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**GUARANTY FUND BANKING
LAW OF THE
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THE FARMERS STATE BANK

T. J. TOOMBS President
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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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TODD and Irish Mary Ann.

On Monday night Ladies will be admitted free when accompanied by an escort holding a paid adult ticket, by paying 5 cents war tax.

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Address Walsh, Leading lady Copeland Bros. Stock Co.

Price OUR Blankets and Comforts before you buy. We will save you 10 to 15 per cent and they have the quality. The Brown Dry Goods Co.

TAKE ALL YOUR COTTON CHECKS TO THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK.

THE WEALTH OF OUR PRESIDENTS

Washington the Richest—Four Died Insolvent and Penniless.

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Let us explain our SAVINGS DEPARTMENT



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REDUCTIONS

Yes? There are some now, and we are prepared to show you the reductions. We Are Keeping Abreast with every throb of the market and pledge you that we are on the job every minute for your and our protection. Manufacturers say that Big Reductions will Come Next Spring, and that there will not be but few big Sensational Reductions now.

Get Our Prices

See our Blanket at \$4.65

Good heavy Comfort at \$4.65

All Work pants \$3.40 & \$3.50

Honest work shoes for men \$3.95

For Fine Trunks See Ours

Cotton checks 20c
Outings 25 to 35c
Bed-wide Sheeting 69½c

Gingham 25 to 45c
Mens Shirts \$1.45 to \$6.00
Mens sox 25 to 65c

Suits for men, ladies and boys

Underwear for miss, boy, woman and man

We welcome you to our store

The Brown D. G. Co.

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John Adams	40,000
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James Madison	60,000
James Monroe	10,000
John Quincy Adams	25,000
Andrew Jackson	50,000
Marten Van Buren	200,000
W. H. Harrison, no net estate	
John Tyler	75,000
James K. Polk	100,000
Zachary Taylor	300,000
Millard Fillmore	10,000
Franklin Pierce	5,000
James Buchanan	400,000
Abraham Lincoln	15,000
Andrew Johnson, no net estate	
Ulysses S. Grant, insolvent	
Rutherford B. Hays	250,000
Jas. A. Garfield, no net estate	
Chester A. Arthur, no net estate	
Grover Cleveland (unmarried)	60,000
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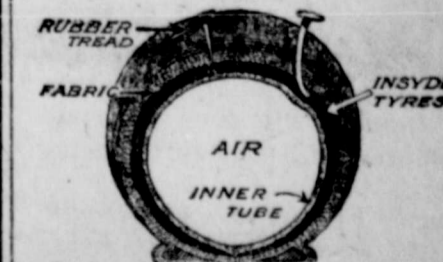
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REGULAR DINNERS

In order that we may better serve our ever increasing patronage and anticipating the coming fall business, which is now just starting, we will serve each day,

Regular Dinners
with drinks

at only

50c

per meal

And remember that we are open both Day and Night, ready to serve you in anyway you like. We also invite you to inspect our place from the Front door to the Back.

METROPOLITAN CAFE

Hancock & Burns, Props.

H. Turner prominent business man of Sialoam Springs, Ark., was here this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner. The former Mr. Turner was several years ago a citizen of Merkel, and has many friends here who were glad to see him again.

W. N. Hall and wife of Detroit, Michigan, were here last week greeting old friends, having once been citizens of Merkel.

Messrs J. W. and N. B. Teaff returned last week from a visit to their brother at O'Brian Tex. We are thankful to the former for a subscription to the Merkel Mail to be sent to the brother at O'Brian for the next year.

Commercial Motor Company is now ready to supply your wants in the Automobile line. Give us a trial. 1t

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

CLASSIFIED ADS

NEW HAY—Will have plenty new Johnson grass next few days—by the bale or by the ton. T. J. L. Swafford. 2t

FOR SALE—New Dodge touring car. See Merkel Garage. 24t2

LOST—A knife bladed bar pin with small diamond stone. Finder please return to Merkel Mail and receive reward. 3tp.

LOST—Two gin books, one for Tuscola and the other for Sweetwater. Owner thinks they possibly placed unintentionally in the wrong car. Any one having or finding same will do the undersigned a favor if they will return same to him. G. B. Brown 2tp.

STATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIANA

Protects you in case of BODILY INJURY OR DISEASE—Doubles the face of Policy in case of accidental death.

To appreciate the real value of State Life Policies ask the widow of a man who carried one.

YOU NEED THIS

For yourself, your wife, your children, your estate. Without obligation on your part I will be glad to show you this liberal policy.

"An Old Line Life Insurance Company"
No War Clause

PARKER SHARP, Agent
Merkel, Texas 17t4

PULLMAN BREAKFAST NOOKS

One of the latest home conveniences is this cozy built-in breakfast nook.

The table and seats are built in a corner of the kitchen or between the kitchen and dining room.

This is one of the novel features in many of our model home plans or we will gladly assist you in planning one to be built in your home.

To help you make your house more of a real HOME is both a pleasure and a duty with us.

BURTON-LINGO CO.

PHONE 74

L. D. Levy Local Mgr.

FOR SALE—Seven registered big boned Poland China pigs. Five boar and two sow. One extra good boar and sow and pigs. Cony Deavers, Merkel Texas, Route, 2. 24t2p

SAVE MONEY—Buy your flour and meal at A. L. Jobs and save money.

FOR SALE—Span of mules, wagon and harness. J. R. Baze. 17tf.

