

MERKEL DEFEATS SWEETWATER TEAM

In their second game of the season, the Merkel "huskies" beat those of Sweetwater on the local grounds here Friday by a score of 6 to 0. The game was almost a toss—up from start to finish, except in the fourth quarter when Merkel steadily marched toward the goal, and Roy Stevens went over for the only touch—down of the game. The Merkel boys like to play such a clean and fair team as Sweetwater sent here.

The game started at four o'clock by Sweetwater kicking to Merkel. Sweetwater's excellent tackling forced Merkel to punt to Sweetwater who was downed by Merkel in his tracks. Sweetwater was then held for downs, forced to punt to Merkel, but Sweetwater recovered her own punt. Merkel again held the visitors for downs, and the ball went over to Clover's boys. On their first cross play the Merkel boys fooled the visitors when Jerome Hutcheson went around left end for 18 yards. Merkel then made steady gains, until Bill Stevens made 16 yards on another cross-play. Though Merkel made substantial gains in this quarter and she was unable to score. First quarter ended 0 to 0.

To begin the second quarter, Sweetwater kicked off to Merkel. On the fourth down Merkel fumbled, and Sweetwater recovered the ball on ten yard line. The visitors made ten yards on three downs, but then Merkel held them for four downs, for the ball went over to Merkel. After four downs the ball again went to Sweetwater on downs. The visitors failed to make to their ten yards in four downs, and ball again went to the Clover boys. The struggle was fierce right out in the middle of the field. Merkel attempted a forward pass which was intercepted by Sweetwater, but Sweetwater failed to make any gains before time was called for the end of the second quarter. This quarter ended with a score of 0 to 0. The quarter was very hard fought, with the ball shifting back and forth because neither side was able to make sufficient gains to keep the ball for more than four downs.

The third quarter began by Merkel kicking to Sweetwater and the ball was downed where it was caught. Sweetwater then made 15 yards on their first successful forward pass. Trying the pass again, the visitors gained 122 yards more. Things were looking dangerous to the Clover boys. Sweetwater attempted a place-kick from the 20 yard line. Merkel made twelve yards on a fake play. Then Bill Stevens made sixteen yards on the criss-cross play. Sweetwater stiffened their resistance and held Merkel for downs. With the ball in their possession, the visitors attempted a forward pass, which was intercepted by Largent to return 13 yards. Before Merkel could make any substantial gains, time was called, the score still being 0 to 0. This was Sweetwater's quarter but it seemed that the game was to end in a tie score of 0 to 0.

Sweetwater kicked off to Merkel at the beginning of the fourth quarter, and Merkel returned to their 30-yard line—thirty yards to go, for a touch down. Merkel now gained steadily, and pushed the ball up to within 3 yards of the goal. The ball then went to the visitors on downs. On an attempted line plunge, Sweetwater was downed on the 1 yard line. Sweetwater punted. The punt was intercepted by Roy Stevens who ran for the only touch down of the game. Merkel failed to kick goal. Score then was 6 to 0. Merkel kicked off to Sweetwater, who was

downed on the 15 yard line. The visitors then punted out of danger, Merkel returning only five yards before being downed. After four downs, the ball went over to Sweetwater, Merkel having failed to make the ten yards. Sweetwater then made a desperate effort to retrieve their defeat, but the Merkel line held, and the game ended 6 to 0 in Merkel's favor. The Merkel boys are especially encouraged because of the loyal support given them by the large attendance of the town people and high school students.

A GOOD CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

In the death of W. A. McSpadden which occurred at the family residence in this city at 12:45 on last Sunday night, Merkel loses one of its best, and most respected and most influential citizens. And while the deceased had been in very feeble health for many months, and most every one was familiar with the fact that the end was to come at most any time, his going caused a sadness to come over our entire citizenship, when the news became known.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Murrell, at the family residence Monday afternoon, and the remains were shipped Tuesday morning to Cisco for interment, accompanied by relatives and a number of close friends.

Deceased was born in Wood county, Texas, August 28, 1876, was a true and devoted member of the Methodist church, a progressive, upright honorable citizen, who numbered his friends by his acquaintances. He was a true and devoted husband, a kind and loving father, and besides a host of true friends leaves a wife and three young boys to mourn his taking away.

For five years Mr. McSpadden had been the clever and efficient manager for the Merkel Power Company in this city, and while his able services will be missed by both company and the patrons, we are glad to announce that the Merkel Power Company has offered the Manager's position to Mrs. McSpadden, who has accepted, and who will without doubt carry on the affairs of the business in a pleasing manner to the patrons and most satisfactorily to the Company.

The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends here and elsewhere, of this bereaved family, in extending to them deepest sympathy during this their saddest hour.

WORK BEGUN ON BAPTIST CHURCH

Contractor J. D. Harvey of Abilene, came over first of the week from Abilene, and started the excavations for the foundations of the New \$40,000 Baptist church, and a good force of workmen are rushing the work along as fast as possible.

Mr. Harvey stated that while labor and material were hard to get at this time, he expected to have this fine place of worship finished and ready for use within about three months. It will be one of the finest and best arranged church buildings in all the West when finished, and we are sure that all Merkel will be proud of same as it will add much to the appearance and upbuilding of our city.

Mrs. J. S. Thomas, who is in feeble health, and who spent several days last week at the Sanitarium at Abilene, returned home last Sunday, with but slight improvements.

