

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## PUBLIC SPEAKING POLITICAL POINTS

There will be a Democratic rally at the Tabernacle in Merkel Saturday August 7, at 2.00 o'clock and all are invited, and most especially who believe in good Government and clean politics and those who don't believe thus, if there be any, are also invited, for we are told that while the light holds out to burn the vilest Sinner may return.

This meeting has been called for the purpose of a get-together meeting by the good Democrats of the Merkel Community, who are proud of their Government, both State and National, and who subscribe to the doctrine enunciated by the Great Father of Democracy, when he declared the fundamental principles of Democracy, was a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, also equal rights to all and special privilege to none, this is pure and undefiled Democracy before the world. We are called upon to not only fight the enemy of the party from without, but are called upon to defend the party from within.

We know that we have the greatest and best Government under the shining sun, and have been instrumental in placing upon the Statute Books of the state and nation, mere good and beneficent laws in the last seven years, under the leadership of WOODROW WILSON'S Democratic administration, than was ever placed there in the last 50 years, under any administration, and now we are called upon to rally around the old Ship of State, and say whether we endorse these great and glorious victories just won or not. There are special interest gnawing at the very vitals of Democracy, and seeking to overthrow our Government, because they can not coerce same, and give to special interest special privilege by doing so would be over shadowing that principal for which the common people stand for, and for which they have ever fought for, viz. The greatest good for the greatest number, which is pure and undefiled Democracy.

Texas is the largest State in the United States, and the strongest Democratic State as well, and we are all proud of our state, and proud that we are Americans. We stand for Texas and Democracy at all times and under all circumstances, for Texas and Democracy throughout all her limits and into her remotest bounds; for Texas and Democracy from the Northernmost border of the Panhandle to the Mexican Gulf, from where the Sabine sweeps through the forest to the sea, to where the dying sun tingles with amber and gold the placid waters of the Rio Grande. All that imperial realm is its field and the dwellers therein are its constituents. They are a brave, just, patriotic, honest people, whose pride in their state is intense and whose love of it amounts well nigh to fanaticism. What ever effects its prosperity, dignity or honor concerns them deeply and they stand to guard its honor and maintain its good faith as they are to guard and maintain their own. They are the repository of all political power and the Court of last resort in all matters that concern the glory and destiny of Texas and Democracy, and to them, Democracy appeals against manifest and obvious demagoguery and the inexcusable and unpardonable sacrifice of the interest of Texas upon the altar of politics, which would discredit our State and Nation.

Now this is a Democratic meeting and a get-together meeting. There will be some good speakers present, and lets organize and meet the would be de-

stroyers of Democracy both from within and without.  
A Democrat.

G. B. Tittle, present Tax Collector, according to the Abilene Reporter, has been elected Secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. He is one of the "Live Ones" of this section, has the natural turn and ability to make a good commercial Secretary for that thriving and hustling West Texas Metropolis. His many friends here wish for him great success in his new undertaking which will mean much toward putting the city of Abilene on the map in still larger letters.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

In order that all pupils may understand well in advance, and make the necessary preparation for the examinations, the date of these entrance examinations are being announced this far in advance. The date will be Thursday and Friday, September 2nd and 3rd, beginning each day at eight o'clock.

These examinations will be no easier than those given at the close of school and are not to be given merely for you to get by, but to give those pupils who failed in one or more subjects and who have studied them during the summer, a chance to pass an examination, and thus remove a condition and pass on to the next grade. Those pupils who have done work in some summer school must present statement showing grade of work done. Get all this straightened out on these two days, and all will be ready to be classified when school opens on Monday, September 6.

To be classified as a ninth grader, a pupil must have credit for three subjects in the eighth grade; to pass to tenth, a pupil must have credit for at least seven subjects of the 8th and 9th grades; and to be classified as a senior, he must have full eleven credits. If you do not have all your credits straight, see to it at once that you prepare to straighten them up on September 2nd and 3rd.

Respectfully,  
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

## SPEAKING AT THE TABERNACLE SAT.

We are requested to announce that there will be a public speaking at the Tabernacle in Merkel on next Saturday afternoon, at 2:00 p. m. in the interest of Hon. Pat. M. Neff candidate for Governor, in the run-off Primary August 28, against Hon. Joseph W. Bailey.

We are told that some able speakers will be on hand and it is urged that every voter be present and hear them present Mr. Neff's claims.

That the issues in this contest are of vital interest to every citizen of Texas is not to be doubted, and it is our opinion that the voters should hear the claims of both the contestants and then form their opinions in the matter.

Holland Teaff, has accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank of this city. He is one of this community's most excellent young men, and is ably qualified to fill this position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the splendid institution he is associated with.

Mrs. Lizzie Latham, who last year was with the Woodroof-Bragg Company, is again with that firm for this fall and winter

## STAMFORD TO HAVE A TEXTILE MILL

Stamford, Aug. 3—Selection of Stamford as the location for the cotton textile mills of the Continental Tire and Rubber Company, the first unit of which would cost \$500,000, was officially announced today by F. W. Strang, president of the Company. The plans call for the consumption annually of 12,000 bales of long staple cotton raised in Jones and adjoining counties, according to Mr. Strang. Stamford was selected as the location over every other town in West Texas because of the nearness of the completion of its large water supply. The plant, according to officials, will employ several hundred persons and have an initial monthly payroll of \$40,000. Site for the building and plant will be selected Thursday when officers and directors of the company will come here in a body, according to the statement given out today. It is understood that three sites have been considered. The company refuses bonus or tracts of land, not desiring to be under obligation to any town or individuals.

Five rooms have been leased in the White building and two stenographers already employed with a number of clerks and other employes enroute, according to Mr. Strang. It is understood that the report of the company's engineer, who came into Stamford and this section unheralded several weeks ago, is already available.

