

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## WARLICK REVIVAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

North Side Church of Christ grows in interest at each service, with large crowds in attendance upon all services.

Elder Warlick has been requested to give a sermon which has been preached in Merkel before, on "What is the Sin against the Holy Ghost?" He promises to preach the sermon some time during the meeting.

The public is invited to attend all the services. Two meetings daily, 10:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Come and bring your friends.

## BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, who is conducting a revival near Temple, the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. Horace Tatum at the morning hour. Rev. Tatum is a Student of Simmons College and recently accepted the call to the ministry.

The B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the evening service. A most interesting program has been prepared by the young people and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Sunday School at the usual hour. Every person out of a job at ten o'clock Sunday morning is given a cordial invitation to attend Sunday School.

## SPECIAL B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

The B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the evening services at the Baptist Church. Following is the program.

Song, prayer, song.  
Experiences at Palacios.—Yates Brown.

Camp life at Palacios, by Miss Irene Swann.

Solo, by Miss Geneva Brown.

Reading, by Miss Lucy Tracy.

Piano Solo, by Miss Lillian Craig Playlet (ten parts).

Song, Benediction.

Regular Program of B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 p. m.

Dr. O. F. McMaster who has been here for some time from Port Lavaca, has just returned from a trip to Big Springs, Pecos and other western points. He reports considerable interest at Big Springs, over the oil business, while he said that he found Pecos very dead quiet over the oil business.

Misses Lola Armstrong, Julia Martin and Miss Juanita St. John of Cisco, returned last week from a weeks visit to the Conover Ranch near Colorado. Miss St. John returned first of the week to her home at Cisco.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. E. E. Leslie who has been in the Sanitarium at Abilene for some time after an operation, is improving nicely and was able to be brought home Wednesday of this week.

G. A. Gutherie returned Wednesday from a visit to Fannin county, where with his wife and son, Preston, had been on a visit to friends and relatives. Mrs. Gutherie and Preston remained for a more extended visit.

L. D. Levy, manager for the Burton Lingo Lumber Company of this city, accompanied by his wife, left this week for Seminole where they will visit the latter's parents.

Misses Lillian and Stella Watts spent a weeks vacation with friends in Abilene. They are again at their respective posts, the former with the Merkel Motor Company and the latter with the Economy Store.

## REPUBLICAN PRECINCT CONVENTION

Called for July 24th, 1920, 2 p. m. at the City Hall Merkel, to elect delegates to the County Convention at Abilene July 31st. To elect delegates to the State Convention at Dallas, August 10, also to elect a Precinct Chairman. Don't forget the date. G. E. Comegys, Prec. Chairman.

A. C. Rose moved his family to Abilene this week where they will reside for the purpose of sending their children to school. Mr. Rose will spend the most of his time in Merkel looking after his dry goods and other interests.

## C. H. OIL & DEV. CO. GETS TWO WELLS

We are informed by officials of the C. H. Oil & Development Company of Atlanta, Ga., who are drilling the Stith well north of Merkel that they have just brought in two wells in their Sipe Springs Shallow well acreage, one good for 40 barrels and the other 30 barrels.

These gentlemen speak in the highest terms of their acreage in Sipe Springs.

We are also informed that work is progressing nicely on their test north of this city, near the little town of Stith.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—"Prayer".  
Leader—Iva Landreth.  
Song, prayer, song.  
Scripture Reading Psalm 18.  
Song.  
What prayer has done for me by leader.  
What prayer is doing for the world today—Wallace Bragg.  
Meaning and value of Prayer by Rev. Murrell.  
Announcements.  
League benediction.

## THE GEM UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Live and let live prices. The same old prices, 10 and 20 cents. The same good pictures with the best of music. It has always been our policy to give our patrons the best shows possible at the lowest price possible. We are not putting on any fight in the show business but simply sticking to our old policy of fair treatment and giving to the people big value for their money. We have been in the show business continually for seven years at Abilene, and our splendid business shows the high esteem in which the people hold us. We enjoy a splendid business from the people with the Gem Theatre up to the time of the fire and solicit your patronage again, and assure you it will be highly appreciated and I shall endeavor to at all times give you the best to be had in motion pictures. You will get the same high class service the large cities get at a reduced price. But that is the old Gem policy. We hold franchises which enable us to book films for our shows at a reduced price and we simply give our customers the benefit of it. We are installing more fans including 2 exhaust fans for your comfort. We are unable to give you our program for next week but we have some good pictures and will soon have our bookings arranged. We solicit your patronage. Read our program on another page.  
H. T. Hodge, Mgr. Old prices 10c and 20 cents.

## BLAIR PICNIC NEXT SATURDAY, JULY 17

Johnie Ray, Blair's clever Post master and merchant, was over first of the week, and while here dropped in to tell us that the stage was well set and in readiness for the big picnic to be pulled off in that city on next Saturday July 17th.

He states that a good line of different kinds of amusements including base ball, bronco riding, goat roping, public speaking by the county candidates. He also announces that Congressman Thos. L. Blanton and Hon. R. N. Grisham, candidates for Mr. Blanton's place, would also be on hand for another joint discussion.

\* Plenty of Ice Water, Eats etc. will be found and a general good time assured all who come.

John S. Hughes and family of Blair, left this week for a visit with friends and relatives in Alabama, and which is Mr. Hughes old home.

## GRAND JURY REPORT OF THE JULY TERM DISTRICT COURT

Abilene, Texas, July 14, 1920.

Hon. W. R. Ely,  
Judge 42nd Judicial District,  
Abilene, Texas.

We, your grand jury for the July, 1920 term of the District Court for Taylor County, beg leave to report as follows:

We have been in session seven days; have examined 105 witnesses and have found 47 bills of indictment, 19 of which are felonies and 29 misdemeanors.

We have inquired into all matters coming to our attention, and have presented bills in every case where we thought the evidence justified it.