THE SEARS WELL SHOWS OIL AGAIN

The Sears well which has recently been taken over by the Consolidated Oil Producers of Texas, been cleaned out, and according to members in charge, began making considerable oil last Saturday. The work on same has been delayed a little on account of fire in the top of the derrick, caused by friction. However, the damage was slight and has been repaired. We are also informed that a packer has been received from Ranger, and the setting of the casing is in progress.

The company's interests is being looked after by J. E. Evans, of Dallas and S. A. Pace of Oklahoma City, while the Messrs. Craft and Chandler are the operating managers.

The Consolidated, we are informed, is one of the large operating companies having more than 50,000 acres under lease in Texas, near 2,000 of which is said to be in Merkel. They also have large holdings in Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Those in a position to know, feel confident that these people know the oil game thoroughly and place considerable confidence in the belief that they will give this section a real sure enough test. And it is possible that within a few days the Sears well will show some good production.

It is also stated that several leases have changed hands within the past week, these gentlemen say that Consolidated stock is up several points in the market.

Sunday With The Baptists.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Come and help us qualify as a Double A-1 Standard School.

Preaching by the pastor 11 and 7:30. B. Y. P. U. at 5 p.m. N. Hancock president, Jr. Union 5 p.m. Mrs. Roy J. Miller leader. Training class Monday 7:30. Ladies meeting Tuesday 2:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

During the nearly 11 months the pastor has been here we have had 126 additions to the church, for this we give thanks to God and by this we are encouraged to try for greater things. It is the hope of the pastor and church that, by the time the first year of our work together shall close, we shall have received 150 new members. Work has started on our new building and we hope this will be a call to every Baptist in the community to come and join with us in the task of building for the Lord a great house of worship.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Methodist Church Notice.

There will be the regular services Sunday. Please be on time for Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 and 7:30. The Epworth League at 6 p. m. and prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Choir practice Friday evening at 7:30. Please remember your Centenary subscription is due Sunday.

W. M. Murrell, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject, Peter The Disciple who Loved Jesus. Leader, Ruby Teaff. Scripture, John 1:15—17 Luke 6:12—14. Wallace Bragg. The Man, Selena Teaff. The Disciple, Mrs. Jackson. The Apostle, Joe Reidenbach. The Epistles of Peter, by Nell Swann.

Conclusion, Grady Collins. Piano Solo, Lillian Craig.

It is an Automobile you want see H. D. Simpson.

DISTRICT COURT OPENS SESSION

District court was convened at Abilene in regular session by Judge W. R. Ely Monday morning at 9 o'clock, the chief business coming before the court at the initial session up to noon being the empanelling of the grand jury and the setting of cases on the docket. The court has before it the largest number of cases in its history, it is declared, and the full five weeks' time is expected to be consumed.

District Judge Ely in his charge to the grand jury urged a thorough investigation of any law violations in the county. Immediately upon being empaneled, the grand jury went into session.

The following were empaneled as the grand jury:

A. B. Cox, Tuscola, foreman; J. H. Moody, Guion; O. C. Gilbreath, Potosi; C. P. Oliver, Buffalo Gap; W. O. Shackelford, Abilene; W. C. Mingus, Abilene; L. E. Adrian, Trent; R. L. Bland, Merkel; W. A. Minter, Abilene; J. F. Handy, Abilene; L. R. Ivey, Tuscola; R. O. Anderson; Merkel.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Saturday October 9, 1920 having been designated by proclamation of the Governor as Fire Prevention Day, and pursuant to same I heartily concur with him in the said proclamation, and hereby call upon the citizens of Merkel, individually and collectively, to take such steps as necessary to safe guard their property against the hazards of fire.

As every one is aware of the fact that winter is soon to swoop down upon us, and along with it the need of additional fires, which will naturally make the chance of disastrous conflagrations more probable, I urge that all make thorough investigation into the condition of flues, chimneys etc., to make sure that they are in good condition. This applies to schools, Churches etc., as well as homes.

Respectfully,
J. J. Stallings, Mayor.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE

Preaching at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 10 A. M. It is an important part of the Lord's work to be present to help make our church unit count for more. We expect to have you at Sunday School and all our services. Those who are visitors or without a church home are always cordially welcomed.

Ships Fine Cattle To Dallas Fair

C. M. Largent, residing on one of the finest and best improved ranch and stock farms in all the West, and who makes a specialty and a success of raising as fine thorough bred Hereford cattle as can be found in the United States, shipped to Dallas first of the week for entry in the Fine Stock exhibits of the Dallas Fair, eighteen head of cattle.

Mr. Largent has exhibited some of the cattle in a number of National Exhibits, winning with them many valuable prizes, and without doubt will bring home the "grapes" this time. And besides these he will enter some of the finest young stock that has ever been placed on exhibit anywhere, and with which he feels sure of winning some "first money."

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church, E. E. Leslie and Ira Hurst were among those of our citizens accompanying the remains of W. A. McSpadden to Cisco, where they were laid to rest Tuesday.

Mayor and Mrs. J. J. Stallings spent yesterday in Anson.

Messrs Hancock and Burns, proprietors of the Metropolitan Cafe, are wide-awake to the importance of keeping abreast of the times, and have recently added some new improvements to the interior of their already up-to-date Cafe.

