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YOUNG MAN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

A very sad accident happened in Merkel early last Friday morning when Mr. W. T. Sherrell, one of the city's best and most substantial citizens, accidentally ran over and almost instantly killed a young man by the name of Tyler. It seems the accident happened as Mr. Sherrell was on his way to his farm, taking place just out near the edge of town as the former was passing the truck which the deceased was driving. Mr. Sherrell states that he saw the truck in the road quite a distance ahead, and when he first saw it thought the truck was also going down the road in the same direction he was traveling in his car, but as he drew closer he decided the truck was standing, seeing that he was going to pass same, slowed his car down and just before getting to the truck, honked his horn, and as he did so, saw the man raise up just in front of the truck, and as the road was clear directly in front of his car, he kept on, and all of a sudden it seems, the young man sprang immediately in front of his car with the result that there was absolutely no chance of stopping same until the big car had passed over and crushed the young man to death. However, others were on the scene almost instantly, and medical aid was brought within a very few minutes, but all too late.

The body was carried to the Collins House where it remained a short time, until some one could be found who could identify it, as it seems the young man was almost an entire stranger in Merkel, having only been a few days, in the employment of Geo. McDonald as a truck driver. Later it was moved to the Barrow Furniture Company Undertaking parlor.

A brother who resided at Spur, Texa, was notified, and arrived Friday evening, and the remains shipped to Jayton, the boys old home, and where his parents, who passed away some time previous, also rest.

It was a sad accident, regretted by our entire citizenship, and indeed painful to Mr. Sherrell, who is one of our most conscientious christian gentlemen. Infact no man could regret the tragedy more than Mr. Sherrell.

SPECIAL AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School as usual, at the regular hour. The pastor being away at Annual Conference, there will be no services at the eleven o'clock hour, but for the evening hour, 7:30, the Senior Epworth League will render the following splendid program:

Subject—Lessons from Recent Events.
Song Services.
Prayer.
Announcement.
Song—League.
Scripture reading—Luke 13-1-5.
Piano Solo—Lorena Fraizer.
Reading—Julia McDonald.
Male Quartette.

1. "The world war not arbitrary judgement of God upon sinful humanity nor sign of the sudden and permanent collapse of the present order—Lorena Dry.
2. "Signing of Armistice and introduction of a League of Nation providential hour of christianity—Wallace Bragg.

3. "How the new world order is to be advanced—Bess Tucker.
4. "The world-war and the problem growing out of the decision of the Peace Conference—Mr. R. A. Burgess.

Song.
Benediction.

Spuds 60 cents peck, Ray at Blair. It

Dr. and Mrs. Nn J. Smith returned from El Paso Saturday. Mrs. Smith had gone to the Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star as a delegate from the local lodge. They report a great time, including a trip over into Old Mexico, into the City of Juarez. Doctor Smith also, while in that part of the country, visited an Uncle at Tularosa, New Mexico, and among other things enjoyed viewing the fine apple crop in that country.

TO ALL PASTORS IN TAYLOR COUNTY

The executive committee on publicity for Better Schools campaign in Taylor county respect full and earnestly ask that all pastors of the churches in the county call attention to the proposed amendment of the State Constitution providing that a majority of the tax-paying voters in any school district may vote whatever tax that they may find necessary to supplement the State and county apportionment for the adequate support of their schools. The amendment obviously frees the district from the inadequate limitations and opens the way for any district to provide for a better school.

It appeals to every friend of educational progress and especially to every pastor who desires the improvement of the people whom he is leading in all worthy forward steps.

Throughout the State, Sunday Oct. 24 is designated by the state authorities as the Better Schools Sunday.

If information is desired, the county superintendent, Miss Ada Pearce of Abilene, will be glad to mail it on application.

We are relying on our pastors for unanimous and emphatic endorsement of the amendment in the pulpit and in personal influence.

Executive Committee of Publicity Campaign for Taylor County.

CHEVORLET DEALER OPENS SALES AND SUPPLY HOUSE.

Roy C. Barton of Abilene, Chevrolet dealer in that city has leased the building in Merkel used by the Chamber of Commerce and has equipped same for a sales room for similar business here. The firm will also carry a nice line of parts and other supplies for this well known car.

The business here will be under the able management of Riley Horton, which insures proper management and success of the business.

THE SCHOOL AMENDMENT

Austin, Texas, Oct. 22—Ex-Senator T. H. McGregor, American party candidate for Governor of Texas has come out flat-footed for the proposed educational amendment to be voted upon November 2, 1920.

This makes the vote for amendment "unanimous" so far as aspirants for gubernatorial honors in Texas are concerned, the Hon. John Culberston, Republican candidate, and the Hon. Patt Neff, Democratic candidat, having previously given their hearty indorsement.

We asked his opinion regarding the Amendment, Mr. McGregor replied emphatically:

"I favor the educational amendment; will vote for it; and will ask my friends to vote for it.

T. J. R. Swafford one of Merkel's enterprising feed and coal dealers, returned first of week from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas. While in the latter city Swafford visited the State Fair.

MERKEL BANKERS AT COTTON MEET

In response to a call by the officials of the large banking institutions in Dallas for a meeting of bankers, business men and farmers from all parts of the state, for the purpose of taking immediate and definite steps toward assisting and financing the farmers in holding the movement for a more just and fair price for cotton and other farm products, both the banks of Merkel sent representatives to that city Wednesday night for the meeting which is being held there to-day, Thursday.

