be a young man of Abilene by the name of Repps Guitar, who was accompanied by Letcher King, another young man of that city also, reversed the car and begun running backward, and this caused the officers to believe the occupants were the men they were looking for and they began shooting at the tires in an effort to stop same. It seems the driver young Guitar, believed they were facing hold-up men and he was making an effort to get away, and did get out of the car and ran to a nearby house where he notified parties that they had met some hold-up men and that he was afraid that young King had been killed. Young King it seems was asleep and did not make an effort to run away and it was only when the officers approached the car that they discovered their mistake. No one was wounded from any of the shots, a number of which hit the car, and the officers as well as the general public, regret the mistaken identity very much, and what we learn Sheriff Bond has scores of friend in Merkel and throughout the country generally, who regret to learn that steps were taken by parties in Abilene asking that this splendid official resign. And as a demonstration of their belief that he was only doing his duty in an honest effort to enforce the law, a petition was circulated which was numerously assigned to that effect.

MERKEL YOUNG MAN GETS PROMOTION

Mayor J. J. Stallings is in receipt of a letter from his son E. P. Stallings, who for about ten years has been connected with one of the banks of Houston, stating that he had just been promoted to the position of Chief Clerk, in that great financial institution. Young Stallings is a Merkel raised boy, and his friends will be proud to learn of his position and success in the banking world.

MR. AND MRS. ED L. TURNER RETURNED

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Turner returned last week from a visit to friends and relatives at Austin, San Antonio and other central and south Texas points. The trip was made in their Dodge Sedan Car, and Mr. Turner states that they had no tire or car trouble whatever, not even a puncture, and of course he feels proud over his purchasing a Dodge car.

L. R. Thompson, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, left last night for a business trip to Houston.

J. A. Buford and wife returned last Friday from a trip to Oklahoma.



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of my life can never be blotted out and I suppose mine will go with me to the grave. J. F., I have lived close to God since I saw you last, and with his help I shall continue to the end, which may not be far in the future. But I pray that he spare me until I see you and others that I may tell you of the feelings of my heart.

As I wrote you once before, although I do not know that you ever received my letter, my escape from Weir was the impulse of a moment and a miracle; some of the darkest hours of my life were from that moment until I arrived at Tulsa, Okla. During this time he, or some of his party, was so close to me I could hear their voices. A brief stay in Tulsa, from there to Canada, then to the Pacific coast, sailing from Vancouver, B. C. to California, shipping from there to San Jose in Central America, crossing the mountains riding burros and walking part of the time, some influence or power constantly leading me on, on, until I finally arrived in Honduras. In Honduras I was stricken down with tropical fever. I lay at death's door, far from friends and relatives, among a people of a foreign tongue. But God was good to me and spared me. Later I went to Guatemala and Mexico; again I had fever; and again the good Master snatched me from the grave. Oh, my friend during these trying and lonely,

fretful and feverish days, I suffered, suffered, heart, mind and body; at times I saw father, mother, brother, sisters, my own dear ones, all of you under this blistering heat and feverish feeling. A cup of cold water then would have been to me like the dew to the flower. A physical wreck, shattered under these trying ordeals and mental strains. But God has spared me unto this day; and while my health and strength is not good, it is much better than it was.

J. F., I have been the most lonely, heart-broken exile in the world. My trials and sorrows, afflictions and gratitude, have tempered my heart and brought me closer to God. I saw my dear sister last winter when mother was dying, whose bedside I tried to reach before she was summoned, but failed. Sister told me of many things that were happening in my old home town, among which was that many people censured T. C. Weir for my escape. This is a mistake. While you know Weir was my enemy and there was a time in my political life I had no love for him; but that has long since passed from me. In my darkest hours, when I would repeat the Lord's Prayer, which mother taught me, saying, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," I forgave Weir. Hence it is but just and fair that I say he had

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TOM BLEDSOE WRITES LONG LETTER HOME

The following letter addressed to Judge J. F. Cunningham is from Tom Bledsoe, former Judge of this county and who, upon being accused of misappropriating funds of the county fled. He was apprehended east of here by T. C. Weir, then sheriff of this county, and when the two were started back to Abilene Bledsoe again escaped. Some bitter criticisms were made of Mr. Weir at the time, criticisms which the Times has never believed to be even in part justified, and it is with pleasure that we reproduce the letter which so completely exonerates Mr. Weir. Many passages will be doubtfully interesting to the hundreds of friends of T. A. Bledsoe in this city; and despite his mistakes he can still number his friends by the many hundreds.

J. F. Cunningham,
Abilene, Texas.

My Dear J. F.:

I received your kind letter today and I have read and re-read it with tears of sadness and a broken heart, for it brought memories and recollections of my past life that I would make any sacrifice if I could live it over. The scenes of my boyhood the old fishing and swimming holes of Lytle and Clear Fork, the schooldays and playmates, the home influence of a Christian mother, the ties of youth, the struggle to secure an education, the hopes and ambitions of young manhood, the efforts and desires to do my humble part in building up my home town and country—all these are memory's companions, constantly pulling at my heart.

