

OIL ACTIVITIES ARE NOW PICKING UP

For more than two years the oil question has been of more or less interest to the people of Merkel, and for that, many other parts of the United States, as there are hundreds of people scattered over a wide area of this country who are interested one way or another, financially in that question, in this immediate section. At times it seems that it was only a matter of a very short time until there would be discovered here, a real paying oil field, and then the question would have a sinking spell, and practically die a natural death, and which has been the case for some time, up until the last week or so, but today the matter is up again, and considerable interest is being shown.

Chief among the interest now is, that it is stated that the men with means are here and infact are making preparation to finish the Bland Well, located about two miles southwest of this city. It is our understanding that this well was around 2,200 feet when drilling was stopped last summer. We have also been told that a showing of oil and some gas had been encountered heretofore.

There are rumors that there will be another test on the Sears tract, near the location of the original Sears well, five miles north-west of Merkel.

And the Buttman well south of town, is reported to be drilling along nicely, at about 2,400, or possibly a little deeper.

And the Stith test six miles northeast, by the C. H. Oil & Development Company, is progressing nicely, at about 2,200 feet, and everybody on the works, and the surrounding country has faith in this proving a producer. Provided, the "fluid" is there.

And there has been considerable interest in the immediate section of this well by other companies, some of them said to be among the big oil companies, who have been securing leases this week. One farmer is said to have received \$50.00 per acre for sixty acres with a sixty day drilling contract.

For some time the town has had many visitors almost every day from gentlemen connected with oil interest, and it may be that we will have the pleasure of announcing a real oil field for Merkel country along about the time old "Santa" is due to arrive this month, and in which event the people of this country would forget there ever was such a thing as "cheap cotton". Here's hoping we get the oil well.

And it is also said that the Trent well is to be started in a short time.

Rev. C. C. Dooley and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler with Mr. and Mrs. Barker, were visitors to Buffalo Gap Thanksgiving day to take part in a special service at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. J. Owen of Albany, and Rev. G. A. Chatfield of Stamford were brief visitors in Merkel Tuesday in the interest of presbyterial affairs of the Presbytery of Abilene.

Messrs Preston Guthrie and Jack Durham who are attending Midland College, returned to that city Sunday after spending Thanksgiving week with home folks and friends here.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church was in Clyde Thursday on business.

E. W. Permitter returned first of the week from a business trip to Fort Worth and Waco.

R. O. ANDERSON ATTENDS MEETING OF BANKERS.

R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank, of Merkel, attended the meeting Wednesday at Swetwater, of the bankers from all parts of the west, of which there were some five hundred present, for the purpose of considering plans of the Federal International Banking Corporation, a six million dollar organization, which will be in the interest, of creating and building up a stable and profitable price for the cotton and other farm products of the southern farmers.

Mr. Anderson stated that the meeting was a success in every particular, and that the bankers almost unanimously agreed to enter the corporation. The Farmers State Bank of Merkel had already become a member, some time ago, being among the very first to enter same.

BAPTIST PLAN A THREE-DAY INSTITUTE

A three-day church worker's institute will be held at Simmons College, beginning January 11, it was announced Wednesday morning following a conference held Tuesday between the Rev. Jeff Davis, general evangelist of the Baptist State Convention, President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College, Dr. W. F. Fry, head of the Bible Department of Simmons College, and Dr. Millard A. Jenkins pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city.

The program for the institute is now being arranged and a number of leading ministers of the Baptist denomination of Texas will attend and deliver lectures. Abilene Reporter.

Ed Heeter and wife, arrived first of the week from honeymoon trip to Pittsburg, Penn., and other nothern points. They report a very fine trip, and we are glad to announce to their many Merkel friends that, Mr. and Mrs. Heeter, will make this city their home for some time yet, as Mr. Heeter will continue his connection with the drilling of the Bland well.

Supt. R. A. Burgess, and Principle R. J. Miller, of the Merkel High School, attended the meeting of the State Teachers Association, which convened in Fort Worth last week. They report about 5,000 teachers attending, and a most pleasant meeting.

NEWSPAPER BARGAINS NOW ON

Although we have paid 300 percent more for the blank paper used to print the Merkel Mail for this month, than was paid a year ago, we have made clubbing arrangements with the following splendid dailies, whereby we can save those desiring to take either, any or all, in connection with the Merkel Mail, a nice sum of money.

ABILENE DAILY REPORTER

With Merkel Mail One Year-----\$5.15 The Reporter's special cut price from now until January first, is \$4.65. The Merkel Mail is \$1.50. By renewing or subscribing for both, you get them for \$5.15 for the year.

FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM

The Star Telegram Daily for one year, is now being offered during their bargain days at the sum of \$7.85. And will be \$10.00 after December 15. We will send you for one year, both the Daily and Sunday Star-Telegram and Merkel Mail, for only \$8.35.

FORT WORTH RECORD

The Merkel Mail and Fort Worth Daily & Sunday Record, will also be sent for the sum of \$8.35. The Record for a limited time, has announced special bargain days and has cut the price from \$10.00 down to \$7.85, and the Merkel Mail at \$1.50, would make the two cost you \$9.35. But we will send them both to you for one year at the sum of \$8.35. In other words you save a big dollar on either of the above propositions, by subscribing or renewing for same in connection with the MERKEL MAIL.

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With the Merkel Mail One Year we will send by mail the Dallas Daily Morning News, both for the sum of \$8.90. If expect to take the News you will save a big dollar in this transaction.

We will send the Semi-weekly Farm News with the Merkel Mail one year for \$2.25.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Murrell announces that there will be all the regular services next Sunday morning and evening, and requests us to extend a hearty welcome to each and every one.

Miss Leola Merritt returned from Handley and Ranger where she had been to visit friends and relatives.

MARRIED HERE SUNDAY

Rev. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church at his home on last Sunday afternoon, 3:30, pronounced the words which made man and wife, Wm. G. Harrison and Miss Alma Fowler.

The happy young couple resided near this city, and will continue to make their home here. We join their many friends in good wishes.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m. We cordially invite the public generally and visitors in our town to worship with us at these services. Services in the afternoon at Blair at three o'clock.