J. C. Mason local land owner financier went as a representative of the Farmers State Bank, while L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, will represent that institution.

It is believed that the time has now come for united and concerted action upon the part of the entire south, and that with the cooperation of ALL, plans can be devised whereby the present disaster to the southern farmer may be halted.

ENERTAINS BOARD OF STEWARDS.

At the Parsonage on last evening, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell, very royally entertained the Methodist Board of Stewards and their wives, with a Turkey dinner.

Besides enjoying to the fullest extent the delicious dinner prepared by the pastor's good wife, every one appreciated very much the pleasant social feature of the occasion. Infact the meeting was likely one of the most harmonious and cordial gatherings of official church workers ever having come together in the city upon a similar occasion before.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

To be rendered at Tye Baptist church Sunday Oct. 24, 3 p.m. Subject—Winning the Lost, One by One.

Leader—Miss Ruth Boden.

Special song—By B. Y. P. U. Introduction—Miss Valrie Dye

Winning for Christ—Miss Dixie Howard.

Reading—Miss Lucy Tracy. Some Biblical Soul Winners—Scott Johnson.

Special music—Arranged by Choister.

Any Christian Can do it—Miss Ema Houston.

We should learn How—Wallace Bragg.

Lesson Story—Mrs. Walter Jackson.

Our Encouragement—Miss Bertha Deal.

Hints that May Help—Miss Ruby Teaff.

Talk—By Bro. Parrack.

B. Y. P. U. Assosiation—Yates Brown.

Will leave Merkel Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock promptly. Come.—

Program Committee.

We are informed that a deal was consumated this week where by W. B. Massey has sold his splendid home in the northwest part of the city to C. T. Mershon, who will move with his family to same at once. Mr. Massey, we also learned has purchased the J. L. Harris home in the north part of the city and will soon move to same.

Ellis Warren of Knox City, was here this week on business and incidently mixing with old friends. While that gentleman declares he lives in a good town, regardless of it's name (Knox), he acknowledged to us that Merkel was the best town in all the west. And there's a reason.

DR. HORNBEAK AT MERKEL CHURCH

In the morning hour Dr. S. I. Hornbeak, formerly president of Trinity University, Waxahachie Texas, will speak. Dr. Hornbeak is one of the leading educators of the state and for twelve years has led in the expansion of Trinity University to its large usefulness. He will speak at Abilene Sunday night.

The public is cordially invited to hear him, also to worship with us at the evening service at 7:30 p. m. and Sunday School at 10. a. m.

We hope to see YOU there. C. C. Dooley., Pastor.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible School 10 a. m. with classes for all. No longer is the Bible School a place for little children only, but in the modern Bible School there is a place for every one.

The little baby is entered on the Cradle Roll, the aged and the shut in is included in the Home Department, while all able bodied people have a place in the main school.

If you are not filling your place i is not filled, as every other one has a place of their own to fill. Will you be glad to face your record when life is ended? Why not come and let us make records that we will be glad to claim when we go out into another world? If the men and women of the church will come and take this places regularly in the Sunday School the big boy problem will be solved.

It is far better to bring your family to Bible School than to send them. TTHere mothers and fathers who think their children are in Bible School and at preaching each Sunday and Sunday night, but if they would attend these services they would get their eyes opened to the fact that the children are going other places or hanging around church doors with the other unattended children doing and learning things that will b to their hurt. Let the mothers and fathers of Merkel know about their children.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a m and 7:30 p. m.

Jr. Union at Annex 5. p. m. B. Y. P. U. goes to Tye for special program Sunday afternoon.

Training Class Monday 7:30 p. m. beginning a class in Post Graduate work, "Monuments and the Old Testament"

Ladies meeting Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Prayer-meeting Wednesday 7:30

Come and find cordial welcome at any of these meetings.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

LAND NOTICE

I am here in interest of the 700 acre track of land three miles southeast of Merkel on Salt Branch, known as the Henslee land, and would consider the sale of same. Any one interested, can find me at the home of S. A. Derstine for a few days.

Lester Rogers. It

The officers and employees of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank invit you to feel at home in the bank. Write your letters on the bank's stationery; meet at the bank to discuss and transact any business that you may have; and feel perfectly free to ask any of them any assistance or advice. It

The Economy Store announces that Miss Alethea Johnson, who resides north of Trent, on Mr. Swann's place was awarded the fine \$75.00 suit given away by that firm on last Saturday.

According to Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent, 126,000 persons were killed in automobile accidents during 19 months. The death rate, it declares, is higher than that of the recent war. Twenty-one thousand of the victims were children. Probably nine ty per cent of these deaths were due to carelessness in one form or another, ether on the pedestrian. Safety first is a good slogan but it doesn't mean anything unless people learn to abide by its rules.—Abilene Reporter.

PRICE OF COTTON TO LOW LEVEL

On last Saturday, just as the gathering of the cotton crop in this country was beginning to get started real good, the price of this the south's most popular agricultural commodity, went down from about 20 cents per pound to 16. And during the week has ranged from 16 to 18 cents.