Miss Pauline Johnson has accepted a position with the Crown Hardware Company as Bookkeeper, taking the place of Miss Blanche Durham, who resigned to assist in the Merkel Mail office.

WARNINGS ISSUED TWO GINS BURNED

Stamford, Texas, Oct. 5.—Following a warning that the gin would be burned unless it closed down till the price of cotton reached 40 cents, the Lueders plant was destroyed by fire last night, according to a telegram received here today. This is the second gin in this county that has been destroyed by fire in the last three days, after warning had been issued by unknown persons that they "must cease operation until cotton reached 40 cents." The other gin was at Anson.

Citizens are much incensed and all gins in the country will be watched carefully to avoid similar occurrences.

WARNED BY "COMMITTEE." GIN BURNS FOLLOWING

Anson, Jones County, Texas, Oct. 5.—The gin plant owned by C. H. Rowland of Anson was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss was \$9,950 and was insured.

The burning of the Rowland gin following the finding of notices posted on several gins in this section Saturday morning to the effect that if the gins continued to operate before the price of cotton advanced to 40 cents they would be burned. The notices were signed "Committee."

WEDDING.

On Saturday evening September 25th, Mr. J. R. Malone and Miss Vera Autry of Haskell, Texas were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Manse, by Rev. C. C. Dooley.

The couple will make their home in Ranger.

Earl Baze is now with the Merkel Dry Goods Store, entering upon his duties there this week.

SANDERS DRUG ADDS FIXTURES

Believing in the idea of keeping abreast or a little ahead of conditions and that the best is none too good, the Sanders Drug Store has just finished the putting of a handsome set of latest and best fixtures to be found in this part of the country.

By the addition of these beautiful and commodious fixtures this firm not only becomes better able to efficiently and satisfactorily serve its patrons, but adds to the beauty of our business district which the progressive spirited citizen notices.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grines are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Mother and babe doing nicely, and Doc well he's as happy as can be.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats returned last week from Dallas, where had been for a visit to old friends and relatives.

BLANTON BLAMES THE REPUBLICANS

Washington, Oct. 5.—A campaign against extravagance of the last Republican Congress was launched today by Representative Thomas L. Blanton of Texas, in a statement discussing the Government's rent bill in Washington, and of the Shipping Board. Copies of the statement were mailed to all members of Congress. Notwithstanding numerous public buildings in Washington, the Government is paying annual rent of \$1,271,486 to private owners for floor space.

Because the President is Democratic, Republican Representatives and Senators prate much about governmental extravagance says Mr. Blanton's statement, "yet, them selves continue to revel in it. Republicans have been in control of House and Senate since May, 1919, and are wholly responsible for all situations in Washington culminating in the war affecting public economy."

Space in War Buildings.
While the Government's rent bill continues large, Mr. Blanton points out that there are hundreds of thousands of feet of floor space of offices in the temporary buildings erected for the war unused, and as an illustration he says that the Shipping Board spending more than a half million dollars a year in rent in Washington and Philadelphia, could be housed in the new Navy Building standing near the Potomac basin.

Rental Bill in Detail
The following is the annual rental which Mr. Blanton points out was appropriated by the Republican Congress, "the same Congress", he adds. "that has prated about extravagance"; Justice, \$36,000; Commerce, \$68,000; Treasury, \$12,292; Labor, \$24,000; War, \$244,234; Interior, \$5,100; Agriculture, \$164,872; Tariff Commission, \$10,200; Alien Property Custodian \$31,200; Shipping Board, \$558,000; Post Office, \$40,309.

NEWSPAPER BARGAINS

During the month of October, through an arrangement with the Abilene Reporter, we are enabled to send that splendid Morning Daily with the Merkel Mail at the following reduced rates:

The Morning Reporter for 14 months and the Merkel Mail for 12 months, both for the sum of \$5.50. A bargain our readers will hardly have a chance at again soon, as the price of Newspaper stock is continually going up. This means that you get the Morning Daily Reporter for 14 months and the Merkel Mail one year all for the above sum. The regular price of the Reporter is \$5.00 for 12 months and the Mail is \$1.50 for the same time, and which would make the two cost ordinarily, \$6.50. You save \$1.00. The above will apply to all who wish to renew as well as the new subscribers.

Louise Entertains In Honor of Helen

Miss Louise Warren very royally entertained a number of her young friends at the home of her parents on last Tuesday afternoon, in honor of her cousin Helen Booth's eleventh birthday.

Interesting games were enjoyed for sometime, followed by the serving of delicious refreshments of Angel Food cake and punch; then more games until time to depart for our homes. Each one enjoyed the afternoon very much, and sincerely trust that Helen may have many, many more such happy birthday occasions. A Guest.

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The Farmer who is without the backing and support of a strong bank, is treading upon dangerous ground.

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the class. We were indeed surprised to find so many talented artists in the class. In fact the drawings were all so perfect no decision could be reached as to who should get the prize.

At the close of this contest, Mrs. Houghton, assisted by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jones, very graciously served us with fruit salad, delicious white cake, iced tea and coffee. We had with us as visitors Mrs. Johnson, also Mrs. Alexander, Sister of Mrs. Dr. Smith. At the close of the meeting the class gave Mrs. Houghton a rising vote of thanks for her kind hospitality and a very pleasant afternoon in her home. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Hamilton, with Mesdames Sanders and Henson, assistant hostesses.