"Two factors led us to select Stamford," explained Mr. Strang today. "One was that Stamford has the best present water supply in all west Texas. It is nearest to completion and availability. The second important factor is that Stamford is in the heart of the great long staple white cotton belt in the United States, a grade of cotton being produced here that is most superior for the manufacture of fabric and cord tires in our large tire manufacturing plant the company is now erecting near Dallas and Ft. Worth. Many other things inclined us to Stamford and Central West Texas, one of which is the cheapness of fuel and our almost complete knowledge that Stamford will in a short time secure two more railroads, one of which will give us cheaper fuel than can be secured by a cotton mill in any other section of the Southland. And our information is that another large company will shortly put in a similar plant in this part of the state on account of these superior advantages.

## PAYS INSURANCE POLICY IN 2 DAYS

The Progressive Mutual Life Insurance Company of Merkel, with Mr. E. D. Coats as Secretary-Treasurer, paid to Mrs. J. E. Music, of Abilene, the full amount of the policy in her favor by her husband, who died on Tuesday of last week, in just two days after his death. And had it not been for the fact that Mr. Coats was out of town at the time, the policy would have been paid within one day. And just as soon as he learned of same after returning from a few days fishing and outing, he jumped in his car and went down to Abilene just to pay same.

A. L. Jobe returned home Saturday from the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas where he has been the past week with his afflicted wife. He left Mrs. Jobe in Dallas for a months treatment.

## GREAT RAINS FALL OVER WEST TEXAS

This section of West Texas was visited Thursday morning by a down pour of rain amounting to two and six tenths (2.6) inches. It seems that the fall was general and heavy over all West Texas, and which will save and make all crops, which in some places was beginning to suffer from the six weeks drouth covering a large scope of country in this particular section.

Owing to the fact that the acreage in this section is larger, there is almost sure now to be gathered one of the largest if not the largest cotton crops this section of Texas ever experienced. And while in a few instances the feed crops seem to have been injured some by the drouth we predict a bumper crop of all kind of feed stuff.

Infact with the present fine crop prospects at this time of year in this country, there is every reason to believe that the people of this section will enjoy continued prosperity such as has been experienced the past year.

There is no reason why Merkel and the surrounding country should not grow and develop during the next year to come.

## MRS GROENE ENTERTAINS

Miss Mary and Master Bill Comegys, who on last Monday were eleven and seven years old respectively, with a number of their young friends, were royally entertained at the home of their Aunt, Mrs. H. F. Groene, in honor of their birthday.

For several hours the youngsters were made to enjoy themselves with games etc., and just before their departure for their respective homes, delicious Angel Food Cake and Ice Cream was served.

## MRS. H. A. SANDERS EN- TERTAINS

On last Thursday evening Mrs. Sanders was at home to the Barracca and Philathae Classes.

Many games were highly enjoyed. Delightful music was also furnished throughout the evening. Delicious Cream and Cake were served to 25 guests.

Manager L. D. Levy, of the Burton-Lingo Co., went up to Midland last night to meet Mrs. Levy who is returning from her visit to her parents at Seminole, Texas.

## MR. AND MRS. BRAGG GO TO MARKETS

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, of the firm of Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company, left Wednesday for St. Louis, accompanied by Miss Willie Swann, of their Millinery Department, where they will purchase the large and complete stock of fall and winter goods for their firm. Mrs. Jinks Winters, formerly Miss Mitchell who has been with the Millinery Department of the Merkel Dry Goods Company for several year also accompanied them for the purpose of buying the fall and winter Millinery goods for the Merkel Dry Goods Company.

The Misses Cozart of Wichita Falls, were recent visitors to the Misses Barbee of this city, also to their Aunt, Mrs. F. F. Cox.

Reduced Prices on all goods for next two weeks at A. L. Jobe's.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns and baby daughter Ina Mae, Mrs. Fred Pogue and daughter Ruby Annis, of Canton, Texas, Mrs. J. L. Counts of Morgan Mill and Mrs. J. C. Cummings of Ovilla, Texas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns the past week. They went from here to San Angelo, where they will visit other relatives.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield one of the splendid salesladies at Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods company, returned first of the week from Midland, where she spent a two weeks vacation at the home of her uncle.

## NEW POSTMASTER HAS TAKEN CHARGE

It's now Postmaster Shirley King. Mr. King's commission came Monday of this week, and at the close of business on that day the office was checked up and that gentleman was given the keys of same, by Miss Eva Williams, who since the death of her father, has had charge of the office.

It is said that the deceased Mr. Williams was a clever, accommodating and efficient Postmaster, and the same is said of Miss Williams. It may also be said that the patrons of the Merkel Post Office can rest assured that they will receive the most accommodating and efficient service under the administration just beginning by Mr. Shirley King.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

We are requested to announce that there will be all the regular services at the Baptist church in this city both morning and evening. Pastor Par-rack who had been called to Riesel, Texas, on account of the death of a brother, has returned and will be present and conduct the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Talley Hollaway and children left last week for a trip to the Plains and New Mexico. Ben Cox and family accompanied them.

## WORK TO START ON SEARS-BLAND

According to H. L. Houghton President of the Security Banking & Investment Company, of Fort Worth, which company is drilling the Sears and Bland Wells, who was in Merkel yesterday, his Company is making arrangements whereby they expect to have work started again on both the Sears and Bland Wells.

It is their intention to shoot the Sears well at the 2,490 foot sand, and in the event they make the contract for this work same will begin within ten days after signing of contract. The Bland will be drilled deeper.

Mr. Houghton stated that he was leaving Merkel Thursday night for Milwaukee, Wis. where he was going to close up some oil matters for his company. He also stated that an Oil Company had been formed by parties in Sacramento, California, for the purpose of drilling a well on 475 acres of land near the Sears well.