On last Saturday more than 350 bales were weighed at the local cotton yard, and the average for several days had been about 250 bales, but since the price has fallen to such a low ebb the formers are holding mostly, and but little more than a hundred bales are being weighed at present.

HEAVY RAIN FALLS HERE THURSDAY.

A heavy down pour of rain fell in and around the city Thursday just after noon, which will retard the gathering of cotton and may have damaged this staple some what. It will however, enable those desiring to do so, to sow fall wheat.

REV. AND MRS. MURRELL SURPRISED

On last Friday night, the ladies of the Methodist church challenged their husbands to meet at Mrs. Pat Jones and go in a body to the pastor's home. It was all kept as quiet as possible and Bro. Murrell and wife were completely surprised by about thirty men and women standing at their front door.

The ladies each brought a half dozen dainty sandwiches and tea and coffee were made after reaching the parsonage.

After feasting for a length of time, a short program was rendered, consisting of several readings, solos and talks by various members.

It was quite a delightful evening spent in rather an old fashioned way.

J. S. Swan went down to Fort Worth recently with a car of cattle for market. While there he took occasion to go over to Dallas and take in the Fair.

Mr and Mrs. A. C. Boney were among those of our citizens attending the State Fair, at Dallas, this week.

On last Saturday little Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allred, of near Comper, died about noon of that day, and was laid to rest in the Comper cemetery the following day. Rev. C. C. Dooley, of this city performed the burel ceremony.

R. R. Buford and wife visited the former's parents, Mr and Mrs J. A. Buford, at Haskell last Sunday

H. A. Sanders, wife and daughter left first of the week for Dallas where they will combine pleasure and business, buying goods and visiting the fair.

M. A. Adams and family formerly of Merkel, but lately residing at Sweetwater, have moved to the Noodle community.

METHODIST PASTOR MAKES REPORT

Rev. W. M. Murrell, who for the last two years has been the pastor for the local Methodist church, made a complete tabulated report of the work of this church during the conference year just ending, and one only needed to hear it to realize that not only the pastor had earnestly and ably preformed his duties as such but there has been cooperation by the officers of the church and infact a united church membership.

Besides greatly increasing the membership and building up the church spritually in every way, during the year, every financial obligation has been met, and we doubt if there is a church in the district that will render a finer report to the conference now in session at Clarendn Texas. Infact this report is going to be so good that it gives the entire membership of the church much uneasiness, for fear Brother Murrell and his good wife may be sent to another church, for we are pleased to say that not only the members of the Methodist church to a member, so far as we know, are very anxious for them to be sent back toMerkel, but we are sure that the town as a whole feels the same way about the matter

SCHOOL REPORTS TO PARENTS

On Wednesday afternoon, Oct 20th of this week, the report cards were given to the pupils. These show the work of the child for the first six weeks of school. If your child's report was not satisfactory in every respect, now is the time for the parent to cooperate with the teacher to the end that the work of the pupil is satisfactory from this on.

If your child fell below 75 per cent on any subject, or his average is below 85 per cent, he is not passing and if this grade is not improved, he will necessarily have to be retained in the same grade another year. now, and not next spring, is the time to make the effort to correct these deficiencies.

Those in the High School grades who are failing in department or failing in two or mor subjects are being detained forty-five minutes longer than those who are passing. Those in the high school grades who are passing, are dismissed at 3:25 now, the others at 4 o'clock.

There has been great improvement in the department and work of the pupils over last year.

Make every effort to see that your child is among those doing satisfactory work. Regular and punctual attendance at school, and regular home study at night will do very much toward your child doing satisfactory work.

Respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

ODD FELLOWS to ENERTAIN

We are requested to announce that the local order of Odd Fellows will have open house to the members, their families and all visiting members on Tuesday night Oct. 2nd.

It is likely that an interesting program along with delicious "eats" will be the main feature of the occasion.

Mrs. E. A. Gazzaway, of Dallas arrived Tuesday for a visit with the family of her son, G. R. Gazzaway, on route three. Also, Mrs. F. C. Davis of Robertson county, came in the same day for a visit with Mrs. Gazzaway, her daughter.

Big Bargains every day, at Ray's. The "Pup that makes the Big Dog Howel". Blair Texas. It



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FATHER NOAH.

Father Noah built his ark just behind the village pond; and he heard some fool remark from each guy who snoopied around. All the alecks, all the wits joshed him as he hewed his planks; all the sports were throwing fits, laughter sounded from their ranks. Why should Noah build an ark, when there was no water near? It was folly, rank and stark, his absurdity was clear. Father Noah toiled along heedless of the jeering mob, nailing shingles with a song—he was Johnnie on the job. When the ark was fit to sale, all the sky grew dark and sour, there were gusts of wind and hail, then it rained three feet for an hour. Had he cared for what men said, when he built his Shamrock Five, all the beasts would now be dead which are very much alive. All the elephants and fleas would be resting in their graves; all the cows and bumble-bees would have perished in the waves. If we're sure we're doing right, that our goal is safe and sane, we should heed no comments light from the frivolous and vain. Every man who bravely works at a useful task or trade, finds some cheap, derisive smirks on the oaf's mugs displayed. But he chortles and hesings as he plies his gleaming tools, for there are no grievous stings in the empty words of fools.—Walt Mason.