FOR SALE—A nice line of fresh California Fruits and vegetables Staple and Fancy Groceries. We Deliver to any part of the city bills that are too heavy to carry. W. W. Wood, Phone 230. tf

WANTED—A few more milk and butter customers, can deliver. Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Phone 246 2t.

CORD WOOD—I have some good cord wood for sale. See R.L. Bland. 22t.

FOR SALE

One seven-room house and six lots. One seven-room house and two lots. One Store building to rent. Call on W. P. Duckett at store or residence. tf

STRAY MULE in the city pound about 5 years old, 15 hands high, black in color and has long main. Call T. M. Pribble. 1tp

TAKE ALL YOUR COTTON & MERCHANTS NATIONAL CHECKS TO THE FARMERS BANK.

To remove billious impurities in the system and be made internally clean and healthy, you need the fine tonic and laxatives properties of Herbine. It acts quickly and thoroughly. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Stor Oct.

I must have money therefore must sell goods. I need your business. A. L. Jobe. 2t.

Store your car with Commercial Motor Co. tf

--- NEW --- Meat Market

We have just opened in the Boney building on Front Street a First-Class Meat Market and will have on hand at all times, the best

BEEF, PORK AND OTHER FRESH MEAT

obtainable, and will appreciate a share of your patronage in our line.

As a token of our appreciation of a share of your business, we intend to sell our meat in a way that will Bring Down High Cost of Living.

Everything is strictly Sanitary and Clean. Come in and try some of our juicy steaks and be convinced that it will pay you to buy your meat from us.

We make a Specialty of
Pure Pork Sausage

McCoy's Meat Market

STRAYED COW—A brown jersey in good condition, has one nubbed horn, may have young calf. Left my home in Merkel on the night of Sept. 28th. If you know of her notify G. W. Boyce or W. W. Campbell. 1tp.

LOST—A black hand bag, containing, two child's dresses and a new bright red, child's wool coat, with a bar collar. Finder please return to the Merkel Mail Office and receive reward. 1tp.

FOR RENT—A four-room house First house west of J. B. Bell. J. S. Burkhead, owner, Box 283, Eastland Texas. 1t

Come around and let us figure with you on that new Car. Hudson, Essex, Oakland, and Ranger also some used cars for sale cheap. Commercial Motor Co. It

Many farmers have gone East and secured some hands for cotton picking, gathering feed etc., Some have secured about all the help they need, while most of them just secured a part of the help needed. And yet there is a great demand for cotton pickers.

LISTEN!

We would like to have your Eggs, Butter and Chickens. Be sure and get our prices before you sell. W. W. Wood, Staple and Fancy Groceries; Feed and Grain. Phone 230. tf

You will find everything in school supplies, Patent Medicines; Toilet Articles, cold drinks, including all fountain drinks, soda pop and bottle goods. Also a fresh line of candies, at A. C. Boney's on Front Street.

LONE STAR PLANTING SEED

FOR 1921

Austin, Texas, Sept. 1, 1920

CAGE SEED CO.
Austin Texas.

Gentlemen:—

Regarding my 200 acres of your Lone Star Cotton on my Onion Creek place, I can say that it has given good satisfaction this year. It opened early and has produced a premium staple. Regarding the fruiting, I can state that it has put on and held a very fine crop, some of it running more than a bale to the acre. Its characteristics, as regards the stalk and growth are, to my mind, what we want in a cotton in this section of Texas, as it is very short jointed and the bolls are close to the stalk and early maturing. In fact, I consider it a very fine general utility cotton.

Yours truly, (Signed) Geo. Begg.

Lone Star Seed sold by
McDonald & Anderson, Merkel, Texas
B. C. Moore, Trent, Texas

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.

Merkel Drug Company

Drugs
Sundries
Cigars
Drinks
Lowneys Candy
Jewelry
Cut Glass

Columbia Graphophones

— AND —

Pathe Phonographs

A Full Line of Needles

Phone 105

Our
Prescription
Department
is complete and
your prescriptions
will be filled by
Registered
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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel
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Merkel merchants were never better prepared to serve their trade than at present. They have large and complete stocks and we feel sure will make the price, when quality is considered as good or better than can be found elsewhere.

Who's causing the low price of cotton? Certainly no one will say it is the Southern Banking financiers and manufacturers. And we know it is not the Democratic politicians. Then it must be the northern financiers and manufacturers, most all of whom are republicans, who were never known to do anything to help the Southern farmer.

PROGRAM OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

October 3, 1920

Leader—Bill Stevens
Subject—"Our Church Privileges and Obligations."

Song
Prayer by the pastor

Song
Scripture reading—(Psalm 84, 1, 12)

Song
"The origin and nature of the church"—Rev. W. M. Murrell

"The Privileges of Church Membership"

(1) The church is a channel of God's grace to man — Hazel Harkrider

(2) It affords the greatest opportunities for christian service — Rosie Lanie

(3) It has a definite purpose to accomplish—Paul Stamford

(4) It is the greatest brotherhood in the world—Iva Landreth

"The Obligation of church membership"

(1) Be subject to the Discipline of the church—Joe Reidenback.

(2) Attend upon the ordinances of the church—Murphy Thomas.

(3) Support the institution of the church—Delma Compton.

Reading—Christine Collins.