W. L. Diltz Jr., one of the splendid bookkeeper's at the Farmers State Bank, is away on his vacation. More information in our next issue concerning the whereabouts and activities of this gentleman is promised that is if we can get the dope on him.

## MERKEL INDEPEND- ENT SCHOOL DIST.

In order that the public may know more of the financial condition of the Merkel Independent School District the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting decided to publish an estimate of the expenses and sources of income for the coming year. They do this, believing that when the public is taken into confidence the people who stand for a good school system will understand and give the board their co-operation in its efforts to maintain a standard high school in Merkel where work of a standard grade may be done.

It will be remembered that the school last year had to resort to tuition for the last two months. It was also necessary to increase the teacher's salaries about 25 per cent over the previous year, and even with this raise the teachers of Merkel are getting no more, and in many instances less, than those of surrounding towns. To care for this increase, to avoid payment of tuition next spring and to insure a nine months school the board has found it necessary to raise property valuations in this school district. Even with this raise, the board hopes to get the required valuation and still have no property rendered for school purposes at a value any way near approaching its real selling value. The board is not allowed to fix the rate at more than 50 cents on the one-hundred dollars property valuation. Its only recourse, therefore, is to raise the valuation.

Below is an estimated Budget for the year 1920-21.

10 Grade Teachers at \$100 per month is \$1,000; 4 High school Teachers at \$125 per month is \$500. High school Principal \$150 per month. Janitor \$75 per month. Total per month \$1,725. 9 months 9x1725 equals \$15,525 Sinking fund and int. on bonds \$2,450. Superintendent's salary \$2,250. Incidentals, coal etc. \$1,500. Total expense \$21,825 or about \$22,000.

Income  
600 Scholastics at \$14.50 is \$8,700. (from state.) \$3,000. 000 property at 50¢ \$15,000. Total \$23,700. Non-collectable (estimate) \$1,700. Net Income \$22,000.

Thus it will be seen that to raise the required \$15,000 needed from local taxation, the valuation of property for school purposes only in the Merkel Independent School district must be about \$3,000,000. It is hoped by the board that this brief explanation of expenses and incomes will enlighten you as to the reason for the notices which you will doubtless receive from the board of equalization for the Merkel Independent School District within the next few days. The board is depending upon you who stand for what is best in a school system to co-operate with them in their efforts to maintain a full nine months free school where standard work is done. By order of the Board of Trustees for the Merkel Independent School District; Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Dr. W. M. Gamble is expected to leave Merkel about next Sunday for a visit to his old home in Kentucky. He will be absent from the city about fifteen days, and while away he expects to spend some time in different Dental Colleges, gaining such information as will be of benefit to his patrons, in his practice here.

Mrs. A. Wynne and daughter Mary of Nashville, Tennessee were here the past week for a visit with Frank Golladay and family and other relatives.



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F. Y. GAITHER ..... Asst. Cashier

for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such districts, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein author-

ized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law. Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the Amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all those opposed to said amendment



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WALTER JACKSON



### RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this state for a period not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this state; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the State and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws

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shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Section 3. The Governor of the state is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. Mims, Secretary of State.  
(Attest—A True Copy.)

Mrs. M. E. Campbell and son and daughter have moved to town, and are occupying the home recently vacated by T. E. Ragan. Her son, Looney Tittle who has been suffering for some time from an attack of typhoid fever, is reported to be improving at this time.

R. J. Adcock who for several months has been visiting in East Texas and Oklahoma came in first of the week.

### 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.

# Lone Star Planting Seed

For 1921

Sold by G. H. McDonald and R. O. Anderson, Merkel, Texas.

Watch this space for statistics on Lone Star Cotton by the department of Agriculture, Washington.

of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the state. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the General Election Laws of the state, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the following words:

"Official Ballot" "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials." "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation of public officials."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line through the words "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through them, the words "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Section 3. The sum of Five Thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

C. D. MIMS,  
Secretary of State.

The work of putting the Merkel High School building in fine condition for the beginning of school on September 6, is now under way.

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

## RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the state of Texas, proposing an amendment of the constitution of the state by adding to article 16 thereof a new section, to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the state of Texas a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within this State shall receive

as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

Section 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors



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☐ The certain car shortage during the coming months will mean difficulty in securing materials, while the present prices are as low as we can reasonably expect for some time to come.

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PROGRAM FOR WEEK BEGINNING FRIDAY AUGUST 6

Fri. **AL JENNINGS** in  
"The Honduras Revolution"  
Exciting story of his life  
"TRAILED BY THREE"  
A thrilling Adventure Serial  
Extra a comedy and International News Weekly

Mon. **JUNE CAPRICE** in  
"In Walked Mary"  
A delightful Comedy Drama. A Pathe Feature  
Extra a Good Comedy

Wed. **TEXAS GUINAN**  
Queen of the West in  
"The Girl From Flannigans"  
A Thrilling Western  
Also a Canadian Northwest story of Mounted Police and a 2 reel comedy

Sat. **NEAL HART** in  
"The Mission Trail"  
A thrilling Western Drama  
**CALE HENRY** in  
"Gas" A roaring 2 reel Comedy  
EXTRA Trailed By Three

Tues. **GERALDINE FARRIER** in  
"The World and it's Women"  
A Goldwyn Special Feature

Thurs. **A CRIPPING DETECTIVE STORY**  
"Circumstantial Evidence"  
Extra A Christie Company.

## WORRIES OF THE WASHTUB

High Prices of labor and laundry have caused the roses in the cheeks of many young farmers' wives to fade out in the tub of soapuds of Mondays. Infact, if there is a blue day on the farm for the average wife, it is the day when the pile of sweaty clothes of John and five children, which looks mountains high must be turned out before dinner and dinner prepared for the family at twelve o'clock sharp. It is true that automobiles have come to the rescue of many women and the weekly washing can be taken to the nearby laundry. It is likewise true that modern invention has done something in providing a power-propelled washing machine. These undoubtedly do save money and doctor's bills, but we doubt if the male part of any community has yet waked to the real needs of their communities along laundry lines.