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 Store Oct.

Misses Willie Jones and Daisy Smith, of Knox City, spent last week-end in town the guests of Miss Alice Reed.

When your clothes need cleaning, pressing, repairing or altering, bring them to me. Mrs. C. L. Cash, Cash Tailoring Co., Phone 180.

THE SOUTH'S GREAT DAY

Henry Grady, the greatest orator of the age, foretold the golden era of the South in the following words;

"When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, not disturbed by creditor and enslaved by no debt, shall sit amid his teeming gardens and orchids and vineyards and daries and barnyards, pitching his crops in his wisdom and growing them in his independence, making his cotton clean surplus and selling it in his own time and chosen market, and not at master's bidding-getting in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges his debts, but does not restore his freedom then shall be breaking the fullness of our day."

Grady has passed away. The South has not yet witnessed the "breaking" of the fullness of her day, but the words of Grady are as true today as when they were uttered. And his picture was more than an altruistic dream. It is attainable and some day the South shall witness its fruition—Honey Grove Signal.

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Miss Maude Herring spent last Sunday in Abilene with her sister, who is teaching in A. C. C.

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45c Heavy dark outings now	35c	We save you 50c to \$1.00 on a suit underwear	
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ARTICLE TEN

"The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression, the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression, or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression, the council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled.

This is the terrible Article 10 of the League Covenant which the Republicans are using as a bogey man to frighten American voters. Notice that it relates only to EXTERNAL aggression. Such aggression, that is, as Germany committed against Belg-

ium. It does not pledge the nations to preserve territorial integrity to any government against any constituent part. It does no guarantee British territorial integrity in Ireland, for example. But if Ireland became an independent nation and a member of the league, it would preserve its territorial integrity against all outsider aggressors. Notice also that the council shall ADVISE upon action to be taken. No nation is under obligation to act upon that advice. Each nation is free to accept or reject it as it believes advisable and right. Even if the council should advise military action, it could not order a single man of a single nation into the field. Finally it should be noticed that there is

no provision for action by a majority vote in the case, which means that unanimous agreement would be necessary for the council to give the advice. Article 5 of the covenant provides that "except where otherwise expressly provided in this covenant, or by the terms of this treaty, decisions at any meeting of the assembly or of the council shall require the agreement of all members of the league represented at the meeting." The United States would be a permanent member of the council. We would have an absolute veto on any advice proposed.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

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"That will do," said her mistress fdigidly.

"But I ain't finished yet!" retorted Mary Ann. "I can give a better kiss than you! Want to know 'oo told me that, mum?"

"If you mean to suggest that my husband—"

"No, it wasn't your 'usband this time," said Mary Ann. "It was your chauffeur.,,—Ex

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Sie Hamm, who formally was with the Everybods's Confectionary is now with Sanders Drug Co.

Mr Hamm has a number of years of experience in the Drug business and we predict success for him at his new position.

Miss Lola Armstrong, who is attending T. W. C. came home Saturday for a week-end visit with her parents and friends.

Miss Maurine Cobb left Friday for Dallas, where she will attend the Metropolitan Business College.

Miss Watts who is the efficient bookkeeper with the Merkel Motor Co. is now taking a two weeks vacation. She contemplates going to the Cotton Palace and other places during her vacation.

W. D. Hutcheson and Seth Hamilton of the Crown Hardware Company, left Tuesday for business trip to Dallas and incidentally to visit the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis have gone to the Dallas Fair this week

Mrs. Ema Powers is attending the Dallas Fair this week.

Meal \$1.05 —Ray at Blair. 1t

Will unload a car of New Mexico Coal in Merkel Friday and Saturday, October 22, and 23. H. M. Rose & Son. 1t.

Cane Sugar 15 cents, Ray's at Blair. 1t

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Pink and Pinto Beans 9 cents Ray at Blair. 1t



FOR SALE—Good cane five cents per bind in the field. Any amount. See Dan Ridenbach, Route 3. 3tpd

FOR SALE—120 acre farm. 80 in cultivation, 3 room house, cistern, well and windmill. On route near school. Want \$60 per acre. Can give terms on balance. This place is unleased- Write or see, Sam Grayson, Merkel Texas.-2tpd.

WANTED—To buy or rent a comfortable home in Merkel. Might buy a small farm well improved and close in. Please give full and complete descriptions in first letter. S. G. Flemmings, Forney, Texas. 3tpd.

WANTED—A few more milk and butter customers, can deliver. Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Phone 246. 8t2c

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

FOR SALE—200 acres of land well improved, about half in cultivation. Located about 2 and one half mile from Trent. If interested see S.L. Reneau, Trent, Texas. 3t—pd.

For Sale—Six room residence, with a lot and a half, one block of business section. East and south front. See T. F. Harris, on Route 2, Merkel, Texas. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—Slightly used Dodge Touring Car. See Dr. Gam bill. 2t pd

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Pure bred unregistered Duroc Pig, ready for delivery about Nov. 15th—\$10.00 J. T. Warren. 2t

FOR SALE—My splendd home. Located on the block West of the Methodist Church. G. A. Guthrie. 2tp

FOR SALE—Second hand wagon in good condition. See G. F. Turner, Route 1, Box 15. 2tpd.