J. F., you say I have many friends in Taylor county. Oh, how, I love them. They are the salt of the earth to me. This year they laid to rest in the city of the dead, my mother, the dearest mother any man ever had, by the side of my long since departed father. I would gladly give my all to be to them what I once was. But the mistakes

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nothing to do with aiding my escape. On the contrary, I know he made every effort then, and has since to locate me; but my movements were of such long distance and so rapid it was hard ly possible for anyone to locate me. Should God be kind enough to ever let me see you, Weir, or any of my friends, I would say to you as I here say, that such reports are untrue. My heart prompts me before I am summoned hence to exonerate him in every particular from such charges. I am sure no one has a better right to know this than I do.

J. F., through the past several years I have thought of you and other friends in silence and prayer. You are one of my dearest friends; God knows the word "Friend" means so much to me. My heart's hope is that I may see you and my other friends in life. Should this not be, may I meet you all in the Great Beyond. The Twilight of my life is drawing nearer, as it is to all; but thru and beyond it, memory recalls the faces of many dear ones back in the old home town Please remember me kindly to all of them. Forgive me for this long letter; but my heart is so full it must speak.

Sincerely and always,
TOM BLEDSOE.

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

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on June 30, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$450,652.72
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured, None	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	3,500.00
Owned and unpledged	5,896.49
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged	1,582.00
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,960.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	56,104.36
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	174,040.55
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	38.25
Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17	\$174,078.80
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	1,533.70
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	413.33
Total	\$709,746.90

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	\$8,261.76
Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)	5,000.00
Circulating notes outstanding	5,950.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	16,994.95
Total of items 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33	\$16,994.95
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	554,285.29
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	2,750.00
Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve	\$562,035.29
Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	\$562,035.29
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	44,930.00
Postal savings deposits	1,161.57
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 40, 41, 42 and 43	\$46,091.57
Liabilities other than those above stated	413.33
Total	\$709,746.90

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1920.

J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
BOOTH WARREN, Directors

L. B. Scott returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he had been to attend a meeting of the Fordson Tractor agents in this state.

Miss Mildred Sanders was up first of the week for a visit to her parents, M. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders. She returned to Putnam Tuesday.

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MERKEL MAN GETS MARRIED AT GREENSVILLE

The following report of the marriage of Mr. J. L. Winter, well known and well-to-do stockman residing north of Merkel, to Miss Miriam Mitchell, at Greenville, Texas, on June 30, will be interesting to the groom's host of friends throughout this section.

A wedding of exceptional interest to their many friends, which was solemnized at 8:30 last evening, was that of Miss Miriam Mitchell and Mr. J. L. Winters, at the home of the bride's mother, 3037 West Oneal. In the reception hall, music room and library, soft pink shades shed a mellow light on gorgeous ferns and pot plants with clusters of Shasta daisies in cut glass baskets adding cheer to the surroundings on this happy occasion.

In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas King, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Looney, Mrs. H. L. Propst, Mrs. Samuel Winters and Mrs. Madge Cowan, with Mrs. W. B. Brown, a bride of the week, in handsome silk gown and Miss Clara Richardson in dainty Nile green organdy frock at the guest book.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. W. E. Speakes, accompanied by Mrs. Madge Cowan, played softly, "To a Wild Rose"; and as fancy brought nearer and nearer to each listening ear the faint echo of merry wedding bells, life's hope and love's story were told as Mrs. B. F. Looney sang, "At Dawning."

When the last tones of the singer had ceased to vibrate, Mrs. Cowan started the familiar strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and the bridal party entered.

From the right entrance came the bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Terry in dust georgette frock with blue trimmings and white picture hat, and Miss Lillian Mitchell, sister to the bride, in flesh georgette with satin trimmings and white picture hat, each carrying baskets of sweet peas,

tiny pink rosebuds and ferns. Following closely was the ring-bearer, little William Watson, nephew of the bride, dressed in white satin suit, carrying a world of responsibility in the heart of a lily. Next came the bride, leaning on the arm of her mother.

From the left entrance came the best man, Mr. W. B. Brown followed by the groom. As they neared the altar the party formed a semi-circle, and the bride and groom stepped forward, where the Rev. H. B. Pender, a lifelong friend of the bride's family, was waiting to speak the words that united these two souls for life.

The bride wore a wonderful gown of white satin, overdressed with georgette, which was gracefully caught up at the right front side with a dainty white pearl buckle. A long train of satin, stopped with pearls, hung from the shoulders, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The mystic profusion of her veil, swung from a coronet of pearls, completed her loveliness.