We have inspected the jail and find that same is well kept and in sanitary condition, but we do find that the prisoners are complaining that they are not sufficiently well fed. In this connection we do not censure the sheriff, for we believe that he is giving them as good as he can for the allowance made for that purpose. He is now paid 50 cents per day, which is not sufficient and we recommend that he be paid at least 75 cents per day.

We further find that the jail is so arranged, in that the outside of the windows are not covered that it is an easy matter for one from the outside to convey saws or other instruments into the jail to aid prisoners to escape. We believe that if the windows were covered on the outside with some kind of heavy screen to prevent saws etc. being thrown through from the outside that the danger of jail breaks would be greatly lessened.

It has been called to our attention that there is considerable gambling in this county, consisting principally of dice shooting among the younger set, also there has come to us reports of betting on ball games and matching of coins. We have been unable to obtain evidence of specific games except in one or two localities, and recommend that the citizens co-operate with the officers in suppressing this sort of crime.

We have carefully considered the special charge submitted to us by the court in connection with the shooting on the road west of town on July 7th in which a car in which two young men were riding was fired upon and beg to report as follows: We have carefully investigated this occurrence and have examined into every phase of this matter, having

## MESSRS ANDERSON AND COMEGYS BACK

Messrs R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank, and Capt. G. E. Comegys, proprietor of the Star Store, who also buys and sells cotton on the local market, returned first of the week from their trip to New Orleans, where they had been to look into the cotton situation. And which they found very quiet at this time. However, it is the belief of Mr. Comegys that there will be a good price this fall for all good grades of cotton. But he feels that there will be the same conditions existing this fall as has been for some six or eight months relative to the low grades of cotton. This is demonstrative that it will pay the farmer to take better care of his cotton, and look more to planting better staple cotton also.

Mrs. M. C. Jones came in Tuesday for a visit to her son R. L. Bradshaw. Mrs. Jones is from Cleburne.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

There will be the regular services at the Methodist church Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 and 8:30. At the evening hour we will have a twenty minutes song service before preaching. Come and worship with us. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walters of Wills Point, came in first of the week for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Mrs. Hicks being their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Walters formerly lived here, and have many friends who were glad to see them.

## THE DEMOCRACY'S STANDARD BEARERS

The Democrats had a long siege at San Francisco, but it is generally agreed that they chose wisely and well. The nominees are popular men, not only locally, but in governmental circles and in the country at large.

James M. Cox has had much congressional experience and has to his credit a useful career as a congressman. Ohio is normally a Republican state, but James M. Cox has been elected governor three times, and at the last election received a majority of nearly 100,000. He is said to be a charming man personally and one large enough in every way to guide the destinies of a great nation.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the nominee for Vice President, is a young man—not yet 40—but he has given evidence of unusual ability and is very popular in his home state.

The nominees live in pivotal states, which fact, added to their good records and personal popularity, appears to make the ticket as strong a one as Democracy could have named. The leaders are predicting a united Democracy and a great victory in November.

## AL ST. JOHN THE SCREEN COMEDIAN

"They call me an accomplished trick bicycle rider," said Comedian Al St. John in an answer to a query on the subject, "and they want to know why and how I became one."

"Once upon a time, not so many years ago, I used to chauffeur a bicycle in the business streets of Los Angeles. At that time I was connected with the Western Union Telegraph Company. The more deliveries a fellow made the more money he got with which to shoot craps."

"I got so I could shoot in and out of the downtown traffic without any trouble. Then I was shifted to a more isolated substation and things were pretty dull. Having little else to do most of the time I began to practice trick riding. The reason I learned I think, was because my head was almost as hard as the pavement and fifteen or twenty falls a day didn't seem to put even the slightest dent in my enthusiasm—or me."

Some of the bicycle stunts which Al St. John performs in the two reel comedy entitled "TROUBLE" which will be at the Cozy Theatre, Friday night are not only extraordinary, but very laughable. To see Al on his trusty Bike with painters' ladders, cans, wall paper, and the Boss paper hanger mounted on his shoulders coming down the Main Street, dodging street cars, automobiles, etc., will cause the audience pains in their sides from laughing.

## NEW OIL COMPANY ORGANIZED HERE

Believing that there is oil in paying quantities to be found in the country surrounding Merkel, several of the representative business men and citizens of Merkel and surrounding community met Wednesday morning in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to discuss the advisability of organizing a company composed principally of home men, for the purpose of putting down a REAL OIL TEST. And after discussing the matter thoroughly from every angle, decided to organize a company for the purpose above stated, with a capital of \$75,000, and completed the organization to be known as the Merkel Oil and Gas Company with the following named officers: President, Dr. M. Armstrong; Vice-President, R. O. Anderson, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank; Secretary-Treasurer, J. C. Mason local capitalist; and the following as Trustees: T. J. Toombs, John Sears, Tom Largent, R. L. Bland, R. O. Anderson, J. A. Cullum, E. R. Catterton, and one yet to be selected.

The above company has been planned and promoted by home people who believe they will have the backing and support of all our citizens in and around the town who are interested in having a thorough test for oil made in this vicinity. It is believed beyond a question of a doubt that the Sears well six miles north would have been a producer at 2,490 feet had proper care been exercised at the right time.

As we understand it, there will be possibly eight hundred acres lease placed in this company, that they will have their own string of tools, and the man having charge of the drilling will be an experienced oil man, who if he gets anything out of the project, will have to bring in a producing well. Practically ever man connected with the project is well known in this community as men of honest and fair dealings. Men who are desirous of absolutely knowing for themselves whether or not there is oil to be found in paying quantities or not in this vicinity, and in order to ascertain this fact, are willing to make the largest risk to find out. As will be seen by the small capitalization there is every reason to believe they are sincere, and in our opinion they should have the united and solid backing of every one interested in making this test, and having it made by home people. We believe every dollar of the stock should and will be sold to the people of this immediate section. Infact believing that there is absolutely no intention whatever upon the part of those promoting the company to make of same just a stock selling acreage scheme, we believe it the duty of all who can to join them in their efforts to put this well down. If it should prove to be a good producer it will be home folks who will be the winner and while should the test prove that there is no oil in paying quantities here, it will prove the situation, relieve many of the desire to know, and absolutely cripple no one.