FOR SALE—Army tent and 35 acres of late feed, cane and fetera. See Philip Diltz. 1tpd.

WANTED—Room and Board in private family. See H. E. Thomposn care of C. & H. Oil & Development Co. 1tpd.

LOST—A bunch of keys. Finder return to Patterson Bros. and receive reward. 1t.

WANTED—Two large families to work crop on shares next year. Can furnish houses now, with plenty of good cotton to pick. Call at Merkel Mail for futher particulars. 1t

STRAY—Cow and calf at my place 3 miles West of Merkel. Came to my place about a month ago. Red and white spotted, both of them. Owner can get them by paying for this adv.—L. T. Early 2tpd

FOR SALE: 1919 Model Ford Touring Car—First Class Condition. See W. P. Mahaffey. tf.

Breakfast Delight Coffee \$1.50 per can. Ray at Blair. 1t.

C. A. Miller returned first of the week from a visit to his parent at Malakoff, Texas. Mrs. Miller remained for a more extended visit.

Bring your cotton pickers to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank and let us pay them in cash. 1

Long Horn Cheese 40c Ray at Blair. 1t.

Mr M. L. Ellis is visiting relatives in Denton this week.

Sweet Potatoes \$2.00 per bushel, Ray at Blair. 1t.

Mrs J. C. Baker and children of Ranger after a brief visit with the former's parents, Mr and Mrs H. T. Merrett, returned to their home yesterday.

G. W. Johnson went to Fort Worth the first of the week to undergo a throat operation. It is reported that he is doing nicely.

Libby Appl Butter \$1.25. Ray at Blair. 1t

CARD of THANKS.

We want to thank our friends and acquaintances who so faithfully helped us during the illness and death of our beloved son, Ray

Also our physicians who worked so earnestly for his recovery. In our dark hours of sorrow we will not forget to ask God to bless you for your kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allred, and children. 1tpd.

Miss Chriseten Collins left last Saturday for Dallas where she will attend the Dallas Fair.

Judge N. D. Cobb and wife returned first of the week from Dallas where they had been to place their daughter, Miss Maurine in the Draughon's Business College. While in Dallas they also enjoyed visiting relatives, and attending the Dallas Fair.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

Mrs. Meador and Miss Willie Toombs returned first of the week from Dallas where they had been to spend a few days at the Fair.

Mr and Mrs. T. L. Grimes are making a trip through the Southern part of the state and will also attend the Dallas FFair.

M. S. Wiman of Tula was here last week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Faye Taylor and daughter of Eastland are here on a week-end visit with Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Mrs. G. F. West and daughter have returned from spending a few days at the Dallas Fair.

COZY THEATRE

THE CREAM OF AMUSEMENTS

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Saturday Oct. 23 Admission 10-20-30c

Buck Jones in "The Forbidden Trail" Fatty Arbuckle in "The Bell Boy"

Mutt & Jeff in "A Trip to Mars"

Tuesday Oct. 26 Admission 10-20-30c

"Riders of The Dawn"

A Hodkinson special, from Zane Greys

"Desert of Wheat"

featuring

Joseph J. Dawling, Roy Stewart and Claire Adams

Thursday Oct. 28 Admission 10-20-30c

Wallace Reid in "Alias Mike Moran" The Hall Room Boys in "Rare Bits"

Happy Hooligan in Bray Comics

Friday Oct. 22 Admission 10-20c

Billie Rhodes in "Nobodys Girl" Star Comedians in "Her Night Out"

Monday Oct. 25 Admission 10-20c

Joe Ryan in "Hidden Dangers" Hoot Gibson in "The Smilin' Kid"

Rainbow Comedians in "Artists Muddle"

Wed. Oct. 27 Admission 10 20-30c

Shirley Mason in "Loves Harvest" Wm. Franey in "Back Up"

—COMING—

Wm. S. Hart in "Cold Deck" William Farnum in "Duran of the Badlands"



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

MEXICAN EXHIBIT PULLS INTO TEXAS

Dallas, Texas.—The great Mexican National Exhibit of ten cars, routed direct into Texas from Mexico City, has arrived at the state fair grounds in this city and is now being unloaded in preparation for the million and a half visitors to this year's exposition.

Dates of the State Fair of Texas this year are October 9 to 24.

Specially constructed show cases have arrived at the fair grounds in which to house the big exhibit and a rush of work, directed by a special mission from Mexico City, sent here by the Mexican government, is now under way to have everything in readiness for opening day, October 9.

General J. B. Trevino, of the department of commerce, industry and labor of Mexico will arrive later in company with provisional president de la Huerta and President Elect Obregon, according to the latest advices.

Among the exhibits which make up this remarkable display, according to advance information, is 250 works of art by celebrated Mexican artists.

STATE FAIR WILL OPEN MEXICAN TRADE

Dallas, Texas.—The Mexican National government is bending every effort to promote friendly trade relations with the United States. Addressing a recent meeting of wholesalers on Dallas, Consul Roberto Garcia declared:

"My country will have the greatest and most complete array of exhibits this year at the State Fair of Texas to be held in your city October 9 to 24, that has ever been exhibited abroad. In addition to the big delegation which will accompany this exhibition, large excursions are now being prepared to bring to Dallas the most prominent business men of Mexico.