Neighbors trade work in the fields, borrow labor-saving machinery from each other, have cooperative marketing organizations for livestock, grain and produce, but they live entirely overlooked the fact that they could cooperate in the laundry business. A dozen families could purchase an inexpensive laundry out-fit and put it in charge of a competent man and woman at the crossroads store or the nearby village, and solve the problem. Such a plan would be the means of lightening the load now carried by the woman on the farm and of bringing back roses to their cheeks.—Farm & Ranch.

Three large garages are under construction and nearing completion in this city. Each one costing thousands of dollars. This demonstrates the fact that the Automobile business is one of the largest in the country. Every town in the country reports the construction of great garages and automobile houses.

We have one Ford Truck, Pneumatic Tires, undelivered. hurry if you want immediate delivery on this truck. Merkel Motor Co. It

Mrs. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Winnie of Dallas, are guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns.

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

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These Coals will bear investigation and comparison. Limited amt. each for summer orders.

Phone 291 T. J. R. Swafford

G. M. Sharp returned last week from a visit to relatives in Cherokee and Vanzandt counties. He says most of the crops in the east are very good, but somewhat spotted.

Many farmers coming from the country north, south east and west of Merkel report the rain in their section much heavier than was the fall around Merkel.

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## 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.

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## GEM CONFECTIONERY

☐ Wishes to call the attention of the public to the fact that it has added to its business a full line of Magazines, and invite their inspection of same.

☐ We are also head quarters for Cold Drinks, Ice Cream, Fresh Fruits, Candy & Cigars.

## SPECIAL FARM BARGAINS

☐ We have several nice farms for sale with the rent for the crops of this year included in the purchase price. Also some bargains in valuable and desirable City property in both Merkel and Trent.

☐ If you have any property to sell we would like to have you list with us. We are in touch with buyers every day, and promise a square deal to all concerned.

**EAST & WEST TEXAS LAND COMPANY**

R. E. Lee Manager

Trent, Texas

# Wagons! Wagons! Wagons!

Just received two cars of Wagons, Farm Trucks and Regulars, with Cotton Frame or only Gears. If you want a wagon now or will want one this fall we want to show you these wagons. We purchased them early and can save you money on them. They are both well known wagons with reputations---The Yule, made by the Bain Wagon Co., and The Avery, made by B. F. Avery & Sons Plow Co. We will be more than glad to show them to you if you anticipate buying in the near future.

Our stock is growing in Shelf Hardware. Our fall shipments arriving daily.

Look over our line of Cut Glass, Silverware, Cuttlery, Guns, Alumnumware, Stoves, Builders Material and Tools, Pipe in all sizes, Plumbers Supplies, etc.

If you are not our customer already we invite a share of your patronage and assure you we will give you the best service possible on special orders you may give us.

Thanking each and all who have helped to make our good business in the past, we are respectfully yours

# Liberty Hardware Company

## The Merkel Mail

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The idea of organizing a home Oil Company for the purpose of making a thorough test near Merkel seems to have 'blown up' when at a mass-meeting Thursday night of last week, there was practically no interest shown in this matter. Prior to this meeting public spirited citizens of Merkel and surrounding country had subscribed ten or fifteen thousand dollars of their money, and thought that if others interested were willing to assist some an effort would be made to make a real test. But at this meeting only about \$3,000 more was subscribed, when about twenty thousand was needed to insure the test. There is surely a reason for the indifference upon the part of the citizens of this community, for we believe they are as public spirited people as are to be found anywhere. We believe they are willing to take a long chance in an effort to find oil here, but the people of this country are sick and tired, worn through and disgusted with certain oil activities in this vicinity. And it seems they have a right to be sore over the matter. The gentlemen behind the new project are a live bunch of good citizens who have great faith in there being oil in paying quantities here, and who were willing to spend some of their good honest money in an effort to find out.

Read the Merkel Mail.

## PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

Attendance upon the services last Sunday was splendid indeed, and enthusiasm reached high water mark. While we are experiencing the usual summer slump, yet at no time has our attendance been exceptionally low. On the other hand, considering previous records, our attendance has held exceedingly well during the vacation and extreme hot weather period.

This week the pastor is assisting in a revival at Blair. On next Sunday, however, he will fill his

pulpit as usual. Let us give him the same splendid hearing which was accorded him last Sunday. If possible let us increase the attendance upon this service. There are others yet who should be in the services, and we want you to consider this a personal, cordial invitation to be with us.

Sunday, August 15, the pastor is contemplating being out of town. He has requested the New Era Class to take charge of the services in event he is absent. Nothing definite in regard to the matter has as yet been done; but in all probability this

arrangement will be carried out. The New Era members meet Friday night to lay their plans, and it is expected that a laymans service be scheduled for that date. The service the following Sunday, it is rumored, will be in charge of Dr. Johnson's class.

Friday evening, should the weather or some unforeseen circumstance not interfere, the New Era Class will hold its regular monthly meeting. From reports we learn that this will be an evening of fun, foolishness and frivolity tempered by a brief period of business trans-

sactions. We urge New Era members not to let a little rain keep them away from this meeting. There will be business of unusual importance to transact; and the special task assigned us by the pastor must be properly cared for.

Let us again urge all church members to remember our services. All class members are requested to bear the dates of their activities in mind and be on hand at roll call. To the public in general we extend at all times a cordial invitation to come work and worship with us.