We wish to say in closing that those who are absent from these class meetings are indeed missing something worth while. These meetings are always interesting and the social part is always greatly enjoyed. We are

planning many good things to work at during the next few months and the co-operation and assistance of every member of the class is badly needed. Please be at the next meeting and get on a working committee.

Reporter.

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.

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.

We can make immediate delivery on Dodge Brothers Cars. We also have one new Ford for sale, and used Dodge, all at a bargain. McDonald Motor Company. It

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Merkel, Texas

Kings Daughters Class Meeting

The Kings Daughters class met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon of this week at the hospitable home of Mrs. Geo. Houghton.

The afternoon being quite pleasant and the genial hospitality of Mrs. Houghton being well known a large number of the class members were present.

The meeting was opened with a song and prayer after which the scripture lesson was read by the president.

After the roll call and reading of the minutes the business session immediately followed. The President at this time appointed the following committees:

Membership, Mrs. Russel, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Brown, Devotional, Mesdames, Durham, Watts, and Smith, Social, Mesdames Jones, Sanders, Williams.

The next business of importance was the adoption of the motion for the Kings Daughters together with the Missionary Society to begin plans for the building of concrete walks around the entire church lot. It was also decided at this time that the class help the Missionary Ladies to obtain new seats for the choir. The president then appointed the following ladies as a committee to formulate plans for carrying out this work. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Harkrider, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Russel.

This closed the business meeting and the social hour was conducted by the program committee, Mesdames Jones and Martin.

First on program was a reading by Mrs. Hale which contained a beautiful lesson enjoining us to stand fast in our faith. Mrs. Henson next gave a selection, entitled "A Smile is worth a million though it doesn't cost a cent." These two numbers were indeed enjoyed. We were next handed card board and pencil. At the top of each card-board was pasted a small picture. (We presume the pictures were cut from the funny paper). We were then told to match our talents, in seeing who could draw a picture nearest in likeness to the one at the top of

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Against the many "Cheap Johns" lines that are being rushed at you with big sounding words and pretty pictures

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- 35c Standard Percale, 36-in., been selling at 45c
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- 20c Cotton Checks, had been selling at 27½c
- 55c Feather Ticking, few days ago was 65c
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- 25c Canton Flannel made from good cotton
- 22½c Full yard wide brown domestic, was 30c

A Big Blanket at \$4.65

Hemmed sheets, big size \$2.35 Ribbed shirts & drawers \$1.12½

BEST LINE OF SHOES AT THE PRICE THAT YOU CAN FIND

See our work shoes at \$3.95 to \$6.40 Our \$12.50 Kangaroo shoes are \$16.50 values

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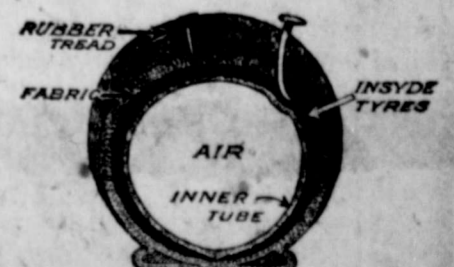
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To get rid of worms in children give them White's Cream Vermifuge. The little sufferer improves at once and soon becomes healthy active and robust. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Oct.

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

Store your car with Commercial Motor Co. rt tf



Insyde tyres, inner armour for auto tires doubles mileage, prevents blowouts and punctures, vulcanizes to casing. Sold by W. E. Duckert, Merkel Texas 10tf

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.

GOLAN ITEMS

Cotton pickers and harvesting feed are in great progress at present.

Mrs. J. F. Cox has been real sick the past two weeks.

Luther Davis and sister Miss Jewel, was the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Sunday.

A crowd of young people enjoyed an intertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hills Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth and children, Clyde and Vida Williams, Mr and Mrs. Raney and family and Rev. Richards, were guests of Mrs. J. W. Hill and family, Sunday.

Messers Darwin and Wallace Hill left for Childress where they will spend the winter in school.

D. R. Thompson and W. T. Duncan returned home from Ft. Worth with a number of cotton pickers.

Misses Jewel and Pearl Skid-

wore were the quests of Little Miss Gertrude Byrom, Sunday Miss Dixie Duncan and Mr. Eugene Williams took dinner with Val Byrom Sunday.

G. M. Byrom left Friday for Dallas to secure cotton pickers. A crowd of Golands young people attended a singing at Newman Sunday evening.

Erent Thompson has retruned from Okla.

Some of the Golan people are going to join the singing convention at Pledger, Texas next Sunday.

Bettie Byrom visited Lettie Duncan Sunday.

Misses Edith Hudspeth and Lettie Duncan and Eugene Williams took supper with Bettie Byrom, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Erenst McCright visited J. F. Cox and family Sunday.

The singing was well attended at the School house Sunday night.

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

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NOODLE NEWS

Health of the community very good at this writing.

Cotton picking is in full swing and some are in want of pickers.

Mr and Mrs. W. C. Thompson are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people Saturday night.

Mrs. T. E. Goode is on an extended visit to her daughter Mrs. Sallie Cozzen of Tulia.

A number of the young people attended the singing at Mr. and Mrs. Hatfields Sunday night.