The bride's mother was lovely in a black georgette dress with jet trimmings and black lisere and Maline hat. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations. Following the ceremony Mary Frye, Alta Merle Little, LaVerne Wilbank, Nell Brooks, Dorothy Little and Emma Joe McBride, fairy-like in white argandy frocks served white brick cream and block cake.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. A. H. Mitchell and was reared to charming young womanhood in this city, where she has won a host of friends who love and admire her for her many beautiful traits of character. She will be missed, not only in social circles, but in church work as well, where she has given the best of her life and talents.

The groom who is a young ranchman, comes from one of the best families in Merkel, where he is held in high esteem in both social and religious circles.

Many beautiful and costly gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Winters, attesting the love which their friends both here and at Merkel have for them.

The bride's traveling suit was of navy superior tricotine with hat and accessories of black.

Immediately following an informal reception, Mr. and Mrs. Winters left for Dallas, where they will visit Mrs. Winters' sister before going to their home at Merkel. As the train pulled out the bride threw her bouquet, which was caught by Miss Clara Richardson.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown, Mrs. Samuel Winters, Mrs. H. L. Propst and little daughter of Merkel, Mrs. Jesse Mitchell, El Paso, and Mrs. W. E. Watson and children, of Dallas.—Greenville Herald.

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W. P. Duckett of Merkel left Sunday July 4 on a vacation, the first in the eleven years he has lived in Merkel. He will visit his children and relatives and friends back east. His business will continue at the same place during his absence.

Messrs Hicks Swafford and Scott Johnson came over from Simmons College to spend the fourth with friends and relatives.

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

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf

Mrs. Victor Harrell of Tucson, Arizona, after a splendid visit with Mr. and Mrs. Barbee, returned to her home first of the week.

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf

Miss Hazel Harkrider came in first of the week from Coleman, where she had been visiting friends for some time. She reports a very delightful time.

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

Delma Compton left first of the week for Fort Worth and other East Texas points.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

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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.

Will someone tell us why there is a scarcity of Ice?

Last winter we had no Coal to keep us warm, and now we have no ice to keep us cool.

Don't forget that on Friday morning promptly at ten o'clock there is to be a battle royal fought to a finish at Trent. The contestants are Thos. L. Blanton and R. N. Grisham, both candidates for Congress from this the 17th district.

The fourth of July was indeed a quiet day in Merkel. All business houses were closed through out the day. Some went picnicking, fishing etc., and most all returned badly sunburned and tired, for the day was surely hot and dry.

We would like to see a flour mill, oil mill, cotton mill, etc., and we believe everybody in Merkel would like to see the ice problem solved so that ice would be more plentiful during such hot, dry weather as is now being experienced. We doubt if it should be necessary that a much higher price should be required of the consumers of ice, but most of us would rather pay "the price" than be without the ice. Let us have ice.

THE FRISCO CONVENTION

Several days ago on the western side of this country was called one of the greatest meetings that has ever been called by man to see who was who in this great Nation of ours. At this convention many speeches were made by both the wets and dries, but they seemed to be at random on the main issues. Men who had stood by Bryan in the Conventions past, seemed to fail to hear this mighty orator of the day on the platform issues, thereby causing this Honorable dry to slip home with his feelings hurt and when asked what he had to say about the outcome was made to reply that he had said all that he had to say. This distinguished gentleman made the master speech of his life. It carried the best language that could be collected by him, its adjective showed that it was as flowery as could have been made by mortal man. After all this, he could not change the minds of the people who had been sent there to do the people's voting.

The Democratic Party has made History in the past convention that has never been made by any party before. They have laid down principles that will appeal to the world and carry this mighty Party on to victory, letting it show to the world that it is the standard bearer of all the people. It has gone on record as standing by the past Administration, it has nominated for the high place and position in this country a man who wanted the place. He wanted to sit at the Head of the Greatest Nation in the world, he was more than willing to take the care and responsibility of the

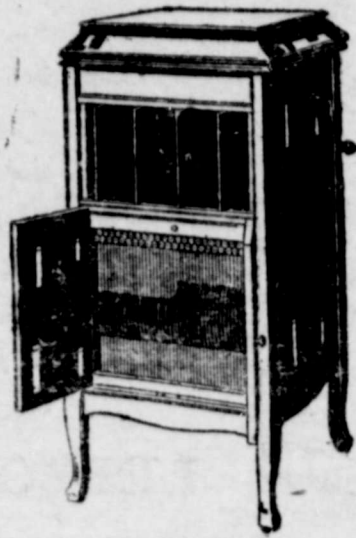
Party and for all the people. It was seen from the beginning that he was a man that was making the gains, over one of the greatest men that has ever been in any political movements in this country. But this man could not see fit to serve the people of his own free will and accord and was never found to say that he wanted the place. All along the path of life our people have never given anything to the man that has not asked for it. He was a mighty figure in the past administration and has shown his skill in many things that come to the country but the delegates could not see fit to place the honor on him. There was much wild ideas as to who would be the winner, where would he come from, and when would it be over. All this time the Cox men were not feeling the least bit blue as they knew the hearts and minds of the people at home and when time offered, a great man was then placed at the wheels of this party, and this man was Jim Cox.