B. C. Gaither returned last week from a business trip to Ft. Worth.

BANKER L. R. THOMPSON IN KANSAS CITY

L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmer's and Merchants National Bank, of this city, left last Sunday for a business trip to Kansas City, and other points in that section of the country.

Mr. Thompson is expected to return the latter part of the week.

There are some automobile, truck and delivery car drivers, in this town who without any apparent thought or care for the right or legal privilege of the pedestrian, who some of these days are unintentionally going to run over, cripple, maim for life or kill some child or other person, and then, for the balance of their time in this life, live a life of misery, all because of their careless and indifference as to the rights and privilege of the people crossing the streets. There is a state law with teeth in it for those who with willful neglect and indifference run over and cripple people. Better stop, think and decide that you are not the only person having a right to the streets ect.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader—John McDonald.
Song Service
Subject — PROGRESSIVE Living.

Scripture Lesson—2 Pet. i. 1-8

Prayer
Song
Introduction—Leader
What was the goal of the Christians—Bill Stevens.
Reading—Mary Eula Sears.
Marks of a Progressive Christian—Jewel Daniels.
Duet—Lillian Craig and Lorena Fraizer
Leaguers as Progressive Christians—Zella Avery.
Song.
League Journal—Josie Smith Roll Call.
Program for next Sunday..
League Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, of Trenton, Tennessee, arrived this week to make Merkel their future home. For the present they are at home with Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. Beeples.

Mrs. W. E. Beasley, of Abilene was a guest at the home of J. S. Thomas, last Sunday.

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS HERE DEC. 10

All basketball fans and rooters are glad to know that the basketball season for Texas opens immediately after Thanksgiving. Despite the fact that we have lost two good men, Doyle Garrett, and Chester Hutcheson, the out look for Merkel looks very bright.

The Merkel High School is developing for its 1921 season on of the most powerful basketball teams in her history. All the old men, save the two mentioned above, and many new men are on the field daily, trying to make the team. Places on the team are closely contested. They are being put through a few weeks severe work-out by Coach Bill Stevens preparatory to the opening of the schedule for this district. The cold weather has not kept the boys off the field, much interest is being shown. New uniforms have been ordered and are expected to arrive any day. We are going to do our best to put up a team that Merkel should and will be proud of. For the past three years Merkel High has had the undisputed championship of Taylor County. Last year Merkel High was awarded a silver cup for having won the Taylor County championship. This challenge for the championship of central-west Texas was not accepted by a team.

We are now looking forward to the State Basketball Tournament at Austin. Merkel expects to win the district championship, and make the winner at the state Meet work for his title.

Arrangements are now being made for a game here with Anson on next Friday afternoon, December 10th, at four o'clock. This will be the opening game of the season. We want every basketball fan and athletic booster present when the "purple and gold" machine begins shooting goals. Anson has been playing basket ball all the year, have developed a good team, and promise the clover boys a good fight for the victory. Boost. Come. Bill Stevens, Coach.

SINGING CONVENTION MEETS AT MERKEL

A call session of the Taylor County Singing Convention, will convene at the above named place, next Sunday, at the Methodist church beginning promptly at 2 p. m. All singers, musicians, and people who enjoy good music, are requested to be there. This promises to be one of the best Conventions of the season, as there will be quite a number of good Musicians from other territories, Abilene, Clyde, and adjacent communities, also we will have with us the Merkel Orchestra, which will aid in the singing a great deal. This convention belongs to the citizenship of Taylor County. Come out and lets enjoy ourselves together, singing praises to our Creator.

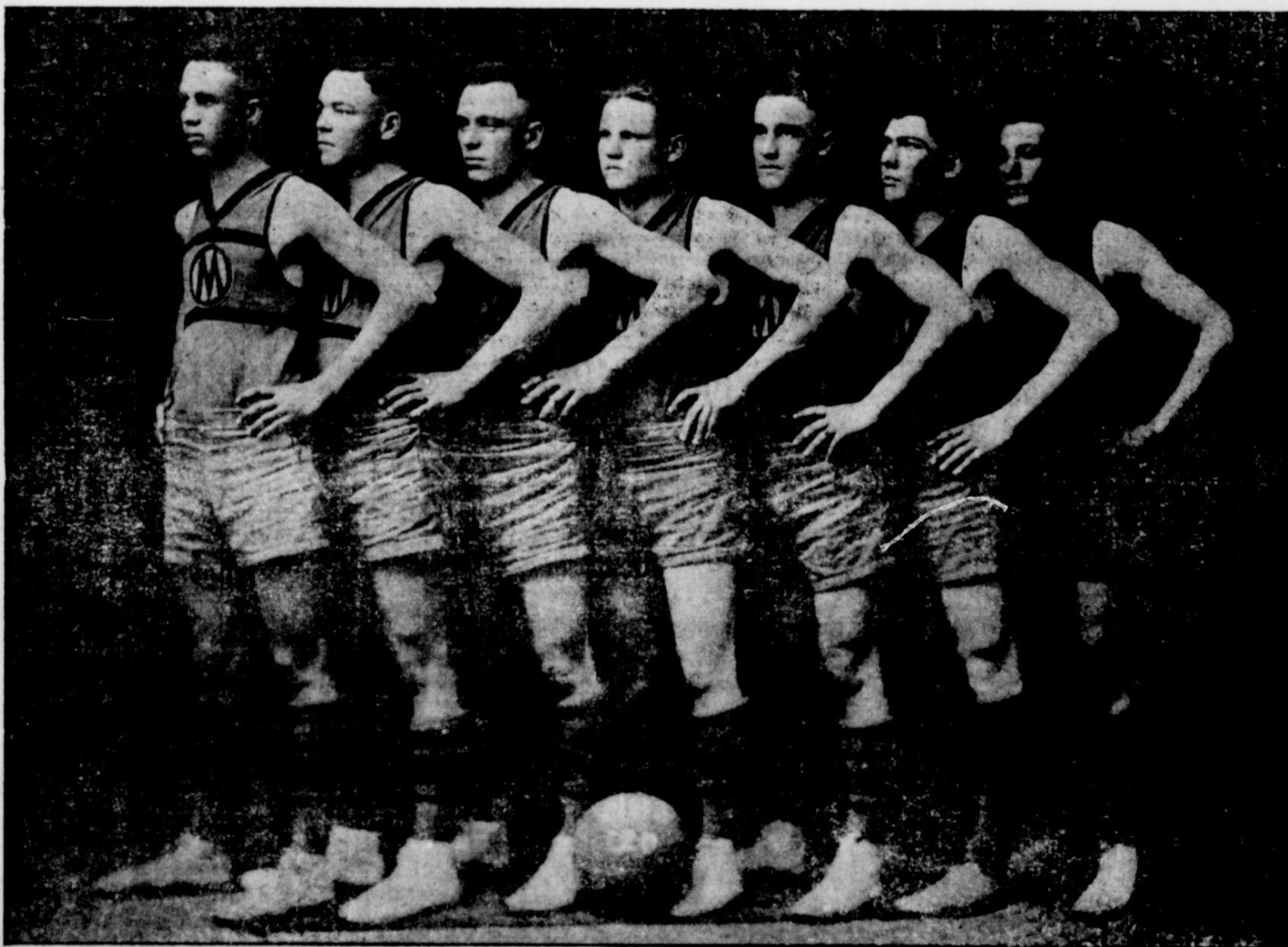
Luther J. Webb, Pres.
By. W. W. Wood Vice Pres.