Wasn't many at Sunday School Sunday. Mothers and fathers wake up to the fact that your children ought to be in the Sunday School. Dont send, but come and bring them, we need your help.

Mrs. John Thompson and children of Anson are visiting relatives in this community.

Red Bird.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank our many kind friends for their thoughtfulness and kindness during the last illness and death of our loved one.

To those who came so often during the last few months of his illness and cheered him, we extend thanks.

We appreciate more than we can express in words the beautiful flowers brought to him by loving friends for him to enjoy also the lovely floral offerings sent after he passed away.

We thank each and every one who assisted us in any way and ask that Heavens richest blessings rest upon you.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and Children.

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.

--- 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

Epworth League Program

Subject: (Citizenship Day) Christian Principles in Politics." Leaders, Vivian Hutcheson. Song, Prayer, Song. Scripture Reading, Luke 22: 24-27.

Song. Passions in Politics, Leader. Illustrations in Modern Politics, Wallace Bragg. Christ's Correction Applied Joel Counts. Christian Principles in World Politics, Bess Tucker. Special Music, Lorena Frazier. Business, Roll Call. League Benediction.

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

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Religion and Presidents.

If Warren G. Harding is elected over James M. Cox in November he will be the first member of the Baptist Church to become President of the United States.

If James M. Cox receives a plurality in the electoral college, he will be the ninth Episcopalian to become President.

In a letter to the Boston Traveler, James C. Duncan of Clinton, Mass, calls attention to the fact that no matter how the November election results, Episcopalianism will continue to have a plurality in White House residents. Eight Episcopalian have been President as against six Unitarians, six Presbyterians, four Methodists, two Reformed and one member of the Disciples of Christ.

LONE STAR PLANTING SEED FOR 1921

Austin, Texas, Sept. 8, 1920

CAGE SEED CO.
Austin Texas.

Gentlemen:—

Replying to yours inquiry about the Lone Star Cotton Seed that I planded from you this season, I beg to report as follows:

I am making better cotton than my neighbors who planted other varieties of cotton. My cotton is making a staple and I am receiving a premium on all cotton sold to date. I intend to plant Lone Star cotton again next year, as it is a good fruiting cotton, having short joints and good bolls and best of all, in my estimation, it makes the greatest acreage yield. With best wished, I am very respectfully,

(Signed) J. G. Harrell.

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Right now is a mighty good time for all Real Americans to make a ringing declaration of their intentions concerning the threatened campaign of activities of that bunch of bewhiskered, bedammed, and God defaming "bullshevick" in the United States. Latest reports indicate their intentions of worming their way in to the labor unions of this country and scattering discord and dissatisfaction preliminary to overthrowing the government as it is today. Some kind-hearted Christian man or woman had better go to the leaders of that clique and inform them that they are tinkering with a more powerful explosive than even the deadly "TNT" when they attempt to inoculate American labor unions with their revolutionary tincture. The great mass of organized labor in this country are no less American just be-

cause they are organized into unions and will quickly and forcibly resent any attempt to transform their organizations into a revolutionary body. We of the United States have so much faith in the Americanism of our labor unions that we feel quite confident that they will handle the bolshevik emissaries to the satisfaction of all concerned and to the screaming discomfort of those poor, misguided dampfuls who would turn this and all other countries into a hell-hole of misery, infidelity and immorality. In the meantime the Department of Justice and the other law enforcement officials of the country can be trusted to handle the matter.—Duncan Banner.

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Governor Cox's attitude was expressed in his message as follows: "No matter how complete be the institution, no matter how human be its management and no matter how efficient its training bureau, it can never approach in benefit that which comes in the child's own home

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Buck Jones Fatty Arbuckle
in in
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Mutt & Jeff in "Friends"

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WALLACE REID
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"Hawthorne U. S. A."

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A few of the many bargains you will find here are given below. These are only a few but they are a fair sample of the REDUCTIONS YOU WILL FIND IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF OUR STORE. Read these very carefully and you will not wonder that it is no uncommon thing to hear some enthusiastic customer say "Well, this is getting back to 1914 prices."

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NOTICE

To the members of the progressive Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Merkel, Texas: This is to notify you that, in the death of W.A. McSpadden we have lost one of our members, and that I am prepared to pay the claim just as soon as Mrs. McSpadden returns to her home here. Owing to the fact that there were some of you who failed to pay your assessment on the death of Mr. Musick, makes it impossible for me to pay Mrs. McSpadden as much as I did Mrs. Musick. So, you who failed to answer the call before will be required to send \$2.00 this time in order to keep the cash payment up to standard. You are aware that our motto is "Keep the Cash in the Bank," enabling us to be ready at any time to pay the death claim of any member. Please send your check, as it is much easier to keep the books if the money is sent direct to me. Let's be prompt in our payment so as to have a bank account at all times.
Yours truly,
E. D. Coats, Sec-Treasurer.

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

W. L. Diltz Sr., left last week for El Paso, where he will visit friends and relatives.

Eld Price Bankhead returned last week from a trip to Plainview, where he was called to the bedside of a sick sister. He reports her improving when he left.

COAL, COAL, COAL.
Will unload two cars of New Mexico and Colorado Coal off the Cars Friday, Saturday and Monday. H. M. Rose & Son. 1t

Now and then you will find a dear old soul who had rather patch trousers than to try and mend the ills of the government.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Mrs. C.E. Conner. Apply at home. 2t.