## LESS WORK WANTED

Organized labor's newest demands made at the convention in Montreal recently, are that the working day be shortened to six hours in order that a job may be provided for every worker. Apparently organized labor is not familiar with the scriptural injunction that the laborer shall be worthy of his hire, for a job for everybody means that everybody shall have a job whether he is capable of doing his work or not. There should be no quarrel with organized labor as long as organized labor stays reasonable but is it reasonable for one class of men to say we will have our share of worlds goods by working one-fourth day while the other great class of producers on the farm must work from one-half to two-third of each day to provide food for himself and the rest of the world. Those who belong to labor unions perform only a part of the world work. The rest of us must work a full day, sometimes with uncertain pay, that all may be filled. No man or class of men can live long upon the sweat of other people's brows. Organized labor would do well, therefore, to revise its working days and help produce more that those also work may be able to have the things that labor produces.—Farm & Ranch.

## 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.

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

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## SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2 to 5:30

Saturday August 7	Admission 10-20c	Monday August 9	Admission 10-20c
<b>George Walsh</b>	<b>Charlie Chaplin</b>	<b>William Duncan</b>	<b>Hoot Gibson</b>
in	in	in	in
"A Manhattan Knight"	"The Count"	"The Silent Avenger No. 7"	"The Bronco Kid"
Mutt & Jeff in "A Good Sneeze"		Fox News	

Friday August 6th One Night Only

**THEATRE AND AIRDOME**  
(Room For Everybody)

**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS** in **"The Mollycoddle"**  
A 7 reel United Artists special, from the book by Harold MacGrath

Admission 10-20-30 Fairbanks Latest Picture

Tuesday August 10	Admission 10-20c	Wednesday August 11	Admission 10-20c
<b>Constance Talmage</b>	<b>Bill Parsons</b>	<b>Corinne Griffith</b>	<b>Montgomery &amp; Rock</b>
in	in	in	in
"Two Weeks"	"A Much Needed Rest"	"The Garter Girl"	"Throbs & Thrills"
Topics of the Day		Pathe Review	

Thursday August 12	Admission 10-20c	COMING—	---COMING
<b>"The Squaw Man"</b>		<b>Mary Pickford</b>	<b>Harry Carey</b>
AN ALL-STAR, CECIL B. De MILLE PRODUCTION		IN	IN
from the famous play by Milton Royle		<b>"SUDS"</b>	<b>"BULLET PROOF"</b>
The Gumps	Lyons-Moran		

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**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

**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

**WANTED**—Your sewing, plain and fancy. Mrs. Morgan. L. E. Sanders residence. 6t4

**HULLS & HAY**—Car Hulls this week. Plenty alfalfa and Johnson grass. Swafford, phone 291. 6t2

**FOR SALE**—Two Houses close in. Also good farm well located. S. F. Haynes.

**LOST**—Near Merkel, Crank for Chandler car. Finder please return to H. D. Simpson of Merkel Mail office. 1tp

**FOUND**—A Pocket Book. Owner can get same by properly describing and paying for this notice. T. N. Kelso, Merkel, route four. 1tp

**LOST**—North of town on Wednesday. Casing and Rim for Ford Car. See Dr. Miller, reward. 1t

### FOR SALE

On account of the illness of my wife I want to sell my home in Merkel also Grocery business. If you mean business see. A. L. Jobe. 6t2

### BRACELET WATCHES

"JEAN" bracelet watches are of the quality and workmanship which insures real service to the wearer and a full degree of satisfaction to the Jeweler.

You can't buy a cheap inferior bracelet watch from us—we won't sell them. We have learned our lesson, and know that the best policy is to sell quality watches. Hence the "JEAN." Sold exclusively by Sanders Drug Store. tf

### KILL THE BLUE BUGS

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

Better see about that Coal Box and then phone 48 and Call for Clifford Rose tell him how many tons it will take to run you through the winter. Best time to BUY IS NOW. tf

It seems that this country is almost certain to gather the largest crop ever grown here before and that the question of labor is going to be a serious one. Farmers better figure on this matter.

Great rains have fallen throughout all the West, which makes the prospects for a bumper crop as good as could be asked for.

Roses Barber Shops. BEST BARBERS IN TOWN. We have added to our Bath Equipment and can now take better care of our customers in that line. Roses Shop. Your trade appreciated. tf

### PUBLISHERS.

Abilene Reporter: Amarillo newspapers were just ready to go to press Sunday morning with the election returns when the electric power plant burned down, shutting off the power. Sympathy is due both the newspapers and their readers throughout the Panhandle.

The Amarillo newspapers did not stay down long. But theirs was a sample of the experience that all newspapers have. Something is always happening to make the publisher's life a cocklebur path. A primrose by the river's brim is only a bull-