Song
Roll call
League benediction

We do not believe there is one time in a hundred when it pays to send to the Mail Order House for any kind of goods that can be bought from a dealer in your home town. We feel sure that there is a wide difference in the quality of the article purchased from the Mail Order House and the article purchased from the local merchant, the latter in almost every instance being superior in quality. One will frequently find the Mail Order House sending out great advertising matter announcing great bargains in this and that, inclosing photographic views of the supposed bargains on paper, all of which looks very nice, and the price, well that is just too tempting to resist. But how about the quality of the goods when they arrive? In many instances he person ordering the goods write in that the goods are not good as was expected, and the Mail Order concern will reply

that the goods are worth the price asked and advertised, but that if the goods are not satisfactory they may be sent back with an additional sum of so much and a better quality of goods will be sent. And in which event, the buyer can always find the same quality of goods in stock of the home merchant at the same price or less.

Then too besides getting better goods from the home merchants one is helping to build up the home town, which will in turn help to make a better market for the commodities raised in the surrounding community. Hence, let's patronize the Merkel Merchants, where the goods may be seen tried on, and if not satisfactory returned and exchanged.

Every thing clean and sanitary at Mc and Mc's Market. Buy from them and get the best. 1tf

PHOTOGRAPHS THAT PLEASE

We guarantee our photographs to be as good as can be made.

We do our best to satisfy.

SPECIAL OFFER on our \$10.00 per doz. grade and up.

THE BEST TIME FOR SITTINGS MADE BY APPOINTMENT.

Special appointments made during week for Sundays

"Photographs of the Better Kind"

THE COZY STUDIO

PHONE 314

JNO. C. REINHARD, MGR.

NOTICE PUBLIC

From this date, I will charge yard fees at Kent Street Yard both day and night.

A. L. Jobe 1t

Ease the pain of a rheumatic attack by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves tenderness and strengthens the joints. Three sizes, 30, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store Oct.

We can make immediate delivery on Dodge Brothers Cars. Also one new Ford for sale. One Buick 1920 modle at a bargain. See McDonald Motor Co. 1t

FOR SALE—I have for sale 40 head of good mules and six head of horses, also two good jacks. Sale will be at my place on the 16th day of Oct. J. L. Casey, Rt. 3, Merkel, Tex. 2tp.

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ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. Apply to Mrs W. Z. Price, just north of the Tabernacle.

Everything up to date at our place. Give us a trial when in need of Gasoline, Lub. Oil, Tires and accessories. Commercial Motor Company. 1t

Go to Commercial Motor Company and get your gasoline, oils etc. They give full measure and prompt service. 1t

If you are eating meat why not the best? Mc. & Mc's have it. 1tf

We are steadily growing. Join the crowd and try the best at Mc. & Mc.'s Market. 1tf.

FORD FOR SALE

I have a good second hand Ford Touring car for sale. G. L. Baker. Rout 1 1tp.

BIG AUCTION SALE

Of horses and mules in Abilene, Texas, Saturday, Oct. 9. If you are in the market to buy come. If you have stock to sell bring them. At the Jinks McGee barn. G. E. Morgan, prop. 1t2p

To get rid of worms in children give them White's Cream Vermifuge. The little sufferer improves at once and soon becomes healthy active and robust. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Oct.

Messrs A. J. and E. H. Ray have recently purchased the Buttman gin, placing same in fine running condition, and are now prepared to serve the farmers of their community.

Mrs. J. E. Musick of Abilene, whose husband died during the month of July, was handed a check for the sum of \$1,000 recently by the clerk of the local order of the Modern Woodman of the World, in payment of the policy held by the deceased in her favor for that amount.

George Sharp suffered a broken arm as the result of attempting to crank his father's delivery (Ford) car. He is getting along nicely.

MY WAY

I would not scrap with any one about the way baptism's done; I would not argue a doctrinal point until my tongue was out of joint. Such religion is not the kind that I'd advise a man to find. For modes and creeds they had to flee before the Man of Galilee. His love, His way, is what 'twill take to lead one to the Pearly Gate! Forget the creed, forget the name, remember that each aim's the same. Remember that the cross He bore was just for man the wide world o'er. I would not scoff, I would not sneer at what to other hearts is dear. The better way by far, my friend, is—of your means a little lend; be kind and good to all you meet, that is religion—hard to beat. Don't be litte, don't blame and scold those who shelter in another fold. Be patient and true and of service to man. There's no better way, there's no better plan.—Exchange.

Joe Winter one of the hustling citizens residing some ten miles north of Merkel returned first of the week from Fort Worth where he had been for cotton pickers. He says his crop is not so good as was expected some ten days ago.

H. M. Rose returned first of the week from a trip to Fort Worth and Dallas, where he had been to look into the coal situation.

Matinee Every Day Beginning October 9th

COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday Oct. 1	Addission 10-20c	Saturday Oct. 2	Admission 10-20c
Wm. S. Hart	Rolin Comedy	George Walsh	Charlie Chaplin
in		in	
"Hells Hinges"	THE GUMPS	"The Dead Line"	"A Days Pleasure"
		Mutt & Jeff in "A Tight Squeeze"	

Admission 10-20c Don't Miss This One

Monday and Tuesday, October 4th and 5th
Matinee and Night

Wm. Duncan	Hoot Gibson	Joe Ryan
In the Last Chapters of	in	in
"The Silent Avenger"	"The Shooting Kid"	"Hidden Dangers"

Universal Animal Comedy

Wednesday Oct. 6	Admission 10-20c	Thursday Oct. 7	Admission 10-20c
Vivian Martin	Franey Comedy	Paramount-Artcraft	Program
in			
"You Never Saw Such Girl"	PATHE REVIEW		

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

Little's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites.