ATTENTION SINGERS

There will be a call session of the Taylor County Singing Convention held with the Merkel singing Class of Merkel, Texas, Sunday December fifth, 1920, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church. Let me insist that all interested in music attend as there will be business to attend to.

Luther J. Webb.

Miss Lorena Dry, returned first of the week from Brady, where she spent Thanksgiving with friends.



Wade Dorsey Chester Hutcheson Bill Stevens J. J. Russell Dayl Garrett Raymond Ferguson Roy Stevens



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 F. Y. GAITHER Asst. Cashier

MRS. BAYLESS PASSES AWAY

The people of Merkel were again made sad Wednesday about noon when the news spread that Mrs. J. H. Bayless, had passed away, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. McCandless, in this city, after an extended illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist Church today at 2:30 p. m. by pastor Parrack, after which the remains were laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Deceased leaves to mourn her going away, a brother, E. W. Permitter, of this city, and the following children, all of whom were present for the funeral. C. E.; J. E.; and S. H. Bayless, sons of Bonham, Texas. M. F. Roberts of Anson, Texas and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, of this city.

We join a host of friends in

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Close of Business Nov. 15, 1920

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$369,289.20
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Bonds and Securities	26,241.35
Stock in Federal Reserve	1,950.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Cash and due from Banks	261,999.64
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Total	\$667,292.69

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,138.22
Int. cred. in advance of maturity	5,000.00
Circulation	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	578,904.47
Total	\$667,292.47

The above statement is correct.

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

We are thankful for many things, not the least of which is the fine loyalty of our customers and friends. Become a depositor in this bank and make every day in the year

THANKSGIVING



GOLAN NEWS

Health of community very good. Every one is wearing a frown on account of low price of cotton, especially these young men who are counting on getting married.

Rev. Hanks held his regular meeting day Sunday. Singing was very good at this place Sunday evening. Some of the Newman and Sylvester young people visited Golan Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Jeffery and daughter, Miss Berdie returned home last Monday from Corpus Christi, where they were intending to spend the winter, but returned home because Miss Berdie had to be operated on. She is getting much better.

Miss Coreen Stone of Shiloh spent Sunday with Miss Edith Thompson.

Mr. O. Douglass visited D. R. Thompson's Sunday.

Ray Ely and O. Douglass of Merkel visited Golan Saturday night and Sunday. We would be glad to have them come again.

School will start here this coming Monday.

Bettie Byron was the guest of Berdie Jeffery, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling visited W. T. Duncan and family Sunday.

Val Byron was the guest of Miss Dixie Duncan, Sunday.

Misses Vida Williams and Bettie Byron were in Merkel Monday.

Singing was very good at Mr. F. Jeffery's Sunday night.

Every one is invited to the Singing at Newman Sunday evening.

Brown Eyes.

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Yard-wide bleached domestic	18, 20 & 25c	Brown bed-wide 9-4 sheeting now	49c
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"I see no relation to that guy, but I see de real and 'riginal Joshua dat made de moonshine."—Ex.

Plenty Corn, Corn Chops, Shorts and Bran just arrived. Crown Hardware Co. It.

Statistics.

"I'm discouraged and tired of life," declared the dead of the family.

"Why so despondent?" asked his friend.

"Stastics."
"Stastics? What's that got to do with it?"

"Yes; they say that five hours of work a day is enough to supply each member of the community with a living provided the work be equally shared by all."

"Well?"

"Well, I'm the only one in five in my family that labors. So, if the statistics are true, to support the crowd I've got to work twenty-five hours a day."—Ex.

Where He Bought It.

"Mother," said the sweet girl, "George told me solemnly that that pretty hairpin holder he

gave me cost \$5.; yet today I saw exactly the same kind on sale for 10 cents."

"You know, my dear, that George is very religious," replied mother. "Most likely he bought that at a charitable bazaar." Ex.

Rev. J. W. Hunt, former pastor of the First Methodist church of Abilene, now financial secretary for the Educational department of the West Texas Conference district, delivered a most forcible and interesting sermon at the Methodist church of this city last Sunday evening.

Sow wheat and oats, raise a few porkers, prepare to plant a garden next year. Plant less cot-

ton, and live at home, and soon the depressing times of 1920 will be forgotten by the prosperity which will be brought about a little diversification, and a little more effort to live at home.

There is more interest in the "oil game" here now, than for many moons past. Let'er continue, and may a real oil gusher, be the immediate and final outcome.

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Just then a beautiful lady passed by and winked at them. George Wood was an old friend of Stephen Stone, and Stone and Wood met his friend and asked turned to rubber.—Peck's Messenger.
"How is Mrs. Stone and all the little pebbles?"
L. B. Scott, manager for the Merkel Motor Company left first to Dallas and other points east. "Fine," said Mr. Stone, "how Mrs. Wood and all the little splinters?"