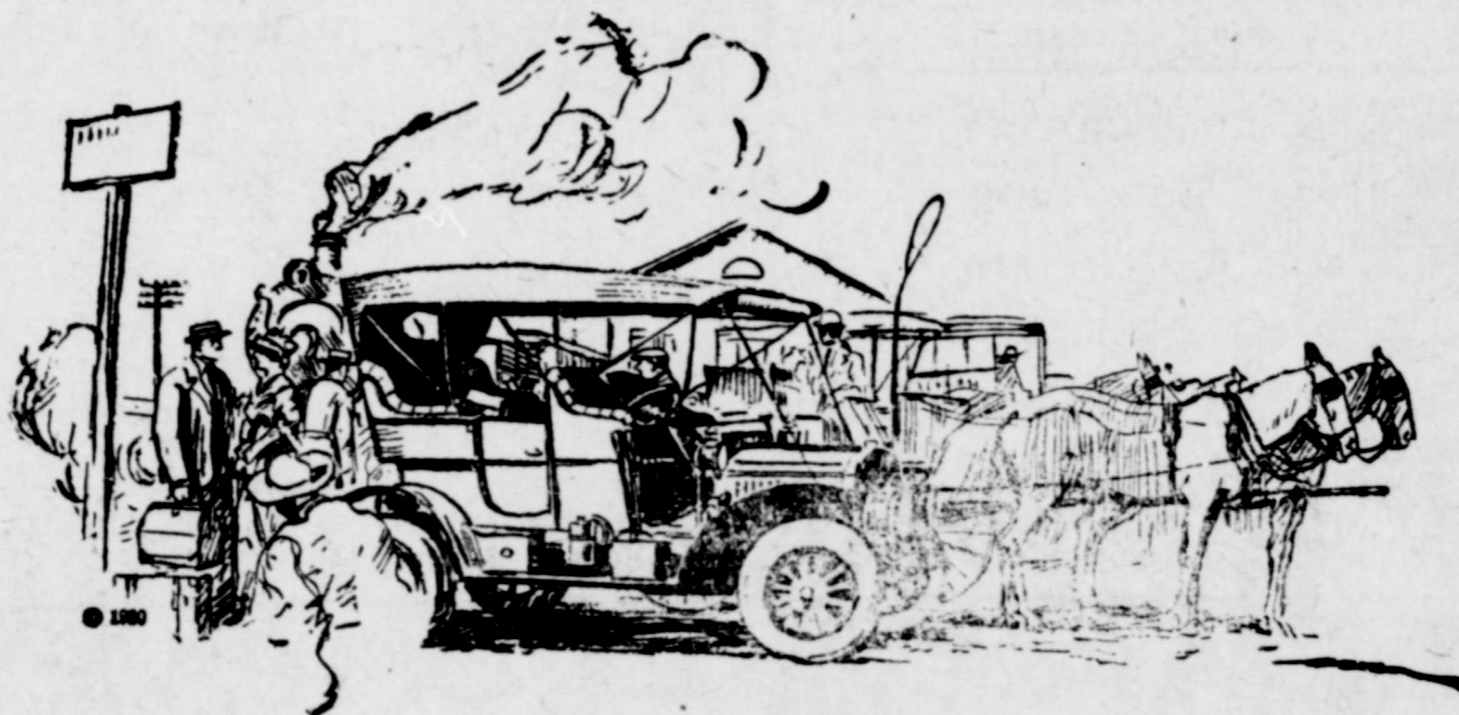
rush to him. There are a hundred and one trifles in the way of accidents which can delay the paper at press time. And unless he can get his paper off the press and into the hands of his patrons, the publisher is a blown

up delegate. A belt can break at the central power house and leave the publisher in the lurch. A gas pipe can burst and leave the publisher without heat to melt his type metal with. A fly wheel can fly off and leave the

press still. A dozen things can happen to make the publisher wish he had gone into politics or school teaching or polar exploration or cotton picking or peanut roasting or anything else that admits of a few hours of

regular sleep in each twenty-four-hour period. But the publisher gets even, in his own way. He charges the people for his completed product almost as much as the white paper costs him.—State Press.

**AUGUST THE 6th**  
JUST ONE MONTH 'TIL SCHOOL OPENS  
How time flies - and the children grow up -- but  
photographs of them never grow up.  
Have their pictures made now while you can  
take more time with them for doing it.  
MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT TO-DAY  
"Photographs of the Better Kind"  
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## When the train came in back in 1910

**T**EN years ago you might have seen one or two automobiles waiting outside the station, when the weather was pleasant.

Today the square is crowded with them. And most of the cars you generally see there are moderate-price cars.

Anybody who tells you that owners of moderate-price cars are not interested in the quality of their tires has never met very many of them.

We come in contact with the small car owner every day and we have found that he is just as much interested as the big car owner.

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Every U. S. Tire is just like every other in quality—the best its builders know how to build.

Whatever the size of your car, the service you get out of U. S. Tires is the same. It isn't the car, but the man who owns the car, that sets the standard to which U. S. tires are made.

We feel the same way about it. That's why we represent U. S. Tires in this community.

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

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### NOTICE TO TRUSTEES

Application for State Aid for rural schools will begin Monday, August the ninth at nine o'clock a. m. and trustees are earnestly requested to be at my office with a full representation according to the following schedule.

**Monday August 9th.**  
9:00 o'clock a. m. at Hamby.  
10:30 a. m. at Colony Hill.  
1:00 p. m. Cedar Gap.  
2:30 p. m. Rodgers.

**Tuesday, August 10th.**  
9:00 a. m. Tuscola.  
10:30 a. m. Moro  
1:00 p. m. Valley Creek.  
2:30 p. m. Elm Grove.

**Wednesday, August 11th.**  
9:00 a. m. Buffalo Gap.  
10:30 a. m. White Church.  
1:00 p. m. Wylie.  
2:30 p. m. Salt Branch.

**Thursday, August 12th**  
9:00 a. m. Cedar Creek.  
10:30 a. m. Bluff Creek.  
1:00 p. m. Oak Lawn.  
2:30 p. m. Ovalo.

**Friday August 13th.**  
9:00 a. m. Pleasant Hill.  
10:30 a. m. Shep.  
1:00 p. m. Guion.  
2:30 p. m. Bradshaw.

**Saturday, August 14th.**  
9:00 a. m. Castle Peak.  
10:30 a. m. I.X.L.  
1:00 p. m. Butman.  
2:30 p. m. Elmdale.

**Monday August 16th.**  
9:00 a. m. Lisman.  
10:30 a. m. Blair.  
1:00 p. m. Union Ridge.  
2:30 p. m. Cross Roads.

**Tuesday, August 17th**  
9:00 a. m. Iberis.  
10:30 a. m. North Park.  
1:00 p. m. Mulberry.  
2:30 p. m. Hillside.

**Wednesday August 18th**  
9:00 a. m. Rainey.  
10:30 a. m. Bethel.  
1:00 p. m. Mt. Pleasant.  
2:30 p. m. Neill.

**Thursday, August 19th.**  
9:00 a. m. View.  
10:30 a. m. New Hope.  
1:00 p. m. Lawn.  
2:30 p. m. Tye.

**Friday, August 20th.**  
9:30 a. m. Caps.  
10:00 a. m. Potosi.  
1:30 p. m. Trent.  
C. E. Sims, Co. School Supt.

Eld. W. G. Cypert and son Joe Bray left first of the week for McGregor, where brother Cypert will hold a Camp meeting on the Leon River, at Pat Neff's park. The meeting will continue for ten days. For a number of years Bro. Cypert has conducted this meeting with great success each time.