To use the language of one of the gentlemen connected with the new company who said "We know the oil is there, the thing we are going to do is just put down a well to it," and as soon as the first well is properly put down, and the fact known that success has been attained, there will be derricks up over this country like corn stalks in a corn field in this country during a "wet year."

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes left Tuesday night for Sweetwater where they will make their home for the present.





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

### WEEK END HOUSE PARTY

The arrival of train number twenty-three Saturday afternoon caused the beginning of a few days of joy and fun for five jolly girls who were in school together at Simmons, in nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Entertainment for the girls was not lacking at any minute for all the beautiful sites of Merkel were delightfully explored besides visiting the neighboring towns. The picnic at Trent was enjoyed Saturday night, while the Band Concert at Abilene was grand Sunday afternoon. Monday night's pleasure was at home with friends.

The members of this house party were Mrs. Otha Jones of Caddo, Miss Fay Clemmer of Clyde, Miss Wilma Herral of Abilene, with Misses Louise Warren and Ona Fae Bland as hostess.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

### NOTICE

Have had eleven years experience working on oil well drilling tools, and would like to have a job drilling on a Wild Cat well near Merkel where living expenses are not so high and surroundings more agreeable.

Those who pay less than \$16 per day straight time need not apply, or I would consider a labor contract at \$2.50 per foot with shut down time at \$12 per day.

I am at present making my home at Merkel and drilling a well at Breckenridge. Address Floyd Haney, Merkel, Texas or in care of Guaranty State Bank, Breckenridge, Texas. 16t2p

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

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

## BUY PROPERTY NOW

Farm and city property values can hardly decline. There is promise of big crops this year. If you intend buying, let us show you now. Doubtless we can save you money.

### Fire Insurance

Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property.

## Merkel Realty Co.

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Your PROSPERITY IS IMPORTANT to this Bank.

We want every member of this community to prosper.

Even though you may do no business with us direct, your prosperity is an advantage to the community and consequently to us.

If we can help, with advice or service, please remember that we are cheerfully at your command.

You may correctly count us  
YOUR FRIEND



W. D. Hutchenson, one of the splendid managers of the Crown Hardware Company, with his family returned last week from Fort Worth, where they had been for a visit with Mrs. Hutchenson's mother and sisters. Miss Vivian, their eldest daughter, remained in Fort Worth for a more extended visit.

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

Mrs. V. Orear visited in Abilene last week.

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

### Official Statement of the Financial Condition of The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1929, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1929.

| RESOURCES                                               |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Loans and Dis., personal or collateral                  | \$645,767.94 |
| Loans, real estate                                      | 19,500.00    |
| Bonds and Stocks W. S. Stamp                            | 6,961.55     |
| Real Estate (banking house)                             | 7,850.00     |
| Other Real Estate                                       | 5,200.00     |
| Furniture and Fixtures                                  | 5,200.00     |
| Due from Approved Res. Agts. net                        | 165,238.78   |
| Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net | 7,258.58     |
| Cash Items                                              | 25,808.00    |
| Currency                                                | 2,905.15     |
| Specie                                                  | 3,989.37     |
| Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund                       | 79.42        |
| Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund                             | 79,383.48    |
| Acceptances and Bills of Ex.—Cotton                     |              |
| Other Resources                                         |              |
| Total                                                   | \$966,699.25 |
| LIABILITIES                                             |              |
| Capital Stock paid in                                   | \$50,000.00  |
| Surplus Fund                                            | 80,000.00    |
| Undivided Profits, net                                  | 10,651.87    |
| Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net         | 23,900.88    |
| Individual Deposits sub. to check                       | 753,927.44   |
| Time Certificates of Deposit                            | 57,292.68    |
| Cashier's checks                                        | 5,668.42     |
| Dividend Unpaid                                         | 15,000.00    |
| Researved for taxes                                     | 318.46       |
| Total                                                   | \$966,699.25 |

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, T. J. Toombs, as president, and R. O. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
T. J. Toombs, president.  
R. O. Anderson, cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of July, A.D. 1929.  
W. P. Mahaffey  
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas  
Correct—Attest:  
John Sears {  
R. L. Bland { Directors  
M. Armstrong }

# REDUCED PRICES

## Your Gain But Our Loss

It is now the time of year to reduce stock on spring and summer goods and we are willing to let you have all the profit on many lines of goods that we may get your money and make room for fall goods.

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Ladies Silk and Georgette Dresses 25 per cent Off

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## Mens and Boys Suits 10 per cent Cut

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## Get Our Prices on Silk Voiles, Tissue

and other summer fabrics

Your visit and patronage will be a good thing for both of us  
**COME GET YOUR SHARE**

# The Brown D. G. Co.

### LOCAL ITEMS

A. F. Dyess and family returned to their home in Waxahachie Saturday after visiting relatives here for the past week.

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

Arthur and Henry Story of Snyder who has been visiting their sister Mrs. A. B. Dyess returned home Monday.

For good meals and good beer, call at Mrs. Rogers Will also be glad to do your laundry work. tf

Mr. T. G. Fergusson came in first of the week and subscribed for the Merkel Mail to be sent to his son and wife who are in Hot Springs, Arkansas for their health. He reports both doing nicely.