I repeat, gentlemen, here is your chance. Advertise your markets, show them what you have to offer, and confidently assure you that your relations with my country may be made permanent and mutually beneficial."

Consul Garcia's office is in Dallas, Texas.

Herbet Patterson and wife returned Monday evening from attending the State Fair. They report the fair very fine and an all round enjoyable trip.

Mr and Mrs S. G. Gamble have gone to Dallas to attend the Dallas Fair.

QUALITY FURNITURE ON EASY TERMS

Realizing as we do that many of our customers have put off buying furniture they really needed, we are going to sell Hoosier Cabinets and Sealy Mattresses all next week with payment of \$1.00 on delivery and \$2.00 each week thereafter until paid in full. These are unusual terms and will be good only one week, beginning next Monday, Oct. 25th. Also remember that our store is headquarters for better furniture at better prices than can be had elsewhere.

Unquestionably the world's largest selling Kitchen Cabinet. So arranged that the steps necessary in preparing a meal are reduced to a minimum, thereby proving that it does save miles of steps.

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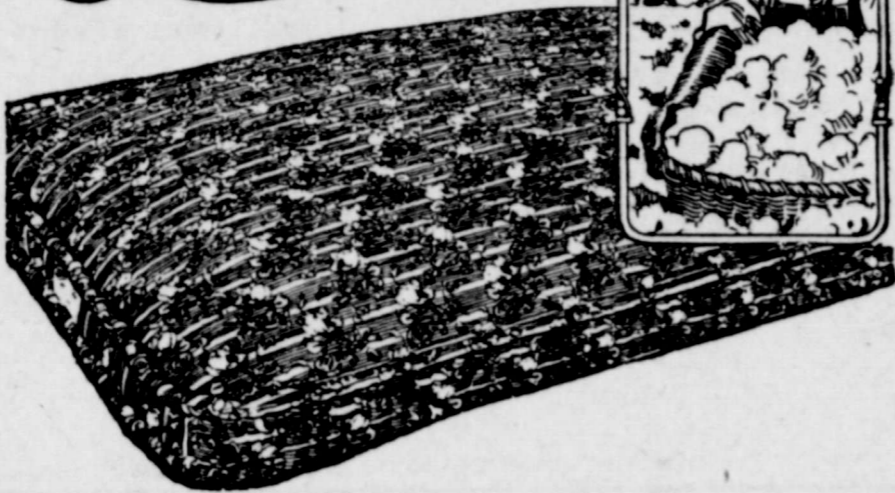
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As a Special Offer we will give a set of Kitchen Cutlery with every Hoosier sold during this sale. These are handy and useful articles around the kitchen

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110 MUSIC PIECES TO GIVE HARMONY

Dallas, Texas.—State Fair of Texas officials had made preliminary arrangements when they planned construction of barracks to house the great Estado Mayor Band from Mexico to take care of one hundred men members of the great band. It now develops that there will be one hundred and seventeen pieces of music in this wonderful organization.

The Estado Mayor Band is sent from Mexico City by the Mexican Republic as official recognition by that republic of the great State Fair of Texas, the thirty-fourth annual exposition of which swings its doors October 9 for a sixteen days' show.



Daily afternoon and evening concerts will be given by this remarkable assemblage of musicians.

Persons who have heard this band of over 100 pieces declare the music which it gives forth is in no sense band music. More than that, they declare, it is a combination of band music and orchestra music, bursting forth in one great crescendo of harmony from so many instruments. Inquiries which have been received by State Fair of Texas officials concerning concerts to be given at the state's interest is being taken in its approaching this band show that nation-wide thirty-fourth exposition.

SPECIAL RATES TO DALLAS GRANTED FOR STATE FAIR

Dallas, Texas.—Special rates on all railroads have been granted during the season October 9 to 24 on account of the State Fair of Texas at Dallas. The tickets upon which rates are granted this year give ample time to arrive before the great exposition and return when it is over. The state fair management this season anticipates an attendance of a million and one half people.



HARDWARE

A car of new Mitchell wagons just received and if you are in the market for a wagon, why not come and get a Mitchell. We have a large line of Cooking and Heating Stoves now on our floor; we would appreciate your coming and looking them over, and we believe you can find what you are looking for in our line. We also have in stock a full line of Windmills consisting of the following makes: Eclipse, Star and Leader.

We have a good line of Piping and Pipe Fixtures, Shelf Hardware, Harness, Guns and Ammunition. We have just added to our stock a line of Auto Casing and Tubes. Call and see them and get prices.

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WALTER JACKSON

BRUNKS COMEDIANS COMING TO MERKEL WEEK OF NOV. 1

The following from the midland (Tex) Reporter, read it— It has been a long time since Midland amusement lovers had a visit from a first class tent show, but we can truthfully say, and we believe without contradiction, that Brunk's Comedians who are now playing in their tent theatre just north of the Rockwell Bros. & Company's lumber yard, can be classed as one of the best, if not the best repertory shows that has visited our city in many years. We met and spent a portion of last Sunday afternoon with their advance agent Mr. Moysley. Mr. Moysley is a wholehearted, likeable gentleman from the grand State of Virginia and is a show man of the old school, and his stories of these early days of shoddom are intensely interesting. We met themanager, Mr. Brunk, also, and found him to be a man in whom the motto "merit wins" was stamped. He and his company consists of ladies and gentlemen. One thing that impressed us on their bills: "If you expect to hear smutty or suggestive words at this show you will be disappointed." The opening bill last night entitled "The Call of the Woods," showed that this company is on to the art of producing the goods. The comedy was full of "pep" and "ginger" and the interpretation of individual praise. 2t

I sell three of the best cars in the west for the money, the Essex, Hudson Super six and the Oakland Sensible Six. H. D. Simpson.