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One lot Ladies Louis Heel boots in brown and grey. Values up to \$15.00, now \$7.75

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BIG DISCOUNT ON
The very latest showings in Skirts and Coats for Winter. You are sure to find the very model here that will make you look best.

MENS CLOTHING AT A SACRIFICE
These are the well known MARKS, SOCIETY BRAND and GRIFON CLOTHES, NONE BETTER, FEW AS GOOD.
Big Reduction on Men's Shoes, Florsheim and Marshall shoes for the man who cares.
To day you pay for all you get. Buy shoes from us and get all you pay for.

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EVERYBODY
Is looking for Good Merchandise at Cheap Prices, but
NOBODY
wants cheap merchandise at any price

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT
Sunday School 10 a. m. with a place for every one. With a little improvement in about three things we are sure to win in the contest with San Angelo and Abilene First Church Sunday Schools. The three things that we need to best ourselves about are, Coming Regularly, Coming on Time, and Bringing Bibles. Every time one of us miss being in our place on time with a Bible we make it harder for Merkel to win. Next time we are tempted to lay abed late on Sunday Morning, or next time we are tempted to take the Lords Day and use it for ourselves in hunting, visiting, or lazying around, let us remember that the faithful workers are counting on us to help make a winning grade and also that the Lord wants to give us a better grade than he can if we waste our opportunities in selfish living.
Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Young peoples meetings 4 p. m.
Training class meeting Monday 7 p. m.
Ladies meeting Tuesday 2:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.
The Lords Supper will be observed at the close of the morning service
Come find a hearty welcome and a place to worship in any or all services of the church.
Ira. L. Parwick, Pastor.

INDIVIDUAL WOMAN
Bardwell Herald, Secretary
Baker says we are going to bring about the brotherhood of man in this day of victory. What good will that do unless we achieve that sisterhood of woman about the same time?
Aye, what? The question is one that involves faithfulness, depths of human nature. Many men claim to be saturated with the spirit of "comradeship," and there are certain pretensions but upon the luminous platform of each for all and all for each. But there are no women who have in that sort of thing. We have men do not wish to be "leveled down and absorbed up" in a grand, sweet spirit of equality. They don't want it and they won't have it, and that's all there is to it. Every woman wants her own—her own home, her own hearth, her own husband, her own children and her own separate life and individuality. Woman as a sex may have her own little faults and foibles, but political hypocrisy is not one of them. The wife wants her husband to provide for her and their children, not for some body's else's wife and children; therefore Socialism and Communism and hypocritism generally find about as much favor in her eyes as a pickpocket in the estimation of an industrious farmer. The enfranchisement of women probably is largely responsible for saving all Europe from the barbarism of Bolshevism. That it was not quite strong enough to save some European States from Socialism, and its concomitants of extravagance and efficiency, is regrettable but not irreparable. The woman will yet save Europe. They might save even Russia were the Russian women in the mass, not so steeped in self spirit of the Orient. If there is any hope for Russia at all, probably the women are the best part of that hope.—State Press in Dallas News.

Miss Lillie Pratt Sears, who is attending Kid-Key College at Sherman, was here last week to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears.
W. E. Spears and wife, who have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, near Blair, left this week for their home at Wellington Texas.
We have anything, anywhere, anytime. Long distance hauls our Specialty. Phone 196. Higgins & Darsey. 2672.

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Corner Store for
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OUR ENTIRE STOCK 75 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR

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To the first 20 Ladies who purchase \$1 or more on opening day of sale will receive a handsome pair of Silk Hose FREE

together with strict orders to **SELL every piece of merchandise in the house.** There
and if you will note a few of the many prices listed below you will see that we are **SELLING AT LESS**
PRICE will profit by this Gigantic Sale, as we are selling every piece of merchandise at less than same can
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SPECIALS

\$1

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS

\$5.50 BLANKETS	\$2.90
\$6.00 BLANKETS	\$3.25
\$10.00 BLANKETS	\$5.75
\$20.00 BLANKETS	.....	\$10.98
\$22.00 BLANKETS	.....	\$11.92
\$4.50 COMFORTS	.....	\$2.49
\$6.00 COMFORTS	.....	\$3.25

TOWELS

35Cent Towels	.....	\$19c
75 Cent Turkish Towels	.....	54c
\$1.50 Turkish Towels	.....	98c

LADIES' ALL WOOL SWEATERS

A beautiful shipment just unpacked represent a most complete assortment in beautiful colors—We offer them to you less than cost—

\$3.50 values,	.....	\$2.45
\$4.50 values,	.....	\$2.95
\$6.00 values	.....	\$3.95
\$10.00 value,	.....	\$6.95

LADIES' ALL WOOL SWEATERS

\$7.00 value	.....	\$4.60
\$10.00 value	.....	\$6.85
\$10.00 value	.....	\$9.85
\$12.50 value	.....	\$7.95

Beautiful lot of Ladies dresses offered in this Removal Sale marked at One Half Price

LADIES' SUITS AND COATS

—A beautiful Stock of Ladies Coat Suits and Coats of the Latest Fashion—Offered at less than Cost.

\$60.00 LADIES' SUITS AND COATS' Special	\$33.50
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75 cent Ladies' Hose	39c
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We have just received a shipment of Ladies' Shoes—All styles and sizes—We offer these shoes at—

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You have to see furniture, have it placed and in proper surroundings before you can make a tasteful selection.

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We are anxious for your furniture business and guarantee you satisfaction when you call.

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FURNITURE

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MERKEL, TEXAS

BLAIR NEWS

The weather of our community is looking good again for hog killing time.

Uncle Johnnie Doan motored to Merkel on business, Monday.

Mr. John Hughes and family spent Saturday in Abilene.

Mr. U. T. Richie and wife spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Casey.

Mr. Morris Horton and others had a pleasure trip to castle Peak Sunday afternoon.

Misses Hester, Fae, and Lena Blackburn of Blair, and Opal and Nola Neal of Nubia spent Sunday with Miss Nina Reynolds and reported a nice time.

Miss Nellie Horton spent Sunday with Miss Bulah Meeks.

Mr. Sanford, the Depot agent is preparing for some cold days, as he has purchased himself a new overcoat.

The Blair High School begins Dec. 6th. The pupils are going to make this one of the most successful years.