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

at the close of business on the 30th day of June 1929, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1929.

| RESOURCES                                               |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Loans and dis., personal or collateral                  | \$119,864.29 |
| Overdrafts                                              | 999.14       |
| Bonds and Stocks                                        | 6,350.00     |
| Real Estate (banking house)                             | 7,000.00     |
| Furniture and fixtures                                  | 1,375.00     |
| Due from approved reserve agents, net                   |              |
| Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net | 23,878.23    |
| Cash Items                                              | 944.70       |
| Currency                                                | 3,935.00     |
| Specie                                                  | 860.54       |
| Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund                       | 1,247.69     |
| Assessments Dep. Gty. Fund                              | 35.44        |
| Acceptances and Bills of Ex.                            | 38,732.43    |
| Total                                                   | \$210,616.43 |
| LIABILITIES                                             |              |
| Capital stock paid in                                   | \$50,000.00  |
| Surplus Fund                                            | 5,250.00     |
| Undivided profits, net                                  | 1,483.06     |
| Individual Deposits Sub. to Check                       | 170,134.24   |
| Time Certificates of Deposit                            | 1,000.00     |
| Draw and Certificates of Deposits                       |              |
| Cashier's Checks                                        | 2,749.14     |
| Total                                                   | \$210,616.43 |

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, E. Kegans as president, and Homer Easterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
E. Kegans, President.  
Homer Easterwood, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July A. D., 1929.  
W. O. Boney  
(SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas  
Correct—Attest:  
W. E. Hamner {  
J. S. Swann { Directors  
R. O. Anderson }



# CLOSING-OUT

## -- SALE --

Beginning next Thursday  
July 15th

we will sell the entire stock  
of the

## Sanitary Self Serving Store AT ACTUAL COST

You will find many Real Bargains  
in Groceries at this sale. Come and  
get yours before they are all gone.

**E. L. ROGERS, Mgr.**

**Vote for**  
**R. E. THOMASON**  
**For Governor**

A Man With a Clean Record

Hot weather is hard on teething babies. They suffer the combined misery of heat, pain and stomach disorder. McGee's Baby Elixir helps the little sufferer through the trying period by correcting the stomach and bowels. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

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

### GOLAN ITEMS

Health of the community is very good at the present.

Crops are suffering for want of rain.

A number of people from Golan attended the picnic at Trent Friday and Saturday. They enjoyed themselves immensely.

Misses Edna and Ella Cox and sister Mrs. Ernest McCright left Saturday for Newark Texas where they will remain for several days visiting their sister Mrs. Lela Ford.

Sunday School at Golan was well attended Sunday morning. Several of the young people from this community attended singing at Newman Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Dunn preached at Golan Sunday afternoon and Sunday night.

Misses Lettie Duncan and Bettie Byrom were guests of Miss Vida Williams Sunday.

Miss Ola Thompson left Monday for Oklahoma where she will remain sometime.

Ben Douglas returned Sunday from a trip to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Herron visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrom spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook.

Messers Carl and Gary Jordan of Newman entertained the crowd with some fine singing after preaching Sunday night.

The Methodist Meeting at this place will commence the 25th of this month everyone is invited.

We buy country produce, Chickens, Eggs and Butter. See us. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery. Feed and Grain. 16t3

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

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### NATIONAL BANK OF ATHENS IS ROBBED

Athens, July 13.—Three men held up the Athens National bank at 1 o'clock this afternoon, obtaining \$5,000 in cash and overlooking a considerable quantity of Liberty Bonds.

The men drove up to the bank in an automobile and herded the officers and employes into a vault. Two citizens who entered while the robbers were at work were also locked in the vault. After helping themselves to the cash and Liberty bonds the men drove away.

A posse immediately was formed and at last reports were in pursuit of the robbers.

We present Judge William Pierson of Hunt County for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. adv.16t2p.

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

**L. A. Sadler**

CANDIDATE

Reelection

**TAX ASSESSOR**

Jones County

Will Appreciate  
Your Vote

**Owen Thomas**

CANDIDATE FOR

**DISTRICT CLERK**

Of Jones County

Your Vote and  
Influence Appreciated

### 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 Parmelly

County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:  
(Miss) Fannie Tippet

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

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

County School Superintendent.  
John F. Odor.  
John R. Hutto

Miss Ada D. Pearce.

For Public Weigher:  
J. M. Garrett

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your order with us in the next few days, you can have that

## MEMORIAL

erected in September or October, and if you contemplate buying one, we are in position to show you some beautiful work, and the kind that will be a lasting monument of that beautiful Georgia Marble. Write us if you would like to see the designs and get our prices.

**LEESON & DRYDEN, Abilene, Tex.**

## Service Garage

Hudson Essex and Oakland  
service station

Electrical Work a Specialty  
We Guarantee our Work

Give us a trial

**Wilson, Dubree and O'Briant**

Phone 10

### BE REASONABLE

Solomon and Moses, while walking by the canal, saw a notice which stated that \$5 would be paid to whoever rescued another man from drowning. It didn't take them more than a minute to arrange that one should fall in and be saved by the other, and the reward divided. In went Sol, and found it rather deep than he expected. However, he splashed about crying:

"Come on Moses! Save me!"  
Moses hesitated.  
"Sol," he said, "I've been reading that notice again, and it says \$10 for a dead body. Now do be reasonable.—Ex.

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

### ABSENTEE VOTERS MAY CAST BALLOTS FROM JULY 14TH to 21ST

Austin, July 13.—Voters who desire to avail themselves of the absentee voters act must do so between Wednesday, July 14, and Wednesday, July 21, according to attorney General C. M. Cureton.

The law provides that voters who expect to be absent from their voting places shall appear in person before the County Clerk of the county of their residence, who will supply them with the official ballot. The voter after preparing his ballot, deposits it with the County Clerk who forwards it to the election judges of the voter's precinct to be cast on the date of the election.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

**WILLIS & COCKRELL**

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The Taylor County Grand Jury in session during the last ten days, after thoroughly investigating the accidental shooting into a car driven by two Abilene boys, by Sheriff Bond and other peace officers, who were stationed near Cat Claw bridge for the purpose of apprehending some whiskey peddlers and car thieves, which they had been notified were supposed to be coming that way, very clearly exonerates the officers, of any unlawful act, and commends them upon their efforts and intention to uphold the law. And which is the verdict of a vast majority of the law abiding citizenship of the county. No one denies but that a mistake was made, but we fail to see where anyone should condemn the sheriff and the other officers in an honest effort to enforce the law.

State Senator J. A. Clements, of Dickson, Tennessee, with his wife was here this week for a visit to Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, the first lady mentioned being a sister of the latter. After spending several days very pleasantly, they left Monday for their home accompanied by Mrs. Murrell, who goes to visit her father who is in very poor health we are informed.