For when he moved his men at the convention moved, he was with them, his great mind was running with theirs and now the minds of the people of this the greatest nation of all nations will be running with this Hero. As he moves about from place to place he will carry the minds of

the rich, poor and all the people alike with him, and when the election has been held he will be given the greatest ovation of any candidate that has ever made the race for this place.

He will force Mr. Harding to give up the idea of his back porch policy and campaign, for

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We also wish to call your attention to the fact that we have just received the largest number and most varied selections of Columbia Records ever brought to this section of West Texas. These records can be used on many other makes of talking machines and we invite you to come in and make your selection of these records, by the world's most famous musicians and singers.



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unless Mr. Harding does he need not expect to carry his home town.

Texas, Grand Old Texas, as she has always been called, will roll up a mighty vote for this Mr. Cox and then it will be that we can see and hear the bands playing that the town of Marion, Ohio has been turned upside down and this man that the Democrats were willing at the Frisco Convention to be their leader has again carried the Grand Old Party to Victory.

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

VOTE

for
J. W. MOFFETT
for
County Judge

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Friday, July 9

Wm. S. Hart

in

"The Patriot"

Lyons-Moran

in

"Caught in the End"

Monday, July 12

William Duncan

in

"The Silent Avenger No. 3"

Grace Cunnard

in

"Wolf Tracks"

Oriental Charlie in "The Bull Thrower"

Wednesday, July 14

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Jack Pickford in "The Little Shepherd of Kingdon Come"

From the book by John Fox, Jr.

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Thursday, July 15

Ethel Clayton

in

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Johny Ray

in

"Carey's Servants"

Topics of the Day

COMING—

Harry Morey in "The Sea Rider"

Mary Pickford in "Daddy Long Leggs"

MERKEL BANKER REPORTS WEST TEXAS CONDITIONS

The following from "The Financier," a periodical published in New York, in the interest of banking and finance, by a local banker not only reflects the substantial condition of the institution under the able supervision of the gentleman making the report, but reflects a similar condition of the great majority of such institutions throughout the West.

"Having had ample rains and being loaded with cash resources during this period of uncertainty we feel that "Western Texas is sitting on the world," writes R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas. The Bank puts out an interesting postal card giving an exterior and interior view of its home. The exterior is a picture of the bank and the "interior view" is a statement of condition, showing resources in excess of one million dollars.—"The Financier."

NUBIA NEWS

As I have not seen any news from this community for quite a while will send in a copy.

Crops are doing nicely, but a shower would be appreciated.

The people are about up with their work, and ready to enjoy the attractions of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Horton spent Sunday with his brother Mr. S. H. Horton and family near Blair.

Miss Hester Blackburn of Blair spent Sunday with Mrs. Mattie Cook of Nubia.

Quite a crowd attended services Sunday. Rev. Cornell did the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears and family of near Blair attended the service here Sunday.

Miss Nina Reynolds motored to Merkel on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blackburn left Wednesday for a two month visit with relatives in Alabama.

Mr. Claude Brandon has just returned to Temple, Texas from a two weeks visit with relatives here.

Miss Lola Blackburn spent Sunday with Miss Mina Reynold. She reports a nice time eating ice cream and turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair.

Messrs Morris Horton and Emory Jones of Blair attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Richie took supper with Mr. J. W. Lattimer and family Sunday night.

The Baptist Revival will begin July 10 and continue until the 25th. American Beauties.

Plenty of Thresher Coal. Phone 291. 2t2

Vote for

R. E. THOMPSON

For Governor

A Man With a Clean Record

Correspondents Wanted

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

A child can't get strong and robust while worms eat away its strength and vitality. A dose or two of Whitt's Cream Vermifuge puts the little one on its feet again. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly



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FOR SALE—337 acres of land located from one and a half to seven miles from three wells, 6 miles from Merkel. See Grady Collins, phone 73, Merkel, Tex. tf

STRAYED—From my place at Sylvester, Texas, about the 1st of June, one yellow mare, has black main and tail; one light bay mare branded figure 5 on jaw. Last seen coming toward Merkel. Will pay ten dollars reward for information leading to recovery. Address Ed. B. Beck, Sylvester, Texas. 9t4p

FOR SALE—Plenty of Cord Wood, at \$4.00 per cord at W.D. Haynes 5 miles southeast of town in the French Pasture. 9t2p

FOR SALE—Some nice pigs, and Overland Car. See A. W. Hunter, Route 5. 9t2p

FOR SALE—Nice seven room cottage home with all modern conveniences, well located on paved street and convenient to church and school. \$7,000.00 Can't be beat. O. P. Thomas, Box 126, Abilene, Texas. 9t2p