In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

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

**OWNERSHIP OF GINS
BY PACKERS SCORED**

Austin, Sept. 25.—"The ownership and control of the cotton gins of the State of Texas by the oil mills and packing houses produces an intolerable condition in this State," said Acting Attorney General Keeling before the agricultural committee of the Legislature Saturday afternoon "and certainly this condition will not be tolerated by the Texas people. The present condition, however, will continue just as long as the oil mills and packers are permitted to own control and dominate the gins as purchasing agencies in buying cottonseed."

He pointed out to the committee that at this time Texas was paying more than twice as much to gin its cotton, and selling its seed for one-half the price of the other cotton growing States. An instance is cited by him, illustrating the evil growing out of the ownership and control of cotton gins by oil mills. At one town in Texas, he said, at this time the oil mill situated there owns or controls a number of gins situated in adjacent territory. One of the gins not controlled by the oil mill became involved in a fight for cotton to gin whereupon the oil mill, through its gins, either owned or controlled, cut the price of ginning cotton to 10 cents per 100 pounds seed cotton and \$1.50 for bagging and ties, making a total of about \$3.10 per bale, he declared.

"As soon as the oil mill through its gins through the country succeeds in putting this individual out of business there is no doubt but that the price of ginning will be placed back at a figure which will make it worth while for the oil mill to retire the daring individual who should attempt to put his own price upon ginning," Keeling said.

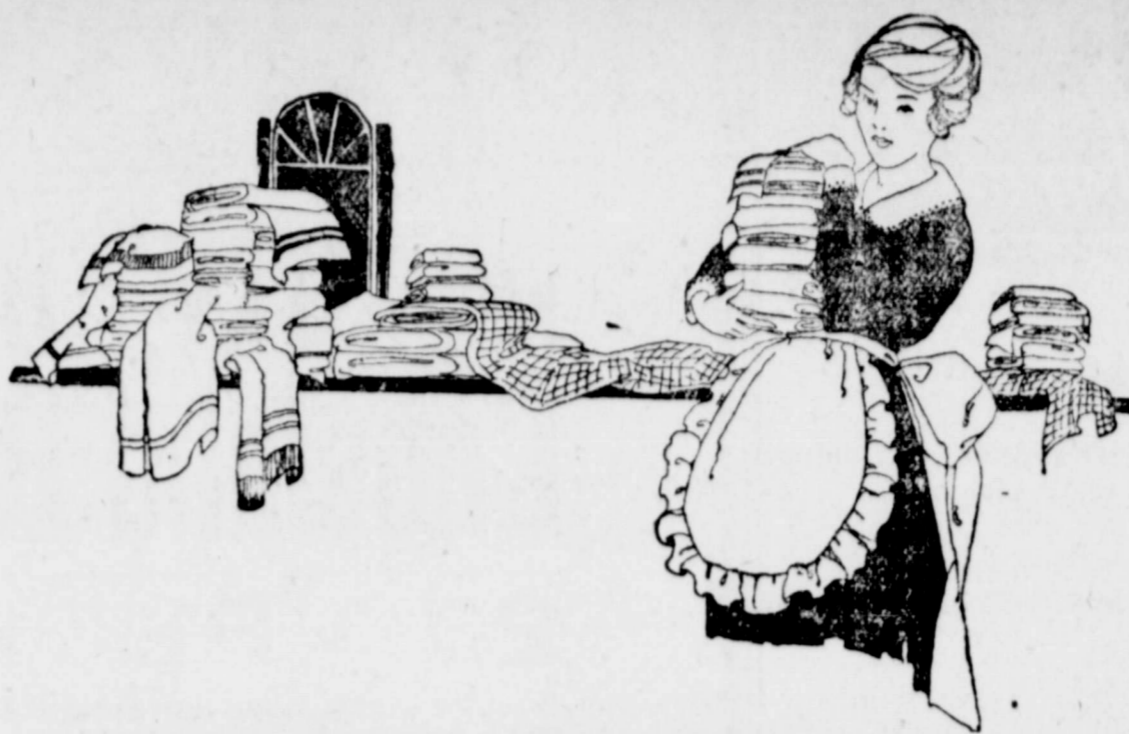
"The responsibility of this condition," said Mr. Keeling, "now rests upon the Legislature. Persons interested in the oil mill and packing house business suggest that a small matter of taking many millions of dollars from the farmers should not take up the time of a special session and that the Legislature should hasten to adjourn. The true representatives of the whole people of the South will insist on staying on the job until legislation is enacted which will restore competition in the sale of cottonseed in the State of Texas," declared Keeling.

A clear colorless liquid that will heal wounds, cuts, sores and galls is the latest and best production of medical science. Ask for Liquid Borozone, it is a marvel in flesh-healing remedies. Price, 30, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store Oct.

Eld. W. C. Cypert returned first of the week from Crowell where he held a ten days meeting, which was very successful in every respect.

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Fifty pieces of 40c gingham at 29c
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Values to \$1.50 on sale at 98c

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36-in. wide, 35c grade 28c
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Only 25 bolts left.