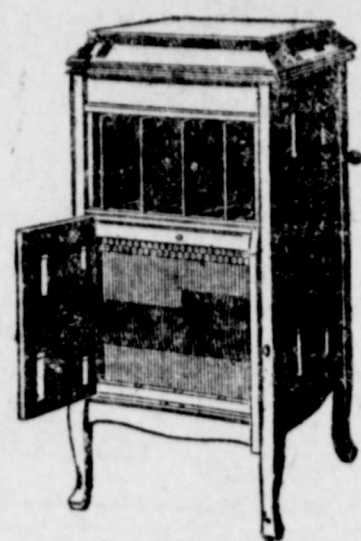
By way of new equipment another new Crystal Bead Screen has been received at the Cozy Theatre, which will be placed in the Airdome, which will also make the pictures in the Airdome as good as those seen in the Theatre.

**LILIA LEE AT THE COZY THEATRE SATURDAY**

Lilia Lee has been declared by reviewers everywhere to be embodiment of grace and beauty and ingenuousness personified. There is none to deny this, but all agree that she has a quaint little air of sophistication which renders her adorable to her growing hosts of admirers. In addition to her personal charms, her youth and vivacity, she has mimetic talents of a high order. In her new photoplay, "Puppy Love" in which she appears at the Cozy Theatre, Saturday night, she is an ideal heroine, for while the story deals with the loves of a girl of sweet sixteen, Miss Lee, being just sixteen herself, fits the part to a nicety. The story of the picture is a romance of youth, a comedy of the spring-time of life, and its sweetness which is accentuated by the charm of the little star, will linger long in the memories of all who see it. Lilia Lee's work in her latest offering is convincing evidence that in due season she will be recognized perhaps as one of the foremost screen actresses of the world.

Monte M. Katterjohn, Author Monte M. Katterjohn, author and scenarist of "Puppy Love," is author of many picture stories. He wrote "The Man From Funeral Range," "The Source" and "Such a Little Pirate," all of which were eminently successful.

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There may not be any oil in this vicinity, but according to every geologist of note, who has looked the country over, there is and in paying quantities. It is hoped that we soon have a "real honest-goodness" test, so the misery would at least be over before the middle aged of the community shall have passed to the beyond, account of old age.

A good rain just now would make every farmer in this vicinity feel that he would have much better opportunity to pay an income tax for this year. Let's have the rain and risk making the money sufficient to call for the payment of an income tax.

Prof. G. C. Boswell and wife who have been here for some time the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, Mrs. Boswell's parents, left last week for their home at Ringgold, Texas, where Mr. Boswell is Superintendent of the city schools.

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

**MEETING AT COMPERE**

We are requested to announce that Rev. C. C. Dooley of Merkel, and Rev. M. C. Bishop of Anson, will begin a revival meeting at Compere tonight, (Friday), which will continue several days. Everybody is cordially invited to attend all the services and assist and take part in the meeting.

E. H. Rogers of the Cage Seed Company, Austin, Texas, was here this week and contracted the sale of the well known Lone Star fine cotton seed to Messrs G. H. McDonald and R. O. Anderson, which those gentlemen will have for sale to the farmers of this section. We understand this cotton is of the long staple variety and produces more to the acre.

Miss Annie Swann of Tyler, Texas is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mrs. M. C. Jackson of Dallas, is visiting her son, Walter Jackson and family.

Captain L. H. Nixon and wife came in this week from San Francisco, and will spend the balance of the summer with Mrs. Nixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes. Captain Nixon it will be remembered by many of the people of this locality, was here in November 1918, and made talks at the school building and at the Presbyterian Church, and at that time was totally blind caused by shell shock. We are glad to report however, that his sight is now almost normal and he is otherwise hale and hearty. He has been retired from the army on account of the weakened condition of his eyes. And while he and his wife are West Texas reared they expect to return to San Francisco to make their home after their visit here.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, left first of the week for East Texas where he will hold a revival meeting for the next ten days.

**VOTE for J. W. MOFFETT for County Judge**

Miss Irene Swann returned Wednesday from Palacios where she attended the encampment at that place. She also visited relatives in Tyler.

Miss Myrtle Saffel is visiting her sister, Mrs. Willie Joe Large.

Bring your Leaky Radiators, Blownout Tires and Tubes and Welding jobs to Quick Tire and Radiator Shop on Front Street. All work Guaranteed. H. H. Hand. 215

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

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

HOME FOR SALE—My home on Rose street for sale, or would rent furnished as it is. Also have a fresh milk cow for sale. Mrs. Emmette Counts. 9t4

FOR SALE—About 12 tons of Maize. See P. H. Douglass, six miles northeast of Merkel. 16t2p

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

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

FOR SALE—Ford Roadster, 17 model. See C. D. Taylor, Route 1, box 69 for particulars. 1tp

COAL—Will unload another car of Ludlow coal, Friday and Saturday. Only a few tons sold. Come, see this coal and get what you want.—T. J. R. Swafford. It

Dr. Cranford was called to Buffalo Gap one day this week to attend the funeral of his friend Jerome Hamrick, of that place whose death occurred there Monday. He was 91 years old, and one of Taylor county's pioneer settlers.

**CASH ON DELIVERY**

As we will not issue any more Ice Coupons until we can get a cheaper and more permanent market, we ask that every one provide themselves with the money, as every delivery will be strictly cash, as we have to pay the cash before. We see the ice, and the close margin we are operating under demands of these rules. ?

The ice delivery boys have strict orders not to leave the ice without the money, don't ask them to wait until tomorrow, or go to own and get it from John or Bill as this takes up too much of their time and they are liable to forget it.

We don't blame anyone for not buying this ice as it is too high, but the factory is holding us up together with long freight hauls and the enormous meltage. You won't make us mad if you don't buy it, but don't cuss the delivery boys.

We are doing everything possible to provide you with ice, but we have no control over the price.