FROM DUKE OKLA.

Editor Merkel Mail: This leaves me at Duke Okla. where we are now making our home. I have labored with the church here for the past three summers in protracted meetings, and at the close of my meeting here this last August, arrangements were made for me to move my family here and work with the Church of Christ at this place, giving my entire time to the work in this immediate territory. Of course we miss our old friends at Merkel but we are meeting and making new ones and we hope by having the Mail to follow us by getting some personal letters pretty regular we will soon be feeling very much at home in this new country.

In closed you will find enough to pay for starting the Mail to our address and we take this means of letting all our friends know and especially the Merkel Garage, for we came through the country in our newly acquired Maxwell, that we arrived safely, and now feel perfectly safe to start any place we desire to go.

As ever yours,
Price Bankhead,
Duke Okla.

IT PAYS TO READ

We have on hand one of the nicest and cleanest stock of groceries, in the town of Merkel, and you will make no mistake by looking over, and getting the prices. There has been a decline on several of the staple articles. WE HAVE IT. A few extra steps might save you several dollars. W. W. Wood, Phone 230 15tf

Concerning Furniture Prices

The uppermost thought in the minds of every one is when are prices going to drop. We are asked by a great number of people every day, what we are going to do about the price of furniture. Is it going to come down? when are you going to reduce the price? etc. In view of the above facts we wish to make the following statement.

To date there has been a small decline on a very few articles in the furniture line and from the best information we can get, there will not be any decided slump in the furniture market. The manufacturers predict a gradual decline beginning in the spring of 1921. Whenever the price of any article in our house is reduced in the market, we will immediately reduce our price. We intend to follow the market price, and we are going to do better than that.

Owing to the demoralized cotton market and the small amount of money realized

from it, we are willing to stand our part of the loss, and are reducing prices to harmonize with the price of cotton as near as possible, regardless of what our goods cost us.

We want to stay in line and harmonize with the times and our customers. We suggest to our customers that you do not wait longer to buy what you are in need of for the winter, as we are going to sell you goods from now on as cheap as you will be able to buy them for the next year or two. Don't do without things that you need every day, especially the necessities and comforts of life. Our immense stock of goods and the price reduction we are willing to make, will convince you that you can afford to go ahead and buy what you need now.

Visit us, look through our stock, get our prices, talk it over with us, and we think we can convince you that our statement is true. We guarantee to meet all competition.

Barrow Furniture Company

RUMORS OF WAR.

One day the Russians hunt their holes, pursued by fierce, triumphant poles; the next the Poles are on the run, spurred on by Russian sword and gun. And, as I dope myself for gout, I wonder what it's all about. There's trouble brewing everywhere, and warlike rumors fill the air. I thought, when closed the three-ring war, "Peace is the thing we're yearning for; the whole blamed world is sick of gore, and weary of the cannon's roar, and tired of human tears and groans, and the sight of bleaching bones. The nations all would speed the plow and set the hen and milk the cow, pursue the gentle arts of peace, and bid the yawping captains cease". But now the Pole pursues the Russ and makes a most unseemly fuss; and now the Russ pursues the Pole, and shoots him with a ton of coal; whenever men infest the map, some tribes are itching for a scrap. And as I feed myself with krout, I wonder what it's all about. Why can't the blame fool nations meet with friendly hearts in concord sweet, and settle all their silly rows, and then go home to milk the cows? Why does the Pole pursue the Russ, and shoot him with a blunderbus? Why does the Russian swat the Pole? Has he no higher, nobler goal? Why don't they meet with friendly grins, and shake the dice to see who wins? Walt Mason

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.

Master Jas. H. West, Jr., is spending the week in Sweetwater with his aunt Mrs. W. B. Brown.

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Doors opened and Band Concert 7 p.m.

Performance begins at 8 p.m.

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We play at Night Only

The cry for the last three years has been for lower prices. We have all demanded lower prices and predicted that the world would function better and the people would be more prosperous when the prices took a tumble. Lower prices are now coming and the people have discovered that they didn't want lower prices. They wanted lower prices only in part. 'Tis true they wanted lower prices for the things they must buy, but they did not desire lower prices for the things they sell; and they

seem not to have reasons that all prices would be lowered when the readjustment came. As yet lower prices have touched only a few items, but already the drop has caused great unrest and is working a hardship to many. The Southern farmers have been hard hit by the drop in the prices of cotton; the western farmers are in arms because wheat has taken such a tumble. In the east factories are closing down because people are refusing to pay high prices for goods, and factory workers are out of

employment because employers won't pay the high prices demanded for labor. The lowering of prices bids fair to cause a greater commercial disturbance than the increase.

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.