Mr. Hermon Doan was seen riding around last Monday as if he had nothing to do.

Brown Eyes.

Columbia Records and Phonograph, at Merkel Drug Company.

Modern Residence For Sale—6-room residence, splendid section, South side, two blocks school and churches, bath room and fixtures, water piped all over place, barn, garage, cistern garden, corner lot, all first-class condition. Price \$3500. Liberal terms. See Merkel Realty Co. 194

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin spent Thanksgiving day with friends and relatives at Sweetwater.

\$25.00 worth of Records with every Pathe Phonograph we sell. Merkel Drug Company.

Will Trade for some good Real Estate, worth the money—Bland and Horton. 21.

Car of American Beauty flour just arrived. This is one of the BEST FLOURS milled in Texas. See us for FLOUR, we have the quality and are making the price. Crown Hardware Co. It

There'll be less joy-riding in 1921. And we predict the death rate for that year will be much less than in any one for the past three.

LONE STAR PLANTING SEED FOR 1921

Austin, Texas, Oct. 2, 1920

CAGE SEED CO., Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:— Referring to yours regarding the Lone Star Cotton seed I bought of you and planted this season will say:— My five hundred acres of Lone Star will make about four hundred bales and so far, all of it has been one and one eighth inch staple cotton. It has made a better yield per acre than my other two hundred acres of Kasch and Mabene cotton, besides being a much better staple.

Everything considered, my Lone Star is making me twenty five to thirty dollars per acre more than my other cotton, grown in the same field under the same cultural methods.

One special feature of the Lone Star Cotton is its short joints, which enables it to put on about one third more forms and if conditions during the growing seasons are favorable for holding the form, it will make a third more to the acre.

You need have no hesitancy in recommending Lone Star to your Texas growers as it certainly is one of the best, if not the very best, money getters we can grow. Its roots go down deep and it withstands drouthy conditions better than most cotton.

Wishing you the very great success in your seed business that I believe you deserve, I beg to remain, Yours very truly
(Signed) J. J. Smith

Lone Star Seed sold by
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GEM CONFECTIONERY

We are headquarters for, cold drinks, ice cream, fresh fruits, cigars, cigarets and candies.

We also have secured the agency for the Acme Graphophone and records and will have same on exhibit at the
AGENTS FOR ABILENE STEAM LAUNDRY

COZY THEATRE

THE CREAM OF AMUSEMENTS

Special Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday Dec. 3 Admission 10-20-30c
Warren Kerrigan in "A Mans Man"
Bill Sampson in "Four Cylinders Up"

Monday Dec. 6 Admission 10-20c
Joe Ryan in "Hidden Dangers"
Hoot Gibson in "The Gambler"
Universal Comedians in "Bearskin Beauties"

Tues. Dec. 7

"BURNING DAYLIGHT"

A Metro Special, from the book by Jack London, starring Mitchell Lewis

Topics of the Day

Admission 10-20-30c

The Gumps

Thurs. Dec. 9 Admission 10-20-30c
Real Art Pictures Present "Deep Purple"
From the book by Paul Mizner
Snub Pollard in "Alias Allidan"

Saturday Dec. 4 Admission 10-20-30c
Beatriz Michelena in "The Heart of Juanita"
Fatty Arbuckle in "Good Night Nurse"
Mutt & Jeff in "Mountain Climbers"

Wed. Dec. 8 Admission 10-20-30c
May Allison in "The Walk Offs"
Universal Comedians in "Moonshine & Gailbirds"

COMING
Douglas Fairbanks in "Reggie Mixes In"
COMING
Lewis Sargent in "The Soul of Youth"

BLAIR NEWS

Mr. George Reeves and family spent Sunday with Mr. Ab Tittlis. Miss Nellie Horton spent Sunday with Miss Bulah Meeks.

Mr. Paul Sandfer has a months vacation, guess he is proud as he will get to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Nina Provine spent Saturday night with Miss Bonnie Milton.

Mr. Emory Jones has been on the sick list the past week.

All of the school children are wearing a smile now, when asked the cause of it their reply is,

"School begins Monday". Miss Dela McLean spent Thanksgiving with home folks.

The young people enjoyed the singing very much, at Jim Moors Sunday night.

Fae Campbell and Fannie Mae Scott spent Sunday afternoon with Effie Derrington.

Laughing Joe.

Car of American Beauty flour just arrived. This is one of the BEST FLOURS milled in Texas. See us for FLOUR, we have the quality and are making the price. Crown Hardware Co. It

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Cotton may not be worth much, and times may become close and somewhat hard for lots of us, but after all there is really plenty everywhere.

Plenty Corn, Corn Chops, Shorts and Bran just arrived. Crown Hardware Co. It.

Stanley King and wife returned to this city first of the week from Jacksonville, Texas, where they have been for some time. Their many freinds will be glad to learn of their return to Merkel.

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The merchants of Merkel are continuing to make big sacrifices in cutting further the price almost every commodity of merchandise they have in stock.

They take their loss just the same as the farmer and all the rest. Every person in the Merkel country should get the home merchants prices before sending away for a single item. There is one thing one is assured of and that is, you can see just what you are buying. You can tell whether its good before you buy it. You can't when you send a way to the mail order house.

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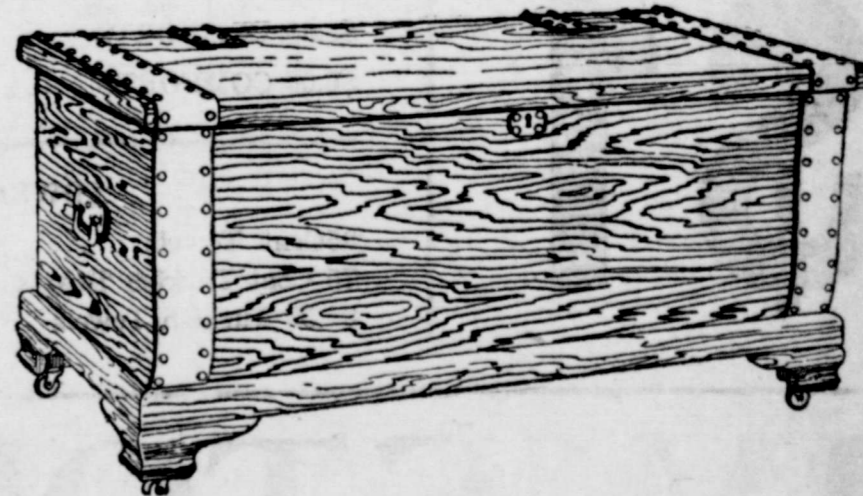


The kitchen cabinet that is used by as many as all other makes combined.