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200 pair blankets assorted patterns
at 20 per cent lower

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100 comforts marked away down for
quick selling

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Entire stock of middy blouses up to
\$3.00 on sale at \$1.95

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Three dozen ready-to-wear hats on
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We are marking our suits, coats,
dresses, skirts, blouses, etc., at prices
to meet any and all competition. We
guarantee to save you money in this
department.

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Republicans held the Cleveland administration responsible for low prices, asserts the Montgomery Advertiser, and asked the country to repudiate the Democratic party for that treason. Today, adds the Advertiser, Republicans hold the Wilson administration responsible for the high prices, and ask the country to repudiate the Democratic party for that reason. Will the Republicans please be so good as to explain just what it would be necessary for the Democratic party to do in order to satisfy the Republicans?

As we stated in a previous issue of this paper, there is absolutely no use in the great number of idle men and boys now laying around the towns throughout this country, doing nothing. There is work and plenty of it for all. A bunch of idle gamblers never do one single act toward helping to build the best interest of any town or community. That there is perhaps the greatest wave of gambling and lawlessness now going on over the country, ever known before but few can deny. Why is it? Is it because the officers fail to do their duty? Or is it because the citizenship as a whole is indifferent toward doing their duty toward assisting the officers in stopping so much of such rot.

In all malarial countries the popular remedy is Herbine. People find it a good medicine for purifying the system and warding off the disease. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store Oct.

Football. Merkel vs Sweetwater.

VOL MARTIN WRITES

Los Angeles, California
Sept. 22, 1920.

Editor The Merkel Mail and all enquiring friends:
In as much as I have been asked by so many of my old friends there to write them what I thought of California, I have decided to answer them through the Mail. Will say, personally, I am well pleased with, and I do not know of any country that affords better opportunities to all classes of men than this country offers. There is good opportunities here for all, and will add that this is the most beautiful country that I have ever been permitted to see.

There is beauties here that you can not see any other place. You can enjoy everything from the sunny Beaches to the snow capped mountains. You can stand down in the valleys and pick oranges off the trees and at the same time see the snow capped mountains. In this country you get nature's real picture. You people who have never been to southern Calif. can't realize the beauty that you have missed. And the Climate is really unsurpassed. There is never a night that you dont sleep under from two to three covers. The sum-

mers are cool and pleasant and the winters are always warm.

I find living expenses much cheaper here than any place I have been. You can raise fresh vegetables every month in the year. I planted a garden the 4 of July and am now having all the vegetables that we can use. Will say that I do not regret my move here. As I have made a good living paid all my bills and have increased my little bank account every month, and if I can do this I don't see why others could not do equally as well and besides I have taken quite a bit of my time riding around enjoying the beauties of this country. You can drive for hundreds of miles and never get off of an Electric lighted boulevard.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many Texas people since I have been here and have met none that had any desire to leave Southern California. There is quite a few Merkel friends who live here and all are happy and enjoying life to the fullest extent. Will say that I find the California people as a whole to be as good kind and courteous as any people I ever met. You find a warm welcome here from all. I could not ask to live among better people. My only regret is that I did not come to California

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All Owners of "Blind" CRANK
Measuring
Gasoline Pumps are Honest Men**

We must also assume that they are business men who know they can't afford to let their pumps cheat them at their present narrow margin on gasoline. They must make sure or go bankrupt.

And yet they know that, as any cranking pump wears, its pumping capacity per stroke grows less. What are they going to do about it? Just what they are doing—closing their eyes to conditions.

But we said "nearly all," for testimony of State and Local Inspectors of Weights and Measures, before the Bureau of Standards at Washington has shown that there were some owners of Blind Pumps who didn't even wait for the natural wear of their pumps to give short measure, but from the start fixed their pumps so that they delivered from a pint to a quart short per gallon.

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It's a one-operation pump. Won't operate till the sliding cylindrical doors are locked wide open: So you look clear through the glass cylinder as it is filling.

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You see what you get, and get ALL you see.
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Friday— 10-20c	Saturday— 10-20c
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Monday— 10-20c	Tuesday— 10-20c
TEXAS GUINAN Queen of the West Also "Tell Tale Tracks" A Northwest Mounted Police Story Extra—A Comedy	Tom Moore in "Toby's Bow" a Goldwyn Comedy Drama Also—Snub Pollard
Wednesday— 10-20c	Thursday— 10-20-30c
A Western Drama A 2-Reel Billie West Comedy and News Weekly	Harry Carey in "Men of The West" a special in 6 reels His Best Picture Extra—A Christie Comedy

twenty years ago. Will say that any of you who care to make a trip out to this country on a visit will never regret doing so. There is only one Southern California.

Will appreciate a personal letter from any or all of my old friends. With best wishes to the Mail and all of its subscribers, I beg to remain your old friend.
V. Martin, 5713, Chesley, Ave
Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. A. L. Jobe returned Monday from Dallas where she has been under treatment for the past two months, somewhat improved. She will probably return for further treatment just after the Fair.

Liquor is still the "sacred calf" and woe unto him that does not agree.

ROOMS
Rooms for rent. Phone 38.

NOTICE

Fordson Tractor Plowing Demonstration Friday and Saturday just North of the section house on the Pike.

We want you to see and try out for your own satisfaction the most needed piece of machinery for the farm on the market today. Also the Oliver Chilled Automatic Trip Disc Plow, the Roderic Lean Disc Harrow and the Cultipacker.
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Abilene, Texas.

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DODGE BROTHERS
By Hutchison 1:55 P. M.