Have just shipped and unloaded in the Crenshaw building, a big car of fine Arkansas Apples. Come and get them while they last. R. H. Dean. 1t.

Ralph Bigham of Alvin, Texas, is here for a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

FOR SALE—Sixty acre cotton crop, and will rent to the right party. Mrs. R. B. Rains. 1t.

Messrs R. O. Anderson and R. L. Bland are serving on the Grand Jury at Abilene this week.

Laborers Wanted—A number of laborers wanted for work on the New Baptist Church, Merkel, Texas. See J.D. Harvey.-2tpd

FOR SALE—A few bushels of extra good seed wheat. Clear of Johnson grass. See Dr. N. J. Smith. 1t.

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A man can swig a quart of liquor out of a jug without spilling a drop, but he can't pour a dipper of water in the tea kettle without putting out the fire.

FORTY YEARS AGO.

Ham was selling for 11 cents a pound and its concomitant of hen fruit at 13 cents a dozen forty years ago this month. Lard to shorten biscuits was sold at 7½ to 8 cents a pound, spring chickens could be had at two dollars a dozen, while apples were plentiful at \$1.25 to \$1.50 a barrel. A few cents would buy a basketful of potatoes and flour was around \$4.50 a barrel.

There is a vast difference between the market prices of 1880 and those of 1920. Now eggs are 45 cents a dozen, and not too plentiful at that, ham is truly precious, and apples cannot be had for less than \$8 or \$9 a barrel. Chickens sell almost by the dozen.

But are we worse off now than in 1880? Forty years ago common labor got as much as \$1 or \$1.25 a day. Hours were long, with ten as the usual minimum. What we call modern conveniences—baths, running water, electric lights, telephones and automobiles—were not available to the proletariat. Amusements were limited. We had no movies, no cabarets. Even baseball was not the general and popular pastime that it is now. We had plenty to eat, but little else.

There was no high cost of living back in 1880. But there were a whole lot of other things to worry about. The head of the family scratched his head then as he does now when he got the weekly or monthly bills from the grocer. He didn't have to pay much for living, but he didn't have much to pay with. He couldn't enjoy life as he can now, because he had to work long hours, and besides the opportunities were not existent.

Work And You Work Alone

Strike and the world strikes with you, work and you work alone; our souls are ablaze with a Bolsheviki craze, the wildest that ever was known. Groan and there'll be a chorus, smile and you make no hit; for we've grown long hair and we preach despair, and show you a dandy fit. Spend and the gang will cheer you, save and you have no friend; for we throw our bucks to the birds and ducks and borrow from all who'll lend. Knock, and you'll be a winner, boost and you will be a frost; for the sane old ways of the pre-war days, are now from the program lost. Strike and the world strikes with you, work and you work alone; for we'd rather yell and raise blue hell than strive for an honest bone. Rant and you are a leader, toil and you are a nut; 'twas a bitter day when we pulled away from the old time work-day rut. Wait and there'll be a blow-up, watch and you'll see a slump, and the fads and crimes of these crazy times will go to the nation's dump.—New York Sun.

The downward movement of prices has begun. It will be a very slow movement, as it should be. A sudden drop would mean disaster to the country. As yet the downward tendency has worked far greater injury than good to our people, for it is the price of cotton only that has shown a decided slump. Consumers have as yet obtained but little benefit. Reports have come that clothing and shoes will be much lower next spring, and already sugar, flour and a few other necessities come a little cheaper. It will be a long time, perhaps, before living will be as cheap as it was before the war. There has been a heavy increase in the rates of transportation and this will affect commodity prices and materially offset other reductions that have been announced. And then wages are still high, and must remain high for a time to enable workers to live. Bye and bye the country will get back to before the war prices, but the change must be gradual. The readjustment is going to prove a critical time for all lines of business.

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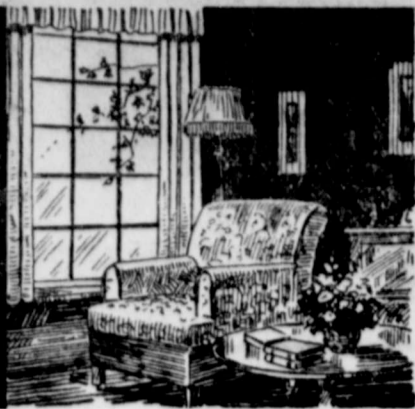
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THE PARALYTIC CONGRESS

Garland News: Let those who are prone to criticize the Democratic party remember that it was proceeding very nicely, with many constructive measures designed especially for the benefit of the Southern people, when it was interrupted and halted with a Republican Congress.