There is a real reason for Hoosier's Popularity, and the hoosier's superior efficiency.

It actually makes kitchen work easier—
Saves miles of steps each day
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Come in for a demonstration of the many hoosier features. You will soon say that this is the one best gift of all.



Special prices this week on cedar chest. There is nothing more suitable for Christmas than a nice cedar chest. We have only a few on hand at present and as long as they last we will close them out at a discount of 25%. An opportunity to get a real gift at a very moderate price.

Throughout our entire house you will find many useful Christmas Gifts—something that will be appreciated for many years. We are doing our part in regard to the lower trend of prices. Come in and select your Christmas Gifts and we will all be happy.

Barrow Furniture Company

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Wade Darsey
We (students) realize very seriously that we had what is called examinations, and that we cannot be satisfied for future exams. Hence if we can't be smart enough to be exempt next time we at least intend to make our future grades. We have started on a new period and "here goes" for some good work.

Do you believe—?
That if you fail on these exams, you will have to go back to the seventh grade?

That if you fail in deportment you will have an extra 45 minutes each day to study?

That you can make your grades by bluffing in class?

That you can make a thousand grammatical errors and pass on your English exam?

That High School has chapel even every Monday morning?

That teachers as well as pupils do not use the New play ground equipment?

On Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 11:00 the Junior class was at home to the Senior class at the Woodmen Hall. The hall was artistically decorated in purple and gold. Until about ten o'clock numerous games were played. Then the president of the Junior class interrupted a very hilarious "Three Deep" game by announcing dinner. Then all marched into a smaller room, also beautifully decorated in High School colors, and were seated at a long table upon

which Junior-Senior had been written in gold and purple. For a time it seemed that the only refreshments were tooth picks and "Kiss me" gum. After most of the guests had despaired of anything better and had set out to make the best of the material at hand, delicious sandwiches, hot chocolate, and fruit were served.

The occasion was an especially happy one, since it came at the end of two days and a half of examinations.

The basket ball boys started the working out in real earnest, Monday and are coming out stronger this year than ever before. With twice as many men to pick from, we need nothing but some good backing from the High School students and the town bunch.

Miss Bertha Deal, teacher of Spanish, Merkel High school attended the wedding of a friend in Malakoff, Tuesday before Thanksgiving and attended the teachers meeting on her way back.

On November 25th and 27th, five thousand teachers coming from all parts of the state, attended the Texas state Teachers Association at Fort Worth. Mr. Burgess, Mr. Miller and Miss Deal were the Merkel teachers who were there.

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G. L. Browning who had been here for some time visiting his parents, other relatives and friends, left Tuesday for his home in south Texas.

Dr. M. G. Kahn, Eye Specialist of Dallas, was with the Sanders Drug Store here again Wednesday, his regular day for looking after his patients here.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack returned Wednesday from a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas. He also visited his parents, Rev. J. W. Parrack, and wife at Reisel, Texas.

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\$45.00 Suits, now	\$30.00
\$40.00 Suits, now	\$26.65
\$35.00 Suits, now	\$23.35
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A big reduction on all Boys Suits. Ask to see them

Woodroof = Bragg Company

The Place Most People Trade

FRANK TIPTON BURIED HERE

The remains of J. Frank Tipton, a former citizen of Merkel who was killed at Wichita Falls Monday afternoon of this week when a train crew backed a string of empty freight cars into an oil tank underneath which the deceased was working, crushing him to death almost instantly, was laid to rest here Wednesday afternoon, funeral services being conducted by Eld. W. G. Cypert, pastor of the North side Christian Church.

Deceased formerly resided here, was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West, of this city, was well known, as an honorable industrious man, and his sudden taking away was indeed a shock to his host of friends and relatives. For several years he had been in the employ of a railroad company at Wichita Falls, up until a short time ago, when he entered the employ of an oil company as car inspector.

Besides other relatives, he leaves a wife and three children to mourn his untimely going away.

The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy.

UNEXPLAINED.

A man with sideboards may be wise, a shining light to other guys, but ten men out of nine or eight will view him with a death less hate, and wonder why he'll thus behave when twenty cents will buy a shave. And where's the man who can explain why sideboards don't seem safe and sane? Why do they make most men see red, and yearn to punch the wearer's head? The man who leads a dog around may be a scholar most profound, may be endowed with virtues fine, equipped in any crowd to shine. But men who see him will remark, "He ought to do that after dark; a man should be ashamed, by jing, to lead a bow-bow with a string when there are chores that should be done ere yet the night obscures the sun." I can not tell the reason why, and yet we all detest the guy, who travels parasang and verst, and leads his living winerwurst. The man who's free with good advice may have a nature sweet and

nice; sincerity may mark his rede when he would counsel, guide and plead, but still he keeps seeing red; we'd bounce a brick upon his head. We are a cranky bunch, say I; we loathe and love and don't know why. Walt Mason.

"The happiest man in the world is the common every day chap who makes his living, pays his own bills and has the respect of his neighbors," says an exchange. "He saves a little money as he goes along, but doesn't try to get a local output, and he is not a slave to ambition or society. He never expects to wear out his trousers in the senate and when he glides out of bed in the morning he never wastes any time trying to pick out the right tint socks, suspenders and neck tie that will blend with the general effect. He only wears high collars when he feels like it, and when his pet corn begins to jump he jerks out his knife and cuts a four inch gash in the side of his shoe and nothing is said about it in the local paper. He never has to sit up at night to poultice his conscience. He believes in the doctrine of live and let live. When he encounters one of the needy,

he doesn't stutter with his pocket book. The plain plug is happy because he doesn't have to spend half of his time yearning for something which his salary will not permit him to buy. Give us more plain men and the world will be better".—Record.