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riches I want to leave, kind friends, if strong enough and true enough to win them, are unselfish thoughts and deeds such as lie within easy reach of all. I wish to have gathered about me there at the dusk of Life's Day pearls of consciousness that I did not break faith with duty as I passed along the roadway. I want to cling to jewels of memory glittering with a real and a serving love for mankind. If none can say of me then that I won a battle in the industrial or political arena, I will be satisfied to know that somewhere there is a boy who remembers that I stooped to pull a thorn from his wounded foot, or that I answered the call for a friend made by one out in the dark night of need, or took the part of an innocent party against whom the black wings of slander were beating. I want to be rich as I wait there in the belief that back in the world there is no one who can say that I have wronged him, no one poorer and no one unhappier because of any act of mine. I want my fortune to be the knowledge of many honest efforts to serve usefully those I have a chance to do something for. And when the boatman takes my hand and for the last time I look upon earthly things, if there are no material goods that will help, I want to be sure that there are no scars that will hurt."—Exchange

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.

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With the co-operation of T. O. Walton, director of the State Extension Department at A. & M. College, assured, the State Fair of Texas is moving forward to a record-breaking season as regards county agricultural exhibits. Mr. Walton and Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair, have had a series of conferences on this important department of the Fair, and every assurance is extended by Mr. Walton that the exhibits will be far more numerous, and far more select, than those of any previous year in Fair history.

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YOUR SPECIAL ATTENTION---PLEASE

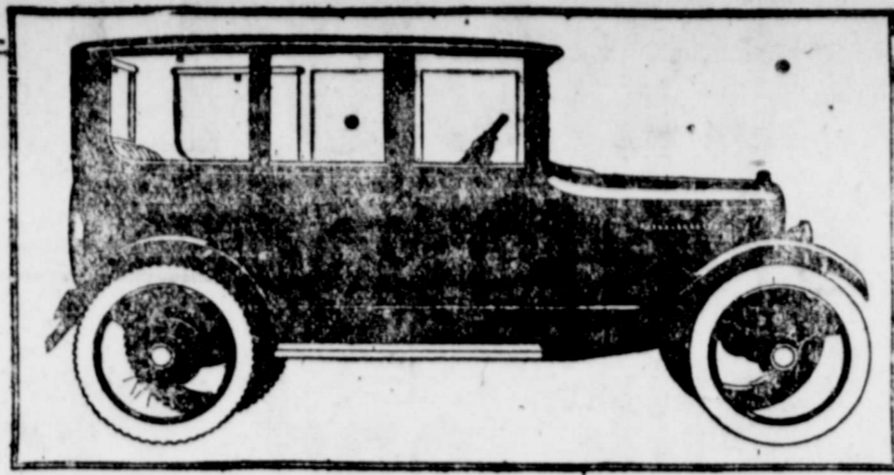
We wish to state that the Merkel Mail sincerely appreciates each and every item of business given us by the business men and the public in general. And it is our desire to give each and every one good service in our line. But too many of our customers have gotten in the habit of putting off getting their advertising ready until Thursday morning and in some instances bring us a half page ad Thursday afternoon. And as the paper is supposed to be printed Thursday evening, it is next to impossible to get it out on time when the most of our advertising comes in during the day Thursday. On this day we could at least use a half dozen printers, but the balance of the time they would not have anything to do, and we would go broke in a week. So we write this to ask our patrons that they, each and all, prepare their advertising early in the week, which will enable us to give you better service. And you will assist us very much.

AUTO SHOW AT FAIR TO BRING NEW MODELS

Through the exhibition season of the State Fair of Texas—Oct. 9 to 24—is several weeks away, automobile dealers of Dallas and of North Texas have practically all placed their orders for cars to be brought here for the automobile exhibit, which will be held on a larger scale than ever before. Already more than a hundred entries have been made by automobile dealers and many more will be made before the Fair is opened, taking up every bit of available space in the automobile building.

Late models of cars of practically every make will be shown here. In many instances the new 1921 models will be displayed for the first time.

A. L. Jobe's motto quick sales small profits, equal rights all alike, come around. 2t.



The All-Around Usefulness of THE OVERLAND SEDAN

The Decathlon in the Olympic Games embraces ten events in one.

It is for men who are varietists in sport rather than specialists.

Specialization is the obsession of a single-track mind.

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In men and in automobiles the great essential is the ability to match any occasion, to cope with any emergency, and to do it with a minimum of effort and a maximum of success.

But greatest of all the merits of the Overland Sedan is her all-around usefulness—the ceaseless cycle of her service in the Decathlon of Travel—her eagerness for the golf game, her readiness for shopping, her efficiency in business, her up-and-doing spirit on a tour—where the road goes she will go also, swiftly, comfortably, economically, and so safely that any man who buys an Overland Sedan can trust his wife or daughter at the wheel.

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The Economy SEDAN

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MEXICAN EXHIBIT LEAVES FOR TEXAS

The big Mexican National Exhibit, feature of this year's State Fair of Texas, will be en route to Dallas by September 12, reaching the State Fair grounds about September 17. This information was contained in a telegram just received from Luis



Lupian, secretary of General J. B. Trevino of the department of Commerce and Industry at Mexico City by the State Fair management. Mr. Lupian stated also that the official coterie of Mexican ministers and high officials, probably ten in number, will accompany the exhibit to Dallas at that time.