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FOR SALE—A good second-hand windmill See S. L. Owenstf

LOST—Two Cows. One a pale muley cow about 3 years old branded L with bar under it, on left side. Other left about the 20 of May, young brown Jersey cow with horns and same brand as other one. Finder please notify and receive reward. Charles Orr, Merkel, Texas. 2t5p

There is nothing in the whole list of flesh-healing remedies that can approach Liquid Borzone in the rapidity with which it heals cuts, wounds, sores, burn or scalds. It is a marvelous discovery. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

FARM WANTED

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VOTE FOR JOHN R. HUTTO

Vote for John R. Hutto for county superintendent of public schools of Taylor County. He was educated in Taylor county and has taught several successful schools in the county. He is well qualified to fill the office, having served as superintendent in another county and having assisted in the work of the office of Taylor county for more than a year as occasion demanded. Inquire concerning his merits before casting your vote. He believes with competent teachers well paid and comfortable school buildings adequately equipped, with the maximum amount of WORK and the minimum amount of SHAM, we shall have happy and useful citizens.

A vote for John R. Hutto will mean a vote for BETTER school in Taylor County.—Adv. It

ICE PATRONS

On account of getting ice anywhere we can and at various prices we have to have prices accordingly, but we hope to get some cheaper ice so you can use your present coupons. Edd's Ice Company. It

R. A. Vick and family leave this week for an extended visit to New Mexico.

Don't forget the Legion meeting at Chamber of Commerce Friday night.

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The Glory of Motherhood

We are drifting away from home ties and home influences in this fast age. The old-fashioned home presided over by mother, with its big open fire place, large airy rooms, and family altar, the cradle spinning wheel, loom, ash hopper and soup kettle, and the garden and hen house. Yes they are gone. Now-a-days we build bird cages have costly blinds and lace curtains and dark rooms, and half the time mother is down at the club, or else she is chasing a political bubble. No, we do not hear mother sing any more. It's a talking machine or a warbling butterfly pawing the ivory and dillydallying with musical classics, and then while mother is down delivering a lecture on home economics or else she is down at the legislative house begging for political crust or reformative laws to save the nation. And while all this is happening, the homestead is lonesome. We do not catch the aroma of the pies and cakes and fried ham and boiled cabbage. No one there to bind up the sore toes, poultice the stone bruises and put the kiddies to bed with a "God bless you and keep my boy." And while mother is out on the platform preaching the new gospel of the Twentieth Century freedom for women, her daughters are gadding up and down the streets, chewing gum and flirting with the street coner dudes, and the boys are running wild in town, smoking cigarettes and shooting craps down in alleys, just making medicine for the divorce courts and criminal dockets. Then the cry goes up from the pulpit and political assemblies,

give us prohibitive laws to save the nation. The news was sent abroad that a great divine would occupy the pulpit at a fashionable church on the next Lord's day. Bright and early Sunday morning an elderly and commonly clad woman entered this elegant edifice and went a way up in front and sat down in a handsome pew ahead of any one else. Directly an usher came around and said: "Grandma, this is a private pew you will have to move back." She did so, but still she occupied a private pew, and directly they moved her back again, and again, until she occu-

pled a back seat. At the appointed hour the great preacher arrived, came out of the pastors study and stood up there in the pulpit and faced that vast audience, and the aristocracy of the city was there to do honor to the occasion, and directly this great Divine walked down the aisle to the rear of the church and threw his arms around this commonly clad woman and hugged and kissed her, then led her up to the pulpit and sat her down in the big cushioned chair and turned to the audience and said: "Ladies and Gentlemen, let me introduce you to my

mother." The message was delivered and it was a masterful effort. Then mother and son wended their way down to the humble little cottage on poverty row and they had dinner and supper together just like they used to do. After supper this great Divine said: "Mother get down the old Bible and read your favorite Scripture and let's have family prayer just like we used to do. Then pull out the little trundle bed and turn the cover down and let me say my prayers, Now I lay me down to sleep, just like I used to do. Then turn down the cover and let me get in and you pull the cover about me, pat me on the cheeks, kiss me and say, God bless my boy, just like you used to do.

Folks that was Dwight L. Moody, the world's greatest evangelist, who was instrumental in leading over five millions souls to Christ ere he died, and that commonly clad woman was his mother, who washed dirty clothes and sewed and skimped and saved that this human jewel might be polished. We raise lots of men now-a-days but few of them attain greatness. No, it is only God and nature, the milk from the mother's breast and the privacy of a nursery that lays the foundation for a great life. No, you can't raise them on cow's milk through a rubber nipple and turn them out on the commons and rear giants. They ain't got no bottom to them. Oh but the glory of Motherhood.—Albany News.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. L. B. Howard visited friends in Abilene yesterday.

H. M. Rose returned first of the week from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Mrs. V. P. Fultz, of Sweetwater, was here first of the week on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee.