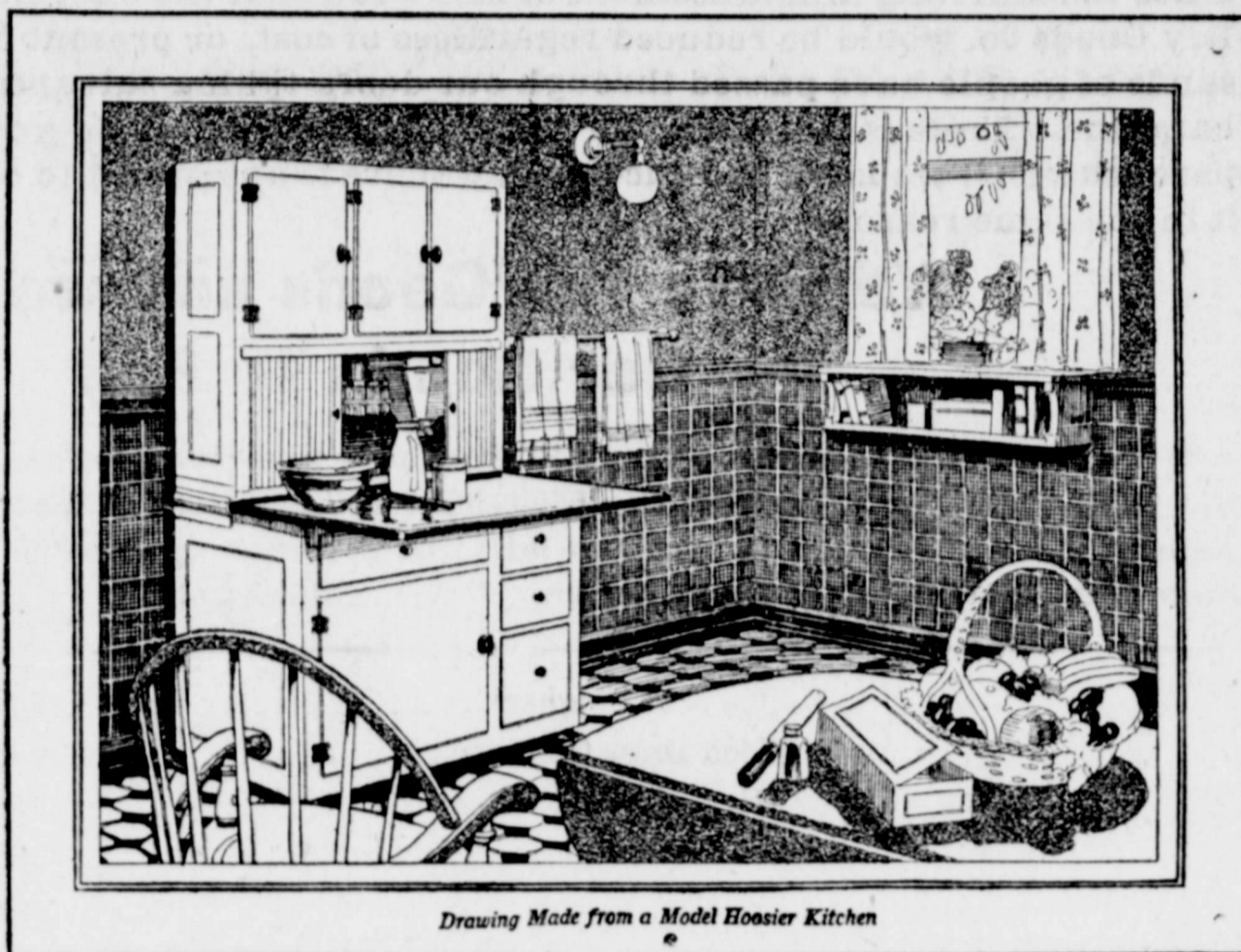
The election of a Republican Congress two years ago halted reconstruction legislation, delayed peace and removed the United States from its position as leader of the world's moral influences. Bigoted partisans of the Lodge type, fearful that the man they most hated, Woodrow Wilson, would achieve distinctions which would reflect favorably and for a long time on the Democratic party, set about reducing his leadership and digging under the founda-

tions he had laid for world betterment. They succeeded, for the Republican Congress was amenable to partisan promptings, as always. Partisanship triumphed over statesmanship. The result is visible in every country on the earth today. Civilization never needed enlightened leaders more than it needed them at the time of the armistice, but simultaneously with the armistice came the defeat of President Wilson in his own country and his consequent deposition from the seat of authority which had been his since the first day American soldiers began to march. The travail of reconstruction in Europe, the orgies of speculation and extravagances, and industrial discontent in America, set in with the paralysis which came in the form of a Republican Congress. Nothing constructive has been done since

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Rev. Ira L. Parrack and several other prominent Baptist citizens left yesterday and today for Loraine, where they will attend a meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Rev. Parrack expects to return here in time to fill all appointments at the local church Sunday?

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M. E. Cannon, of the Commercial Motor Company, returned yesterday from a business trip to points in East Texas.

T. H. Spears and son, H. E., who is here for a visit with the former, left yesterday for a prospecting trip into the Oil fields east.

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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W.S. Ellis of Moody, a brother of our splendid citizen and fellow townsman, R. A. Ellis, came in this week, and has accepted a position with the Star Store. He is a fine man and we are glad to have him as a citizen, and associated with this splendid firm.

We can make immediate delivery on Dodge Brothers Cars. We also have one new Ford for sale, and used Dodge, all at a bargain. McDonald Motor Company. It

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

H. Eff Spears and wife of Santa Anna, came in this week for a visit to the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears. The former Mr. Spears is operator for the Sante Fe at Santa Anna.

H. L. Propst left Wednesday for a business trip to the Plains, where he goes to look after his large land holdings.

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We have not heard of any instance where automobile workers are receiving lower wages.