At a later date between 300 and 500 Mexican business men will arrive in Dallas, to be guests of the State Fair of Texas from October 9 to 24.

DUROC ROUND-UP TO BE HELD IN DALLAS

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials announce that Dallas and the state fair grounds have been chosen as the scene of the 1920 Southwest National round-up of Duroc-Jersey futu-



ry pigs, given annually under the auspices of the National Duroc-Jersey association, and this year affiliated with the Texas Duroc Breeders' association and the State Fair management.

The round-up is a competitive affair and each year attracts hundreds of breeders from throughout the United States. This year a total of \$2,400 in prizes has been guaranteed.

SHEEP EXHIBITS WILL BE LARGE THIS YEAR

Dallas, Texas.—A greater interest is being manifested in the sheep division of the State Fair of Texas this year at this time than during any previous year, according to announcement just made by J. M. Jones of the Texas A. & M. college, who is superintendent of that division. Not only have the premium classifications in this division been increased, states Mr. Jones, but in addition a modern, commodious sheep barn has been completed, which will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fair. Mr. Jones has called attention of sheep men to the fact that Rule 14 in the sheep and goat division reads this year as follows: "Flock—A flock shall consist of one ram any age; one ewe two years old or over; one yearling ewe, and one ewe lamb."

STATE FAIR SPACE IN GREAT DEMAND

Demand for space at the State Fair of Texas grounds this season is unprecedented, according to Secretary Stratton and President Keist. Practically all of the space has been sold, although some remains which may be made available to late applicants. This, however, is going fast. The State Fair officials state that never before in the history of their experience with the State Fair of Texas has there been such a host of applications for reservations of ground space, booths and indoor exhibits.

MEXICAN OFFICIALDOM COMING TO STATE FAIR

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Owing to the continued rise in the price of Oils and Gasoline we the undersigned dealers in Merkel will sell these two articles on and after September 12, 1920, for CASH ONLY.

When Gasoline was 10 cents per gallon there was a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It is now 33 Cents per gallon and there is still only a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It has gotten so high, and seems to be going higher, that it takes too much money to handle it for the small margin and then make a charge and collection for same.

We kindly ask our friends and patrons to be governed accordingly and not ask us to charge Gasoline and Oil in the future.

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YOUR SPECIAL ATTENTION--PLEASE

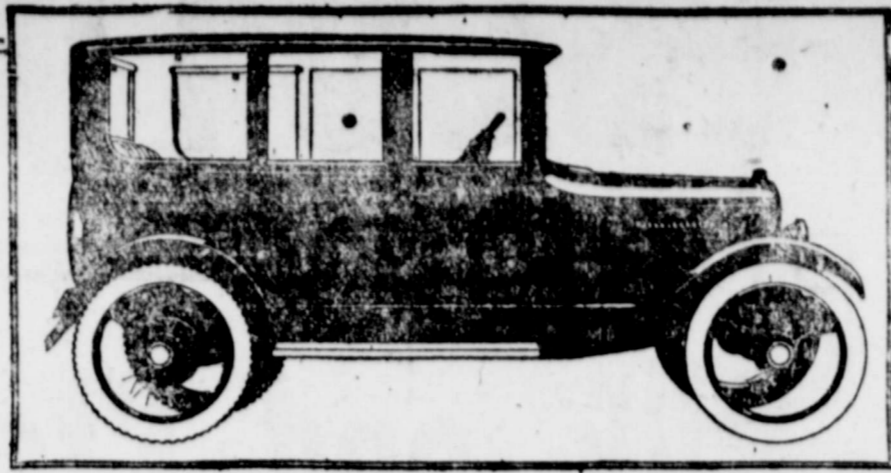
We wish to state that the Merkel Mail sincerely appreciates each and every item of business given us by the business men and the public in general. And it is our desire to give each and every one good service in our line. But too many of our customers have gotten in the habit of putting off getting their advertising ready until Thursday morning and in some instances bring us a half page ad Thursday afternoon. And as the paper is supposed to be printed Thursday evening, it is next to impossible to get it out on time when the most of our advertising comes in during the day Thursday. On this day we could at least use a half dozen printers, but the balance of the time they would not have anything to do, and we would go broke in a week. So we write this to ask our patrons that they, each and all, prepare their advertising early in the week, which will enable us to give you better service. And you will assist us very much.

AUTO SHOW AT FAIR TO BRING NEW MODELS

Though the exhibition season of the State Fair of Texas—Oct. 9 to 24—is several weeks away, automobile dealers of Dallas and of North Texas have practically all placed their orders for cars to be brought here for the automobile exhibit, which will be held on a larger scale than ever before. Already more than a hundred entries have been made by automobile dealers and many more will be made before the Fair is opened, taking up every bit of available space in the automobile building.

Late models of cars of practically every make will be shown here. In many instances the new 1921 models will be displayed for the first time.

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The Decathlon in the Olympic Games embraces ten events in one.

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The Overland Sedan does not ask for auspicious conditions under which to perform.

She asks only for the open road. If it be smooth, so much the better. If not, then her Triple Spring will make it so.

For comfort is second nature to the Overland Sedan, and maintenance is the least of her difficulties.

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ON A CASH BASIS

Owing to the continued rise in the price of Oils and Gasoline we the undersigned dealers in Merkel will sell these two articles on and after September 12, 1920, for CASH ONLY.