A. Morton and wife were among those of our city who attended the big fourth of July celebration at Roby this week.

Clifford Rose returned first of the week from an extended trip to the state of California. Clifford says it's great in the "golden west."

Mrs. James Terry Murrell and baby of Pine Bluff, Arkansas are here on a visit to Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sublett returned Wednesday evening from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. S. M. Hunter, in New Mexico.

Miss Hazel Atkison, of Hillsboro, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg this week.

A teaspoonful of Herbine will produce a copious and purifying bowel movement, improve appetite, restore mental activity and a fine feeling of vigor and cheerfulness. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

Miss Mary Thompson came in from Georgetown Tuesday night for an extended visit with Miss Geneva Brown.

You might see your old buddy at the American Legion meeting Friday night.

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A NEW BARBER SHOP

Messrs H. M. Thompson and G. B. Crossley are putting in a modern and up-to-date four chair barber shop in one side of the building occupied by the Everybody's Confectionary, and which Mr. Crossley is the proprietor, Mr. Crossley who is also a barber of many years experience will devote his time mostly to the barber work with his partner Mr. Thompson, and has employed Sie Hamm as manager of the Confectionary business.

A HOME ENTERPRISE

The Armstrong Farm Tractor Company is building their plant at Sweetwater, Texas. There is a great demand for these Tractors and Trucks. Encourage a clean home enterprise. Stock selling fast. See S. K. Eckerd, Merkel, Texas. 18t4p

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After some delay you will hear from Golan again. The general health of the community is very good at present. Crops look exceedingly well but a good rain is needed badly in this immediate vicinity.

A large crowd of young people from this community attended a party at Newman Saturday night all report a nice time.

Rev. F. A. Pope preached at Golan Sunday morning. Sunday School and preaching were well attended.

The Noodle Base ball team played the Golan team at this place Sunday morning. The score ran 14 to 12 in favor of Golan.

Med Herron and wife spent the day with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. Jeffrey, Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Smith and children of Whitesboro have been the guests of their uncle Mr. W. R. Hudspeth and family for the past two weeks.

Miss Ella Cox was the guest of Miss Lottie Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Fultz and daughters Misses Dorothy and Margaret of Sweetwater and Mrs. Harold from Arizona are guests of their Aunt Mrs. W. E. Hill and family at present.

Messers Val Byrom and Chester Duncan and Miss Pauline Byrom were guests of Eugene, Clyde and Vida Williams Sunday.

Miss Edna Cox spent the week end with her sister Mrs. Ernest McCright of the Shiloh community.

W. T. Duncan and daughter Miss Dixie spent the day with Mrs. C. C. Stribling.

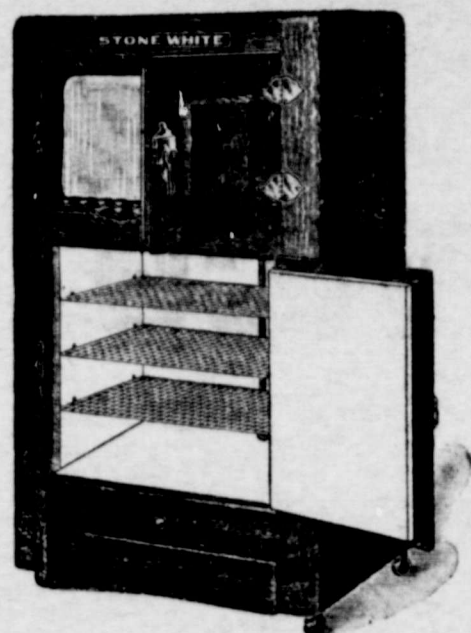
Misses Bettie Byrom and Lettie Duncan were guests of Misses Elvira and Edith Hudspeth Sunday.

Otho Thompson left for Amarillo Sunday. He will remain until fall.

The singing Sunday night at the home of Mrs. W. C. Hill was enjoyed by a large crowd. Between songs the young people were very charmingly entertained by Miss Dorothy Fultz.

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It would be real nice, wouldn't it? But it would also be dangerous. Should we be introduced to one of the old-time arrays of chicken, ham and pies we'd have to be carried to a throat specialist in five minutes. We'd get choked.—Ex.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson returned last week from an extended visit to Fort Worth, Ada Oklahoma, Rising Star and other points east. While away they visited a sister of Mrs. Johnson whom they had not seen in eighteen years.

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

Mrs. Ross Wheeler and baby are visiting relatives at Waco this week.