Yours to please  
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**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

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Friday, July 16  
Douglas Fairbanks Al St. John  
in in  
"The Lamb" "Trouble"  
Lyons-Moran in "His Friend's Tip"

Monday, July 19  
William Duncan Hoot Gibson  
in in  
"The Silent Avenger No. 4" "Masked"  
Animal Comedy Fox News

Wednesday July 21  
HARRY T. MOREY VITAGRAPH COMEDIANS  
in in  
"The Sea Rider" "Switches & Sweeties"  
Pathe Review

Saturday July 17  
Lila Lee Fatty Arbuckle  
in in  
"Puppy Love" "Rough House"  
Mutt & Jeff in "The Mint Spy"

Tuesday, July 20  
Constance Talmage Hall Room Boys  
in in  
"The Temperamental Wife" "Chicken Hunters"  
Topics of the Day

Thursday, July 22  
Lila Lee The Sennett Beauties  
in in  
"The Secret Garden" "Speak Easy"  
—Andy & Minn—

**COMING—**

Mary Pickford  
IN  
"DADDY LONG LEGS"

**—COMING—**

Harry Carey  
IN  
"HUMAN STUFF"

**—COMING**

Jack Pickford  
IN  
"BILL APPERSON'S BOY"



**CROPS FOR PRODUCTIVE CAPITAL**

Farmers have often handicapped for lack of capital with which to make investments in productive equipment. Some of them would of course invest unwisely, but others might increase production and many might save in marketing if capital were available and on terms they could afford to meet. That farmers are seldom able to secure loans on such terms as business men profitably borrow, is regrettable, but is largely a fault in farm management or farm practice.

Where the seasons, the soil and the markets are favorable for several kinds of crops it is possible and generally desirable that risk be reduced by growing several of the adapted crops, rather than one. Instead of borrowing to produce one crop requiring practically 12 months to receive the income, several may be grown, some of which will give cash returns at times when cash may enable the grower to meet his investment obligations without borrowing.

Bankers do not as a rule, know the details of farming, but they know safe farming from a standpoint of loans. They are generally willing to cooperate in extending productive credit if the enterprise is safe and the character of the borrower is such as would justify such loans.—The Farm & Ranch.

**READ WHAT JOHN R. HUTTO BELIEVES**

I believe in boys and girls—what is put in the life of the boy will show up in the character of the man, or woman, as the case may be. I believe in good teachers well paid and in comfortable school buildings adequately equipped. I believe that teachers should be required to maintain proper discipline, and that they should receive the cooperation of parents and superintendent to that end. I believe in thoroughness of work rather than in rapid promotion. Rapid promotion may tend to make the teacher popular, but it is likely to be detrimental to the best interest of the pupil. I believe in clean athletics. The Lord had a PURPOSE in putting into the heart of the child a desire to play. I DO NOT BELIEVE, however, that school work should be NEGLECTED. WORK SHOULD COME FIRST AND PLAY SECOND.

Our problem, as parents, is to make useful citizens of our children. We are dependent, to a large extent on the work of the school room to aid us in the accomplishment of that end. I offer my services as your coworker. I shall be glad to place my ENTHUSIASM, EXPERIENCE, and HONEST EFFORTS along by the side of yours that we may make the schools of Taylor county second to none in the State.

I am yours to serve,

John R. Hutto.

Candidate for County Superintendent of Schools, Taylor Co.

**A CORRECTION—READ IT**

Word seems to have gone out that I am a new comer, a sort of wandering politician. SUCH IS NOT THE CASE. I was educated in Simmons College and married a Taylor County girl. I have taught several schools in the county. Infact, I have lived in this county twice as long as in any other County in the state. I AM RUNNING ON MY MERITS, HOWEVER, AND NOT ON THE LENGTH OF TIME I HAVE LIVED IN THE COUNTY. Ask my neighbors about me. JOHN. E. HUTTO, Candidate for County Superintendent, Taylor County.

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☐ We want you to come in and see our new arrivals in Reed Furniture—something new—both in matched suits and odd pieces. Something pretty. ☐ Parlor suits just arrived, that are unusual values at the price. ☐ We call your special attention to our line of Bed Room Suits. We have some of the best values we have ever had. We will be pleased to have you visit our store this week.

**Barrow Furniture Co.**

E. Yates Brown returned first of the week from his trip to Palacios, where he attended the state meeting of the B. Y. P. U.

And in which he reports a grand success in every particular. Mr. Brown is back at his post with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Mrs. J. B. Bell and children who have been visiting relatives in Dallas and Eastland for some time returned last week and report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Talley Holloway and children who have been visiting in east Texas returned this week and report a very splendid trip.

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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Miss Mamie Moore left Monday night for California where she will make her future home.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

H. E. Spears and wife of Clifton, Texas are here for an extended visit to the former's parents.

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

P. J. Ingle, of Snyder, Texas, was here first of the week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Adams.

Have just received a car of cotton seed hulls. You can get them at the red barn, south of Depot. See W. C. Barton. 16t3p

Mrs. S. B. Maberry and daughter, Mrs. R. B. Norman, are visiting relatives in Ranger this week.

Mrs. Mitchell of Cisco who has been a guest of her daughter, W. A. McSpadden, of this city for some two months, left first of the week for her home.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas, is here for a visit to friends and relatives. She will be joined soon by her husband.

L. C. Patton and family left this week for a visit to relatives in Arkansas. We wish for them a pleasant visit.

Miss Mamie Moore left Monday for Southern California, where she will make her future home, so we are informed.

Geo. Brown and family accompanied by Miss Lola Armstrong, left first of the week for a fishing trip on the Llano.

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

Percy Jones and family and father-in-law, W. B. Farmer returned last Friday from a fishing trip and visit down in Stephens county.