When Gasoline was 10 cents per gallon there was a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It is now 33 Cents per gallon and there is still only a margin of 2 cents for the dealer. It has gotten so high, and seems to be going higher, that it takes too much money to handle it for the small margin and then make a charge and collection for same.

We kindly ask our friends and patrons to be governed accordingly and not ask us to charge Gasoline and Oil in the future.

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MEXICAN EXHIBIT LEAVES FOR TEXAS

The big Mexican National Exhibit, feature of this year's State Fair of Texas, will be en route to Dallas by September 12, reaching the State Fair grounds about September 17.

This information was contained in a telegram just received from Luis



Lupian, secretary of General J. B. Trevino of the department of Commerce and Industry at Mexico City by the State Fair management. Mr. Lupian stated also that the official coterie of Mexican ministers and high officials, probably ten in number, will accompany the exhibit to Dallas at that time.

At a later date between 300 and 500 Mexican business men will arrive in Dallas, to be guests of the State Fair of Texas from October 9 to 24.

DUROC ROUND-UP TO BE HELD IN DALLAS

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials announce that Dallas and the state fair grounds have been chosen as the scene of the 1920 Southwest National round-up of Duroc-Jersey futu-



ry pigs, given annually under the auspices of the National Duroc-Jersey association, and this year affiliated with the Texas Duroc Breeders' association and the State Fair management.

The round-up is a competitive affair and each year attracts hundreds of breeders from throughout the United States. This year a total of \$2,400 in prizes has been guaranteed.

SHEEP EXHIBITS WILL BE LARGE THIS YEAR

Dallas, Texas.—A greater interest is being manifested in the sheep division of the State Fair of Texas this year at this time than during any previous year, according to announcement just made by J. M. Jones of the Texas A. & M. college, who is superintendent of that division. Not only have the premium classifications in this division been increased, states Mr. Jones, but in addition a modern, commodious sheep barn has been completed, which will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fair. Mr. Jones has called attention of sheep men to the fact that Rule 14 in the sheep and goat division reads this year as follows:

"Flock—A flock shall consist of one ram any age; one ewe two years old or over; one yearling ewe, and one ewe lamb."

STATE FAIR SPACE IN GREAT DEMAND

Demand for space at the State Fair of Texas grounds this season is unprecedented, according to Secretary Stratton and President Keist. Practically all of the space has been sold, although some remains which may be made available to late applicants. This, however, is going fast. The State Fair officials state that never before in the history of their experience with the State Fair of Texas has there been such a host of applications for reservations of ground space, booths and indoor exhibits.

MEXICAN OFFICIALDOM COMING TO STATE FAIR

Dallas, Texas.—A telegram received by Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair of Texas from the offices of General J. B. Trevino, at Mexico City, secretary of the departments of industry, commerce and labor, states that ten officials of the Mexican government will accompany the mammoth Mexican National exhibit to the State Fair of Texas this year. It is estimated that between 300 and 500 business men of Mexico will attend the State Fair of Texas.

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 Big suit special at \$35.00
 Big line boys knee pants suits ranging in price \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15 & up to \$22.50

Big Shoe Specials in Florsheim Marshall and Beacon Shoes

\$18.50 Mens black and brown kangaroo	\$16.50	\$10.00 Mens brown calfskin shoes	\$9.00
\$16.50 Mens black and brown kid and kangaroo	\$14.50	9.00 Mens army work shoes	7.50
\$15.00 Mens black and brown calfskin shoes now priced	\$13.50	7.50 Mens army work shoes	6.00
\$12.50 Mens black and brown calfskin shoes at	\$11.50	6.50 Mens work shoes	5.50
		5.00 Mens work shoes	4.35

Big Specials in Womens and Childrens Shoes

\$15.00 Ladies high shoes in black and brown for	\$12.50	\$10.00 Ladies high shoes in black and brown for	\$7.98
\$12.50 Ladies high shoes in black and brown for	\$10.98	\$7.50 Ladies and misses high shoes	\$6.50
		\$6.50 Ladies and misses high shoes	\$5.95

Best grade gingham, Red Seals, Toile du Nord Amoskeg, etc., former price 40c and 50c now 30c
 Good grade gingham in plaids, checks and stripes, former price 30 and 35c now 25c
 Best grade heavy shirting, chevots, former price 35c now 25c
 Best grade outtings, former price 45c now 35c
 Best grade LL 36-in. brown domestic, former price 25c now 15c
 Best grade 36-in. sea island domestic, former price 35c now 23c
 Best grade 36-in. bleached domestic, former price 35c now 25c
 Best grade 9-4 full width bleached sheeting, former price 90c now 70c
 Best grade 9-4 full width brown sheeting, former price 85c now 65c
 Best grade heavy brown canton flanel, former price 35c now 25c
 Big Towel Special—\$1.50 values 98c
 Best grade cotton blankets, size 60x76, in tans, greys and white, special \$3.50
 Big special in drummer sample sweaters for men, women and children at a SAVING OF 33½ PER CENT



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 Big line childrens coats ranging in price from \$5, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10.50, \$12.50 to \$25
 Best grade 36-in. satins and taffetas, all colors, former price \$3 to \$3.50 now \$2.39
 Best grade 40-in. crepe de chine former price \$3.50 to \$4 now \$2.39
 Best grade 40-in. georgette crepe all colors, former price \$3.50 to \$4, now \$2.39
 Best grade 36-in. silk poplins, all colors, former price \$1.50 to \$1.75, now \$1.29

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