USE YOUR HEAD

A woodpecker pecks
Out a great many pecks
Of sawdust
When building a hut.
He's in a constant rigor
To make the hole bigger—
He's sore if
His cutter won't cut.
He don't bother with plans
Of cheap artisans
But there's one thing
Can rightly be said:
The whole excavation
Has this explanation—
He builds it
By
Using
His
Head.

L.Schwarz, a substantial and prominent business man of Lockhart, Texas, was here last week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. Sefgle.

VIEWPOINT OF KNUTSON

We need producers, not consumers. Latest census figures give the urban population of the United States at 65 percent, which leaves but 35 percent to till the land. Of the motly crowd I saw at Ellis Island today not one in a hundred will engage in agriculture and therein lies the difficulty. Our labor market is already glutted. Thousands upon thousands are out of employment. The large influx of immigrants will but complicate a situation that is rapidly becoming serious. They will have difficulty in securing employment, and idleness often leads to Bolshevism. If I had my way admission to this country would be for the next two years limited to those who will engage in agriculture pursuits. I hope and believe congress will take steps to this end before the Sixty-sixth session Harold Kunston of Minnesota, member of the house immigration committee.—Record.

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We handle the Acorn Brand Flour, made at Sherman, Texas. It is a high grade flour fully guaranteed. We have corn chops, bran and shorts. Also a car of good coal on the track.

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Orders Taken At This Office

WONDERS NEVER CEASE.

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"Fine," said Mr. Stone, "how is Mrs. Wood and all the little splinters?"

Just then a beautiful lady passed by and winked at them. Wood turned to Stone, and Stone turned to Wood, and they both turned to rubber.—Peck's Messenger.

L. B. Scott, manager for the Merkel Motor Company left first of the week for a business trip to Dallas and other points east.

FORD

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

GENUINE FORD SERVICE—AND PARTS

Insist on genuine FORD parts for your Ford car. Mail order houses, stores and many garages sell imitation—counterfeit parts which have not the quality of the genuine FORD parts, but the Authorized FORD Dealers as well as the Authorized Sales and Service Dealers sell only the genuine Ford-made parts. You are safe with them, while your car is mighty unsafe if repaired with imitation parts. The real FORD parts are made from the same properly heat-treated steel as their Counter-parts in the Ford car. Every part is heat-treated according to its use. Depending upon service they perform, FORD parts are tempered to insure the longest life. Tested after almost every operation while being manufactured, these parts present a vast difference from those not manufactured under FORD supervision. Counterfeit parts range from thirty to seventy-five per cent below the quality of the Ford standard. Don't take any chances; demand FORD parts they're safer. Bring your FORD to us and thus make "assurance doubly sure". If you want a FORD car, truck or FORDSON tractor, leave your order with out delay, as now we can make fairly prompt delivery—Touring Cars, Coupes, Sedans, Runabouts, Trucks and FORDSON Tractors. Why not drop in and talk over your wants?

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 at Cheap Prices, but

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wants cheap merchandise at any price

We have always believed this and have bought our supply of Dry Goods each season with this in mind. When Dry Goods were cheap we bought with this in mind, when Dry Goods were high, we kept this in mind.

When you buy from us you are protected from buying shoddy Merchandise.

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Big Reduction on Men's Shoes. Florsheim and Marshall shoes for the man who cares.

To day you pay for all you get. Buy shoes from us and get all you pay for.

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The very latest showings in Skirts and Coats for Winter. You are sure to find the very model here that will make you look best.

1-2 PRICE ON SHOES

One lot Ladies Louis Heel boots in brown and grey. Values up to \$15.00, now \$7.75

STAPLES STAPLES

- Red Seal Gingham, price per yard 30c
- Good dress Gingham, price per yard 20c
- Railroad Chevots, price per yard 25c
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- Full 36 inch Brown Domestic, price yd. 19c.
- 9-4 Bleached Sheeting, price per yard 59c.
- 9-4 Brown Sheeting, price per yard 55c
- Good Heavy Outings, price per yard 30c

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Merkel Dry Goods Co.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School 10 a. m. with a place for every one. With a little improvement in about three things we are sure to win in the contest with San Angelo and Abilene First Church Sunday Schools. The three things that we need to bestir ourselves about are, Coming Regularly, Coming on Time, and Bringing Bibles. Every time one of us miss being in our place on time with a Bible we make it harder for Merkel to win. Next time we are tempted to lay abed late on Sunday Morning, or next time we are tempted to take the Lords Day and use it for ourselves in hunting, visiting, or lazying around, let us remember that the faithful workers are counting on us to help make a winning grade and also that the Lord wants to give us a better grade than he can if we waste our opportunities in selfish living.

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

Young peoples meetings 4 p. m.

Training class meting Monday 7 p. m.

Ladies meting Tuesday 2:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

The Lords Supper will be observed at the close of the morning service

Come find a hearty welcome and a place to worship in any or all services of the church.

Ira. L. Parrack, Pastor.

INDIVIDUAL WOMAN

Bardwell Herald; Secretary Baker says we are going to bring about the brotherhood of man in this day of victory. What good will that do unless we achieve that sisterhood of woman about the same time?

Aye, what? The question is one that involves fathomless depths of human nature. Many men claim to be saturated with the spirit of "comradeship," and there are certain pretentious but colicky political parties founded upon the luminous platform of "each for all and all for each". But there are no women who believe in that sort of thing. Women do not wish to be "leveled down and absorbed up" in a grand, sweet spirit of equality. They don't want it and they won't have it, and that's all there is to it. Every woman wants her own—her own home, her own hearth, her own husband, her own children and her own separate life and individuality. Woman as a sex may have her own little faults and foibles, but political hypocrisy is not one of them. The wife wants her husband to provide for her and their children, not for somebody's else's wife and children; therefore Socialism and Communism and hypocrisy generally find about as much favor in her eyes as a pickpocket in the estimation of an industrious farmer. The enfranchisement of women probably is largely responsible for saving all Europe from the barbarism of Bolshevism. That it was not quite strong enough to save some European States from Socialism, and its concomitants of extravagance and inefficiency, is regrettable but not irreparable. The woman will yet save Europe. They might save even Russia were the Russian women, in the mass, not so steeped in serf spirit of the Orient. If there is any hope for Russia at all, probably the women are the best part of that hope.—State Press in Dallas News.