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

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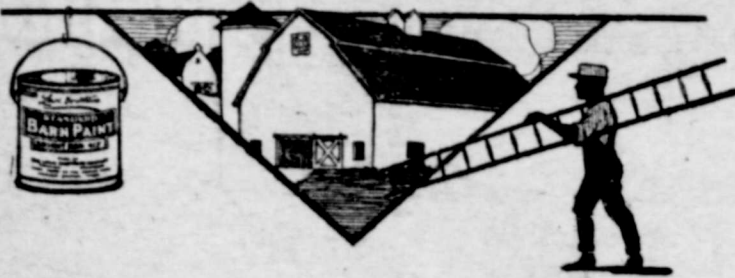
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Merkel, Texas

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Next time, paint your barn with a paint that's made for painting barns

Your barn is too valuable an investment to be insulted with a coat of cheap paint. It is an investment that should be protected with paint made especially for barns; a paint that will make your investment an asset instead of a liability. We have never heard of

a paint for barns that's anywhere near as good as Lowe Brothers Standard Barn Paint. It's made for painting barns and nothing else. That's why it has made so many friends among barn owners. Come in tomorrow and ask us about it.

Burton-Lingo Co.
Merkel, Texas

Paints

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf
Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.



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. DALLAN, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

WHERE ARE THE WORKERS

One of the greatest difficulties which men on farms as well as manufacturers and transportation companies must overcome before production can become normal is "labor troubles." Labor is "troubled" and consumers are at the mercy of high prices and the speculators. Why should there be labor troubles? Labor is in greater demand than ever known. Higher prices are now being offered laborers on farms and in all lines of development than was ever known before. There is work and high prices for the old and the young and the strong and vigorous. Surely "the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few."

Where are the willing laborers? Where are the hands who want an opportunity to do a full day's work for a full day's pay? Strikes, demands for shorter days and more pay, and idleness are a serious reflection on a brave and patriotic people who have won a world war. Are people not willing to help get society back to normal conditions? It will take hard work, more than an eight-hour day to produce the food, clothing and other necessities the people need.—Farm & Ranch.

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf

A FARM PROBLEM

If a hired-hand's time is worth \$3 or \$4 a day and board, what is a farmer's day's work worth? The farmer who furnishes the capital, land and equipment in addition to his own labor is worth more than the hired hand. The day laborer or the hand employed by the month has no risk is required to furnish no capital and is not supposed to worry. But how much is the farmer's day's work worth?

The answer to that question depends largely upon the prices he gets for what he produces. He must get enough to pay for hired labor, at present high prices, and enough to compensate the farmer for his own work with enough to give a reasonable income on the investment. That is the only way to compare farming with other business. That is the way to determine whether or not farming is paying, and how much.—Farm and Ranch.

NOTICE

Bring your cream to Duckett's Store on Tuesdays and Fridays if you want me to handle it for you. W. P. Duckett. tf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner
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,
T. M. Willis,

For County Tax Assessor:
Mrs. Florence Vance
Roy Parmelley

County Treasurer:
Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:
(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:
D. T. Harkrider
J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2
S. A. (Sid) Coats.
W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.
John F. Odor.
John R. Hutto
Miss Ada D. Pearce.

For Public Weigher:
J. M. Garrett

Score once more for the government. The garment makers and designers held a meeting last week to discuss next winter's styles, and the government agents were present to see that the country was made safe for modesty and too much was not sacrificed to cloth conservation. After the designers and garment makers had discussed the length of woman's skirts for a time the government agent arose in wrath, and demanded, in the names of the stars and stripes, that the skirts come below the waist.—Honey Grove Signal.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, supervised and controlled by Uncle Sam. We invite your business.

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

For Weak Women

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help. "I was taken sick, seemed to be . . ." writes Mrs. Mary E. Vestie, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

Gem Theatre

BIG SHOW GOOD MUSIC
BIG PRODUCTIONS

To-Night
VAUDEVILLE

"THE MERSEREAUS"

TALKING—

Hear

Buddy, the Boy Comedian

Also 2nd Episode

"Trailed By Three"

Saturday

Last appearance of

"The Mersereaus"

"THAT HARMONY LAND TWO"

ALSO

Big Picture Program

"The Pointing Finger" — Feature
Bulls Eye Comedy Pathe News

Matinee Daily, at 2:15

Gem Theatre

Photoplays of the Better Kind

We saw it in a show window and didn't know its name or use, but evidently it was a garment, for it had a place among other wearables. Inquiry elicited the information that it was a petticoat, but what a change! It may perform the function of showing a pretty bit of lace or fringe, but we'll be hanged if it can be put on over the head.—Honey Grove Signal.

Arthur Harris and wife who have been here for a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Ms. J. L. Harris, left first of the week for their home in Dallas.

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

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

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WHITE SHOE DRESSING
KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT
THE BIG VALUE PACKAGES
LIQUID AND CAKE
Also Pastes and Liquids—for Black, Tan, Ox-Blood and Dark Brown Shoes
THE F. F. DALLEY CORPORATION LTD. BUFFALO, N. Y.

JULY CLEARANCE SALE

In accordance with our regular custom, we are putting on this Annual Sale of extraordinary values to clear the store of the remainder of our large stock of high-grade seasonable merchandise.