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**B. Y. P. U. AND LEAGUE PICNIC**

The young people of the Baptist and Methodist Churches celebrated the 5th of July with a picnic out on the river about twenty miles from Merkel. They loaded a big truck and about six cars, and started on their journey at an early hour, reaching the appointed place about eleven o'clock. The remaining hour was spent in various amusements prepared by the chaperones. Then came the hour of the day, when the bounteous lunch was spread in a most appetizing manner, and were invited to partake of it. There was not a crumb left and all declared they had eaten more than they wanted just to keep from leaving such good eats.

They spent the afternoon in wading and swimming. The young men chaperoned by Mr. Hancock selected deep water about a mile up the river where diving was a special feature. Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Johnson had charge of the young ladies, who proved to be great swimmers. Some of them ventured in water ankle deep and a few brave ones got out in water two feet deep.

Then came the call to start home, and all reluctantly left the once clear stream.

This was indeed an occasion long to be remembered by each and everyone.

Light Crust Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf.



**CALIFORNIA WOMAN IS AGAINST SUFFRAGE**

Knoxville, Tenn., July 8.—Miss Annie Bock of Los Angeles, formerly an equal suffrage leader, in a letter to W. K. Anderson representative in the Lower House of the Tennessee Legislature, urges him not to support ratification of the suffrage amendment.

Suffrage, she says, coarsens and cheapens women. She expresses her regret at her former activity in its behalf, saying that since suffrage has been granted there has been an alarming increase in immorality, divorce and murder in California.

The letter says:

"I was one of the prominent workers who helped bring suffrage to California and I regret it very much.

"A year in politics has taught me that women are intolerant radical, revolutionary and more corrupt in politics than men, also all this so-called reform leads to the Socialist co-operative commonwealth.

"Since suffrage there has been an alarming increase in immorality, divorces and murder in California.

"Woman suffrage has made cowards and puppets of men. It has coarsened and cheapened women. Were the men to vote on woman suffrage in California today it would not carry.

"Suffragettes asked suffrage that they might put only good men in office; now they clamor for a fifty-fifty show for all offices.

"I shall do penance forever for the part I played in bringing suffrage in California.

"Please urge your colleagues not to do what will bring regret and disaster, but to stand for that 90 per cent of women who do not want suffrage but are glad to trust all politics and governmental affairs to their beloved husbands, fathers, sons and brothers.

"To the south, woman suffrage would bring more than calamity."

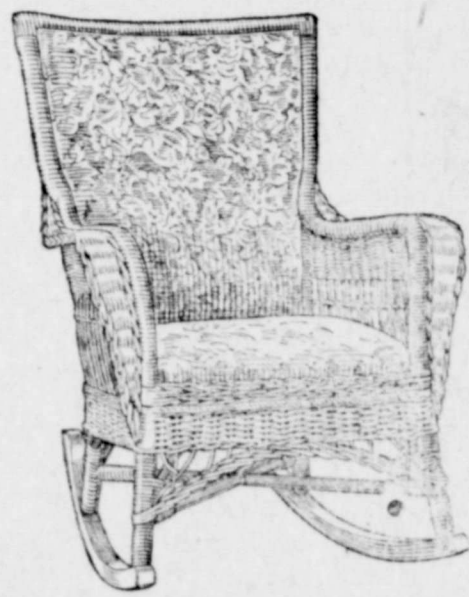
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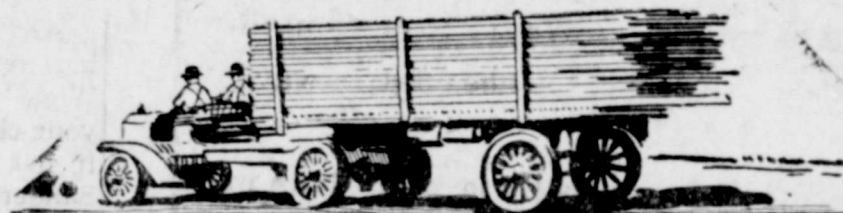
Our showing is not large in these goods but we have some very pretty things. It will be our pleasure to have you come in and see the new goods whether you are ready to buy or not.

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a better paying office; one with a sufficient salary that I can afford to devote my entire time to it. However, I would not reflect upon the intelligent citizenship of Jones county by even an insinuation that none other but myself was qualified to perform the duties of this good office.

We pass this way but once, and in passing let us be mindful of our duties to one another in passing the public favors along to all alike, and not to only a select few. If you will only give me the conscientious consideration which my past citizenship among you justifies, then I will feel confident of my election on the 24th day of this month. This is all I ask, and that much only upon my claims of competency and worthiness.

Your friend, Adv  
W. G. THOMAS.

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for

**J. W. MOFFET**

for

**County Judge**



# HUNDREDS

Of my friends who did not support me four years ago, as well as those who did, say they think I am entitled to the Tax Assessor's office at this time.

Your vote will be appreciated, and if elected, I shall endeavor to make one of the best assessors Taylor county has ever had.

Roy Parmelly

## NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community very good.

The farmers are about up with their crops.

A good rain would be appreciated.

The Methodist revival closed Sunday night a great success. Had several conversions, twelve new members. Bro. Lipscomb was an able preacher and we are sure every one in the community received a great blessing.

Vertis Eller of Alabama is visiting his aunt Mrs. W. J. Bicknell.

Mrs. Fogleman of Anson spent the latter part of the week with E. C. Richard and family.

W. J. Bicknell and family spent Monday with W. H. Her-ring of Carpenter Gap.

Boys! Why don't you wake up Some of the girls are looking rather sad.

Mr. W. T. Priddy moved to Merkel Monday.

A good many attended the picnic at Trent Saturday.

George Ely and family, Wesley Ely and family and Miss Bula Ely of Sweetwater were Sunday guests in the home of A. B. Ely.

Swelling caused by insect bites can be reduced by using Ballard Snow Liniment. It counteracts the poison and relieves the irritation. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July

Messrs Wilson & O'Brian are now sole proprietors of the Service Garage, having purchased the interest of their partner Mr. Dubree. These young men will move their garage to the new building being built by Beasley Brothers, just east of the Woodrum Hotel, when that building is completed. They will have a nice commodious place, and will be prepared to better serve their trade.