Mr. McAlroy of Midlothian, Texas, an experienced Dry Goods salesman has accepted a position with Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company of this city. He comes to our city highly recommended and our citizenship bid him welcome.

Purity and healing power are the chief characteristics of Liquid Borzone. It mends torn cut burned or scalded flesh with wonderful promptness. Price, 30¢, 60¢ and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug.

J. B. Hamblett, brother of our fellow townsman W. F. Hamblett came in first of the week for a visit to the latter, from Water Valley, Mississippi.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time, you need Herbine to stimulate your liver, tone up your stomach and purify your bowels. Price, 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug.

H.G. French of Beaumont, Texas, is here for a visit to his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce. He may decide to invest in property here and move his family to Merkel.

Let us not forget to be thankful for the fine rains. The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is thankful for the promise of prosperity to its customers and to farmers everywhere and we are no less thankful for the loyal friends who make this bank their banking house. 1t

Plant a fall Garden.

**JONES COUNTY PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY**

Just to again assure the citizens of Jones County of my appreciation for their liberal support in my candidacy for Tax Assessor in the July 24th Primary and to solicit a conscientious consideration of my claims in the preferential Primary of August 28th, at which I hope to again lead over my good opponent, Mr. Sadler, who is in the run-off with me. W. G. THOMAS

**TO MY FRIENDS**

I want to try to express to you my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the most splendid manifestation of your approval of my administration at the primary election and for the nomination for my second term as County Clerk of Taylor County, also for the many words of commendation that I have received personally from so many. I have not words to express my feelings I assure you, and I again promise to discharge the duties of the office in every way to the best of my ability, and I wish for each and every one of you unbounded success in your every undertaking. Most Sincerely,  
(Miss) FANNIE TIPPETT

**CARD OF THANKS**

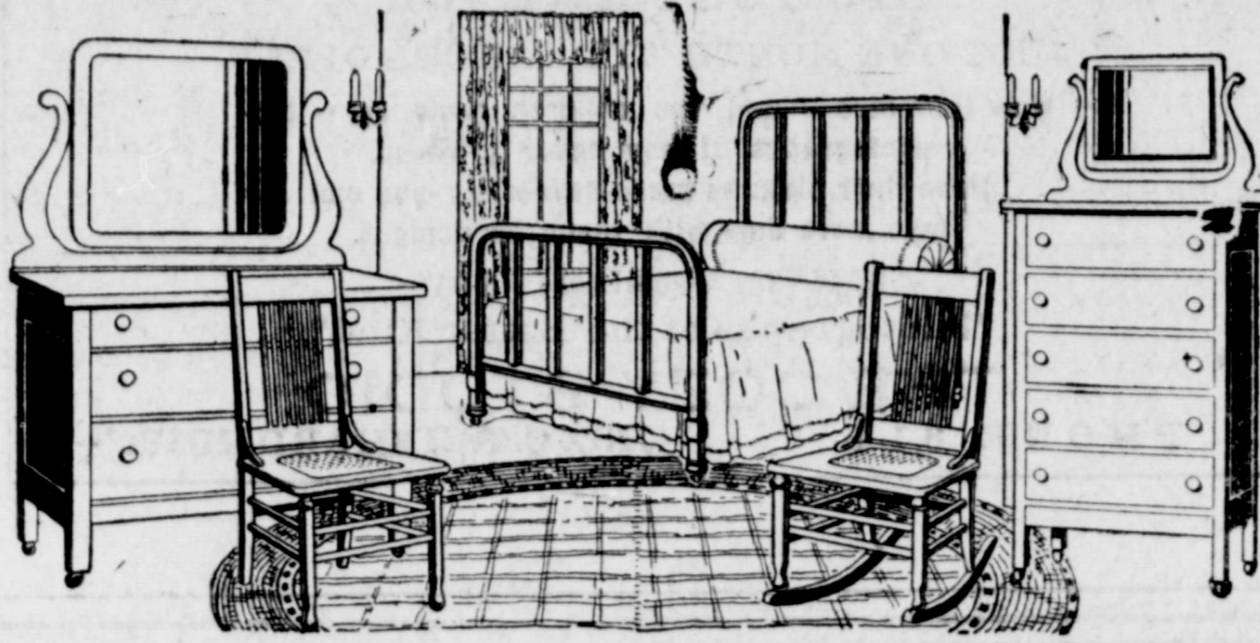
We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who were so willing to assist during the sickness and death of our darling baby J. R.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Daniel and family.

For good meals and good beds, call a Mrs. Morgan's. Will also be glad to do your laundry work. If

If the baby suffers from wind colic, diarrhoea or summer complaints, give it McGee's Baby Elixir. It is a pure, harmless and effective remedy. Price, 35 and 60¢. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug

**WHERE THE SAVING COMES IN**



The much talked of high cost of living can be greatly reduced by careful buying, which is not only the privilege, but the duty of every good citizen. The quality and prices of our entire stock are at all times wide open for your unrestricted examination and comparison. The following are just a few of our Big Sellers:

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**Our Big Showing of Go-Carts and Strollers**



We are constantly on the lookout for better values, which has resulted in an unusual showing of children's carriages of varied styles and prices. During the long summer evenings is the time to make the best use of them.