In view of the tendency of leading merchants everywhere to do their utmost to reduce the high cost of living, as far as lies within their power, we are exerting our greatest effort to make this sale one of real and lasting value to the buyers of this vicinity.

1/2 OFF

on many desirable articles in our enormous stock of fresh, clean merchandise is sufficient evidence of the many money-saving opportunities presented by this sale.

A Sale Event of Unusual Merit

We appreciate the fact that the people of this community have been watching for this event with much interest, and you may be sure this sale will insure you some real reductions on all lines of seasonable merchandise, and, as usual, retain for us our reputation as "Leaders in Value-Giving." If the following prices don't convince you, a look at the goods themselves will surely do so.

Don't Miss this Opportunity



BIG CLEARANCE OF MEN'S CLOTHING

..... All men's Fancy Wool Suits	
\$69.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$51.75
\$65.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$48.75
\$60.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$45.00
\$55.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$41.25
\$50.00 Suits reduced to.....	\$37.50
\$47.50 Suits reduced to.....	\$35.65
\$45.50 Suits reduced to.....	\$33.75
\$42.50 Suits reduced to.....	\$31.90
All mens odd Pants at a big reduction.	

MILLINERY and Ready-to-Wear

reduced to make room for new fall Merchandise



ALL MILLINERY AT 1/2 PRICE

All Voile Dresses at 1/2 Price
25% discount on Suits
25% discount on Dresses
20% discount on Petticoats
10% discount on Gingham Dresses

25% OFF

on

LADIES PUMPS AND OXFORDS

All \$15.00 Pumps and Oxfords.....	\$11.25
All \$13.50 Pumps and Oxfords.....	\$10.15
All \$12.50 Pumps and Oxfords.....	\$9.40
All \$11.00 Pumps and Oxfords.....	\$8.25
All \$10.00 Pumps and Oxfords.....	\$7.50
All \$8.50 Pumps and Oxfords.....	\$6.40
All Childrens and Misses Low Cuts at a Big Reduction.	

JULY CLEARANCE OF Summer Dress Goods

All \$1.50 Voiles at.....	\$1.20
All \$1.25 Voiles at.....	.98
All .95 Voiles at.....	.69
All .75 Voiles at.....	.59
All .60 Voiles at.....	.49
All .45 Flaxons at.....	.39
All .75 Tissues at.....	.69

EXTRA SPECIAL

40c Batiste at.....	.29
35c Dimity at.....	.29
30c Dimity at.....	.24
45c Linweave at.....	.37
40c Percale at.....	.35

July Clearance of Under Muslins

\$13.95 Wash Satin gowns at.....	\$11.95
\$10.00 Wash Satin petticoats, flesh and white, at.....	\$7.95
\$4.95 Silk teds.....	\$3.95
\$3.95 Silk teds.....	\$2.95



PINK AND WHITE BATISTE GOWNS

\$2.95 values on sale at.....	\$2.25
\$2.50 values on sale at.....	\$1.95
\$1.95 values on sale at.....	\$1.35
\$1.50 values on sale at.....	\$1.10
\$2.95 Petticoats on sale at.....	\$2.45
\$1.75 Petticoats on sale at.....	\$1.45
\$2.45 Teddys on sale at.....	\$1.95
\$1.25 Teddys on sale at.....	.98

JULY CLEARANCE OF DRAPERIES AND CRETONES

An opportunity to curtain your house with fresh new draperies at a big saving.

COUNTERPANES AND SHEETS

\$3.50 Crinkle Quilt at.....	\$2.95
\$2.25 Hemmed Sheets at.....	\$1.95
75c Bath Towels at.....	.59
35c Bath Towels at.....	.29
50c Huck Towels at.....	.39

PARASOLS REDUCED 20%

One Lot \$2.50

CORSETS ON SALE AT 98c

Remnant Table loaded with Bargains



JULY Clearance of Blouses and Skirts

Values that will astonish you

\$6.50

Georgette

Blouses

at

\$3.95

\$3.95 Dainty Organdy Blouses.....	\$2.95
\$2.50 Dainty Voile Blouses.....	\$1.95
\$25.00 Crepe de chine Skirts.....	\$13.50
\$7.50 White Wash Skirts.....	\$3.95
\$3.50 White Wash Skirts.....	\$1.95

EXTRA SPECIALS

\$1.25 Blue Work Shirts.....	.95
27 inch light Percales.....	.21
36 inch Bleached Domestic.....	.20
35c light and dark Percals.....	.29
\$1.25 Table Damask.....	.95
85c Ladies Closed Union Suits.....	.59
American Calicoes.....	.19
One lot Men's Athletic Union Suits.....	\$1.39
One lot Boy's Athletic Union Suits.....	.98
One Lot Men's Tennis Oxfords.....	.98

20% OFF

ON LADIES AND MENS SILK HOSE

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