If wages may be lowered eventually, we see no immediate trend in that direction.

In the production of so essential a factor in our economic

life as the passenger automobile—increasing as it does the personal efficiency of owners by 57 per cent—we believe the workers whose toil produces the vehicle should be large beneficiaries of the constructive character of their work.

If abnormal demand has been met should not be made to suffer as a result of inflation and inflated profits in certain instances, the wage earned should not be made to suffer as he must if powerful forces effect lower automobile prices whether or no.

True enough, there have been many instances of inflated prices. There has been profiteering. And true enough, abnormal profits must be eliminated.

And that is what has been going on all around you recently—the price reductions you have witnessed in automobiles and other merchandise are the belated shaking out of the abnormal profits. The normal profits are still there.

Manufacturers whose goods have been priced on actual cost to produce, plus normal profit, have not inflated figures with which to appeal to the uninformed public in sensational announcements of "Price Reductions." Prudent, studious buyers will not be misguided by erroneous principles.

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In 1915 Model 32 Oakland Sensible Six was put on the market at \$795 f. o. b. factory.

Since 1915 the wheelbase of the Sensible Six has been lengthened five inches, its weight increased about four hundred pounds, its horsepower materially increased, its frame made deeper, and in many other ways the car has been enlarged, strengthened, improved and refined.

If the present Model 34-C had been built in 1915, it is more than conservative to say that based on labor and material costs at that time, we would have been compelled to list it to sell at \$1,095, or more, f. o. b. factory.

We are therefore able to say, also with great conservatism, that the present price of Model 34-C represents an increase, due solely to increased cost of labor and material, of 27.4 per cent. Larger production each year has kept this increase at a low figure.

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\$50,000 of Fresh, New and Up-to-Date Merchandise. Mens, Ladies and Childrens Ready-to-Wear, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings, Dry Goods and Notions to be sacrificed much less than Manufacturers Prices

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You remember last years crowds. Come in again and meet them here at the Economy's Anniversary Sale, where the talk of Taylor and Jones counties community will be for the next thirty days during our Anniversary Sale.

BACK TO OLD PRE-WAR PRICES

COTTON HALF PRICE OF LAST YEAR

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OUR CLOTHING AT YOUR OWN PRICE

The Merkel Mail hasn't enough pages in its paper to mention the prices, but you all know when The Economy Store puts on a real sale you can come prepared to get your wants one hundred cents on the dollar.

STAPLES
Best grade outings, 50c values, yard. .33 1-3c
36-inch best grade domestic, no starch, regular 40c values special per yard. .29c
28-inch pericals, light and dark colors, regular 50c values, special per yard. .33c
72-inch Half linen table demask regular \$2.00 values, special per yard \$1.40

Dress and Military Boots
Exceptional values are featured here during this sale.
\$16.50 Ladies shoes \$10.90
12.00 Ladies shoes 9.90
10.00 Ladies shoes 7.90
8.50 Ladies shoes 6.90
6.50 Ladies shoes 4.90

COATS
Here is a variety of stiles from which to choose. Some unusual values are featured in the newest modes developed of pile fabrics, velour, silvertones, tricotine and broadcloth. Prices rang from \$9.75 to \$90.00

DRESSES
Correct autum styles, serviceable and becoming, tricotine tricolette, serge and charmuese stain:
Price . . . \$9.95, \$14.95, \$19.95 \$25.95, \$49.95.
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Women's new and destinctive fall suits representing great savings during this sale.
\$100.00 Suits \$69.90
85.00 Suits 59.90
75.00 Suits 49.90
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All cheaper grade suits cut in proportion.

BOYS CLOTHING
The mostcomplete assortment of boys clothing ever assembled. Prices way below the present market.
\$22.50 Blue serge, special \$16.90
20.00 Fancy plaid, special 14.90
15.00 Fancy plaid, special 11.90
12.50 Fancy plaid, special 8.90
10.00 Fancy plaid, special 6.90

MENS SHOES
We have a high grade stock of mens shoes in all shapes and widths.
\$18.00 Shoes, Special \$13.90
16.50 Shoes, Special 12.90
15.00 Shoes, Special 10.90
12.50 Shoes, Special 8.90
10.00 Shoes, Special 7.90
8.50 Shoes, Special 6.90
One lot of work shoes, at \$3.90

MENS DRESS SHIRTS
\$12.50 Silk shirts, special \$7.95
8.50 Silk shirts, special 5.45
5.00 Mens madra shirts 4.45
2.50 Mens shirts 1.95
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EXTRAORDINARY
Extraordinary values in mens Suits and Overcoats.
\$75.00 Suits and Overcoats \$59.50
60.00 Suits, special 49.50
55.00 Suits, special 44.50
45.00 Suits, special 37.50
40.00 Suits, special 33.75

EXTRA EXTRA SPECIAL
\$2.00 and \$2.50 Blue cambry work shirts, two pockets, special \$1.45

HATS
A large assortment of mens hats on the large and small shapes in all colors.
\$16.50 Hats, special priced \$13.90
15.00 Hats, Specially Priced 12.90
12.50 Hats, specially priced 10.90
10.00 Hats, specially priced 7.90
That includes Stetsons

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To the lucky ticket holder a \$50 Plush Coat. The tickets will be given with each sale of \$1.00 or more. Be sure and ask the clerks for your tickets.

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