L. D. Levy, local manager of Burton-Lingo Co., spent Tuesday in Sweetwater at a meeting of Burton-Lingo managers. He was accompanied by Mrs. Livy and Mrs. Jas. H. West, who spent the day with Mrs. W. B. Brown.

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

Miss Maurine Wharton spent last week-end with her parents in Roscoe.

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

Milton Wiman and son of Tulia have been visiting relatives in town this week.

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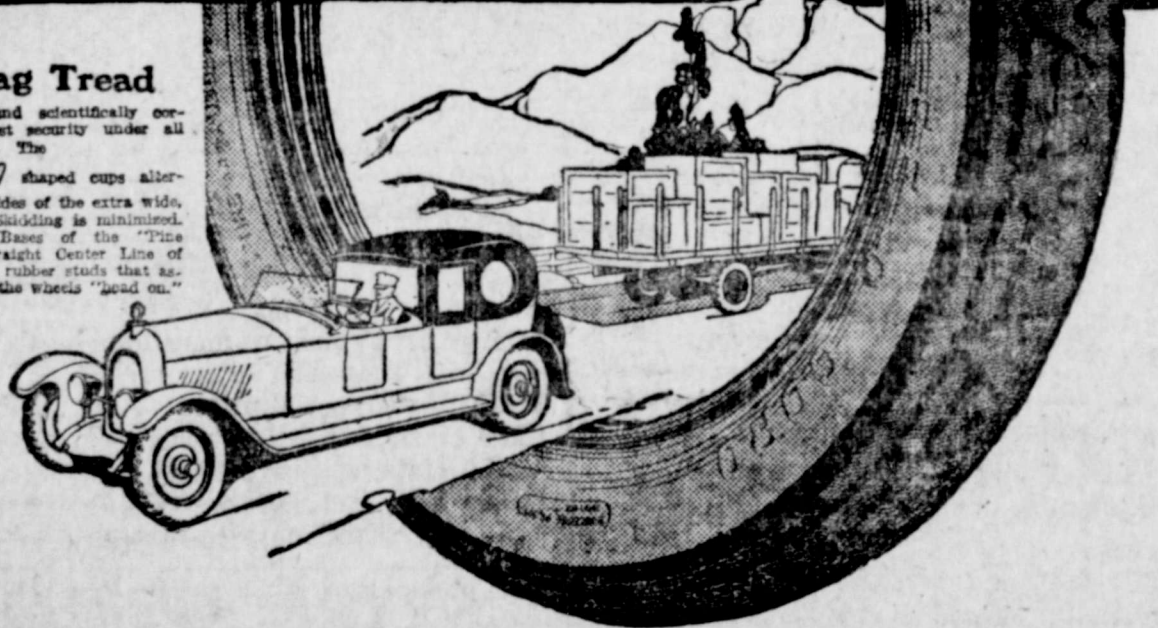
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POWERFUL SICK

In the bright sunlight of a railway station in Georgia slept a colored brother. He snored gently, with his mouth ajar and his long, moist tongue resting on his chest like a pink plush necktie. A northern climber off a train to stretch his legs, unscrewed the top of a capsule and, advancing on tiptoe, dusted the grains of quinine on the surface of the negro's tongue. Presently the side his mouth and instantly he arose with a start and looked about him wildly.

"Mistah," he said to the joker, "is you a doctah?"
"Nope."
"Well, then kin you tell me whar I kin fin, a doctah?"
"What do you want with a doctah?"
"I,se sick."
"How sick?"
"Powerful sick."
"Do you know whats the matter with you?"
"Suttin'ly I knows wuts de mattah with me—mah gall's done busted."

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.

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CULTIVATE LESS LAND

Unless the average farmer can look ahead and see where he can solve his labor problems for another year, it will pay him to make his plans to cultivate less land.

It will prove more profitable to devote a part of his time in producing such commodities as he can consume at home. Of course this means that he will produce less of other crops, but when the

cost of what the farmer buys is exorbitantly high as compared with what he has to sell, is it not more profitable to cultivate a few acres well than it is many acres in a shiftless manner? Better acre production on a small production on a small acreage is always better than small production on a large acreage.

Farm and Ranch.

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

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NOTICE

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IN FULL BLAST

\$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

Stop, Look and Listen

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

SO IS OUR GOODS CUT TO HALF

WOOL NO MARKET AT ALL

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 percales, 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 \$19.90
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

EXTRA--LOOK HERE WHAT WE ARE GOING TO GIVE WAY SATURDAY AT 6 P.M.

To the lucky ticket holder a \$50.00 Silk Dress. The tickets will be given with each sale of \$1.00 or more. Be sure and ask the clerks for your tickets

COAT SUITS

Women's new and distinctive fall suits representing great savings during this sale.

\$100.00 Suits \$69.90
85.00 Suits 59.90
75.00 Suits 49.90
60.00 Suits 39.75

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

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

DRESSES

Correct autumn styles, serviceable and becoming, tricotine tricolette, serge and charmuese stain:

Price . . . \$9.95, \$14.95, \$19.95 \$25.95, \$49.95. You would never expect so much style, so much quality at these prices.

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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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

EXTRA SPECIAL

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

Every purchase you make at our store is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be refunded. Fair Dealing and One Price to All is our motto

THE ECONOMY

"SELLS IT FOR LESS"

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