**Special Showing of Kitchen Cabinets Priced Low**

The variety of styles and assortment of grades will add much to the pleasure of choosing from our stock just the Kitchen Cabinet you have been wanting, which will not only be a valuable utensil but a real servant serving you without pay. Let us put one of those new models in your kitchen, it is the best investment any one ever made.

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John L. Cargill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Cargill, residing south of Merkel, arrived first of the week from Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he received his discharge from the Aviation Department of the Army, after having seen service for three years, eighteen months of which were spent at the front in France and with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Young Cargill has had occasion to visit France, England, Belgium, Germany and other war devastated countries of Europe, and has some interesting things to tell his friends here. He did not let his parents and friends know that he had received his discharge or that he would be home soon at all, and his coming was indeed a surprise but much pleasure to his parents and friends.

Section 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year," and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year."

Miss Clemmie Waldrip, of Burkburnett, after spending two weeks the guest of Mrs. E. Horton, returned to her home first of the week.

See Swafford for Coal or feed. Kent Street. Everything weighed. 6t4

**AUTHORIZING 1 1/2 % AD VALOREM TAX BY CITIES AND TOWNS OF 5,000 OR LESS POPULATION.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may

Section 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Section 4. That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election. C. D. Mims, Secretary of State. (Attest—A True Copy.)

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Merkel, Texas

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The people at large instantly recognized and approved of our methods. Our principles and methods have always been subjects of much favorable comment with our many patrons. We are delighted and marvel at our wonderful growth in so short a time. But all that we have done in the past seems little compared to our future plans. **WATCH OUR PROGRESS.**

This coming week will give you the last opportunity to receive the advantages of our great New York Purchasing and Clearance Sale. The prices are not only an important part of this event, but the values you receive in exchange for your money.

## A FEW OF OUR SPECIAL PRICES

75 high grade mens suits  
\$65. and \$75. **\$39.75**

Your unrestricted choice,  
any pair of summer  
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Newest trimmed hats for  
dress or sport wear **\$4.95**

We just received a shipment of 100 Voile Dresses made of printed Voile, in handsome designs, smart tunic effects, over drapes, straight line models, all of the wanted colors, and all sizes

\$10.00 & \$12.00 values during the purchasing sale **\$3.95**

## SILK DRESSES

About 100 silk dresses which includes plain, printed and beaded Georgette, Taffeta and Silk

\$25.00 and \$35.00 dresses during the purchasing sale **\$12.95**

Finest full fashion silk  
hose - - - - **\$1.95**

Special for Saturday only,  
8 oz. cotton sacking **40c**

All summer piece goods at cost.  
All silk by yard at very low prices.

One lot of tricolett blouses  
\$8.00 and \$10.00 - - **\$4.95**

This sale is not for the purpose of getting rid of stock that we do not consider salable next year, but in order to take care of incoming fall goods which we are receiving every day.

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### THAT HOME OVER THE HILL

(By Austin Callan)

Joe and Mary had been shopping in the city nearly all day and they were both tired. When the country air commenced fanning their brows and great rows of sunflowers lined the way instead of parked cars and brick buildings, Joe handed the lines over to his faithful wife and began fumbling with the packages in a box behind the seat.

"Have we forgotten any thing Mary?" he asked.

"Not if you brought the candy for the children," she replied. I saw to getting all the little garments they'll need until winter sets in and I'm sure we have the bacon and coffee and flour down there somewhere."

"Well of course I never overlooked the kiddies," Joe said as he opened and broke off a little piece to try himself. "And do you know Mary that I have sure missed them today. Somehow

or another, back there in the crowded streets and busy stores I was just so lonesome that I couldn't stand it. I reckon the good Lord made me for the country because I always feel cramped and uncomfortable anywhere else. Great Scott but it is fine to get away from the noise and bustle of the crowd, out here where breathing is good and where we can be ourselves and look across the broad fields and listen to the skylarks."

"Oh, Joe you're getting sentimental," declared Mary, "but do you know I have been feeling the same way about it too. Sometimes I wonder if we ought not to move to town and send John and Lucy to school, and yet if we were to do that my heart would stay on the farm. I don't know what I would do without cows to milk and chickens to feed and the meadow to ride across when it is fresh with the scent of the new mown hay. And at night I couldn't stand having our babies off at those shows,

## CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

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

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

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

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

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

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## Saturday Specials

### HOT BREAD--HOT ROLLS

Salvation Army Doughnuts,  
Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee Cake,  
Novelty Cakes for Sunday  
Dinner.

Ask for Fleischmann's Yeast  
Cake Good Health Book.

Merkel Bakery & Candy Shop  
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or joy riding up and down the streets. Ours is only an ordinary home, Joe, over the hill yonder; everything is just as simple and plain as it can be. But when John and Lucy fill the old walls with their shouts and laughter it is music to me as sweet as the songs of the warbling bird of the wildwood. I am happy there, and at sight as they come and kneel down by our chairs and with their little chubby hands pressed together ask God to take care of them I feel He is going to do it."

We might crowd the waves of the sea with battleships and throw back the beams of the sun by the wings of our aircraft we might turn all the ore of the hills into gleaming swords and make of every man a defiant warrior upon the brow of our

country's Ben Lomond. But we could not place a stronger rock in the heart of American strength than is this little home of Joe and Mary's—over the hill. May the perfume of the blossoms of many springtimes waft through its windows; may the Angels as they look down from the realm of glory continue to bless it with their smiles.—Ex.

The Merkel Manufacturing Company has recently received a quite a bit of new machinery which they have installed and ready for business. The proprietors Messrs Grier & Rodden, say they are now prepared to do any and all kinds of Mill Work in first class shape.

Piano in good fix, at a bargain —W. F. Hamblett. tf

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