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

## TO TAYLOR COUNTY VOTERS

Infurther calling your attention to my candidacy for the office of Assessor of Taxes of Taylor County, permit me to first thank you from the depth of my heart for all past favors shown me. So long as there is a mind in my head and a heart pulsating in my body I will love you for taking me off the cultivator and out of the cotton patch and putting me where I can repay society for the benefits which we derive from society without such strenuous manual effort.

The Legislature of the state of Texas having removed the restriction from married ladies, giving the legal privilege of holding any public position, I feel like that I have every right that a man has to ask you for the important position to which I aspire. I made the non-resident tax rolls for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen and eighteen consisting of all non-resident property owners, banks, railroads, telephones, telegraphs, pipe lines and unrendered property, valuation four and one half million for each year necessitating about twenty thousand calculations. In nineteen hundred and nineteen with the aid of a long carriage typewriter, making the original rolls and two duplicates at the same time I was enabled to make the calculation for all forms of the tax roll, total valuation fourteen and one half million dollars, necessitating forty two thousand calculations. All the above work passed the expert account ant of the Comptrollers department without a single correction. This is my record and upon it alone I am asking for your suffrage on July 24th.

One of the chief charges of opposition is that I am a woman, those who are honest in this position are undoubtedly reasonable, so please remember that on the account of the tragedy of our lives I am compelled to take a mans place some where and it is for you to say, dear voter, where that place will be, in the office or on the farm. The opposition again claims that I have a boy old enough to make us a living. My boy with other Taylor County boys registered under the 18 years of age act in Europe, already being in the service of his country as a volunteer, remaining in the service one year and fourteen days after the Armistice was signed, returning home November fifth nineteen hundred and nineteen. WOULD IT BE ALTOGETHER FAIR TO UNLOAD ON THIS EX-SERVICE MAN'S SHOULDERS HIS MOTHER AND BLIND FATHER TO SUPPORT in order that the position asked for by his mother might be given to just as able a bodied man who remained cozy at home with his parents on their one thousand acre farm and didn't get any nearer Europe than class four. AMERICAN LEGION compatriots of my son answer this question from your heart by your ballot July 24th. If you will elect me I will do the abstract work and make the tax roll and will place the valuations approved by the Board of Equalizers upon the roll without a dollar leakage. Your assessments are protected by the Board of Equalizers, if too high it will be lowered if too low will be raised, but what guarantee have you that these values approved by the board will be placed on the tax roll except by the honesty of the Tax Assessor. The valuation for nineteen hundred and twenty has just been completed, showing an increase of one million four hundred and twenty two thousand dollars over the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, this assures every tax payer of this county that the taxes on the same valuation will be less in the fall nineteen hundred and nineteen. If you appreciate this, vote for me and I will love you always.

Respectfully,  
FLORENCE VANCE

## LONE STAR COTTON SEED

G. H. McDonald Ginner, of Merkel and Noodle and R. O. Anderson of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel have secured a limited amount of Lone Star Cotton Seed for planting next year.

These seed are certified pure and guaranteed fertile. They are grown, ginned, re-cleaned and sacked by The Cage Seed Co. of Austin Texas. Lone Star Cotton is proving to be not only the greatest acreage producer but the best staple cotton that has been grown in West Texas.

Book your planting seed now while you can secure the best.

Mrs. M. O. Pipkin and Mrs. S. J. Childress returned to Abilene Sunday after visiting week at the home of L. O. Cooper's.

Mrs. O. E. Story of Ellis County is visiting her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dyess

Bring your eggs to me on Fridays when possible so I can ship them out on Saturday. W. F. Hamblett. tf.

## Gem Theatre

BIG SHOW GOOD MUSIC  
BIG PRODUCTIONS

SATURDAY SHOW

Emett Dalton

The Ex-Bandit

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"BEYOND THE LAW"

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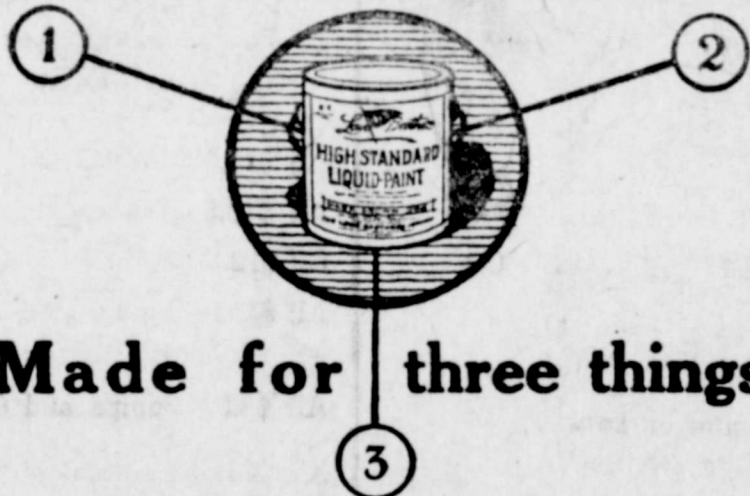
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Matinee Daily, at 2:15

Gem Theatre

Photoplays of the Better Kind

## Lowe's



Made for three things

Looks—Protection—Lastingness

You can't tell by looking into a can of paint, how it's going to look when the painting is done. Neither can you tell whether it will protect your building the way you want it protected. And surely you can't tell whether it will have lastingness.

There is only one way to tell about any of the three: and that way is by a paint's reputation. Lowe Brothers

have a reputation for making paints of the highest quality.

They have enjoyed this reputation during the past half century.

We recommend this paint because it lasts longer and costs less in the long run. Use it once, you'll use it always.

Come in and ask for color card and booklet.

Burton-Lingo Co.  
Merkel, Texas

## Paints

### 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.

H. E. Jobe and little son H. E. Junior of Thurber, Texas, spent the week end in Merkel visiting their parents and Grand parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe. They returned home Sunday accompanied by Mrs. A. L. Jobe who will spend two weeks with them at Thurber.

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



# 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

# Woodroof = Bragg Company

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