Miss Lillie Pratt Sears, who is attending Kid-Key College at Sherman, was here last week to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sears.

W. E. Spears and wife, who have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, near Blair, left this week for their home at Wellington Texas.

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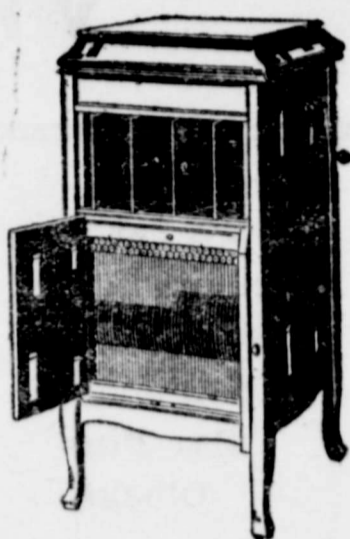
Select Your Christmas Phonograph and Get \$25.00 Worth of New Records

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There's no string to this offer; no joke in it. \$25 worth of Pathe records free if you buy a Pathe Phonograph—except the small models 3 and 6, which are not listed.

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Phone No. 105

Governor Hobby has designated Saturday, December 11th as Cotton Reduction Acreage Day throughout the state. Let every red blooded Texan perform a man's work in this campaign. It is sincerely to be hoped that the County Judges and Commissioner's Courts will heed the Governor's appeal and take immediate

action. Each local banker is a Local Captian in this work. We can only succeed in the proportion that the leading citizens of each county and community give their cooperation and support.

SPRINGS—A SPRING FOR every purpose. West Company. 1913.



YOUR EYES

Are your eyes doing their duty?
Do they hurt or burn?
Do you have headaches?
Are you nervous?
Can you see correctly?
Properly fitted glasses correct.

DR. M. G. KAHN

Ostometrist of Dallas
Will be at Sanders Drug Store every Wednesday

Under the conditions brought about by the World War, Cotton has passed from a cash to a credit crop and both the laborers in the field of production and industry are paying a fearful price, a price which if not quickly changed by statesmen and financiers of the world will effect our civilization and progress.

Corn and Corn Chops, at G. M. Sharp's

The southern farmer is not in a financial position to become the world's creditor. Under the transition which has come to him, practically without warning and certainly without time for preparation, he has seen the accumulation of a lifetime's frugal savings melt as the snow under the noonday's sun.

25.00 worth of Records with every Pathe Phonograph we sell. Merkel Drug Company. tf.

What is he to do? He cannot consume his cotton. American mills have practically withdrawn from the market in an effort to obtain his product for a song.

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

Cotton has continued to decline until the loss to Texas farmers alone is more than \$150,000,000 below the cost of production.

DONT FORGET THE TOP & PAINT SHOP

We have the good, felt lined hood cover, and radiator too. They should be kept warm the same as you. Leave your old tops and side curtain troubles with me And I'll fix them up to a T Let's paint the old cars up and make them shine So the boys with new cars won't beat your time.

We have all colors of enamel and white in quart cans, the best we can buy for you, if you want to paint your car yourself.

We have five different patterns of top fabric. You can see what is going in your top when we make it. Give us a trial and see.

Merkel Garage

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THE Brown Dry Goods Co.
Quality Merchandise

HAS THE SOUTH A COTTON MONOPOLY?

It has often been said that the South had a monopoly on cotton, but in the sense this term is usually understood, it is a fact? A monopoly usually signifies control of production and price. The South has tried to control production on various occasions and failed. It has never had much success in controlling the price of its products. When any industry confines itself to production only and dumps the results of a year's labor on the market in three months' time, any claim which may be made to being a monopoly is exaggerated to say the least.

There is an old saying that "there can be too much of a good thing." Not that there is too much thing," and this applies to cotton for the needs of the world if the world could buy it, but there is too much of the staple on the market at this time. The world can only absorb so much cotton at a time, and European spinners are not financially able to buy and store for future need, therefore a depressed market. If cotton continues to be forced on the market, someone will get rich out of it, but it will not be the producer.

The only chance the South has is to study the needs of the world and then make an effort to secure a monopoly on cotton world and then make an effort to satisfy the demands at a reasonable, profitable price by ware-to produce just about enough to housing and releasing the staple as it is needed. To reduce acreage to a point of starving the market may boost prices for a season, but it will encourage production in Mexico, South America, Egypt, India and South Africa. It would also make the crop so profitable for one season that everybody would overplant the next and prices would again hit the bottom.

Under normal conditions the short cotton crop sells for money than the bumper crop, but instead of profiting by a demonstration of this kind the acreage is generally increased the next year, and with a favorable season a large production is secured for which less money is received than for the previous year's crop.

Intelligent diversification with cotton as the money crop will give the South the monopoly which has so often claimed but without a just and legal title.—Farm & Ranch.

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.

DON'T OVER LOOK THIS AD.

We always want your eggs, butter and chickens and other produce, that will market. And don't forget that we pay the **HIGHEST MARKET PRICE**, we have a big produce trade, and will be glad to handle all home grown products we can get. See us **BEFORE YOU SELL**. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery, Grain and Feed. Phone 230 1913

There is but one practical thing to do—stand by this crop to the last ditch and reduce next year's cotton acreage one third, raise more food and feed crops, make every farm self supporting; plant small grain where practical, peas, potatoes, sorghum, maize, kaffir and corn, a few chickens, a pig and a calf. Become a seller in the local market, with plenty to live on at home, instead of buy, buy, as we now do

Plant selected seed of every variety, increase the quantity and quality of production per acre with the same labor, making cotton a profit or money crop. Then and not until then will we be able to sell our products in the markets of the world at fair prices, for cash or credit. The cotton acreage must and will be reduced.

CAPTURE a STILL, 1 PINT AND A NEGRO

Constable W. H. Laney, Deputy Ed. Blackburn and two Deputies from Abilene, went out on a farm near here Tuesday of this week and found in a negro cabin a small still, one pint of corn whiskey, and after a little investigation took a couple of negroes to Abilene, one charged with selling booze and the other as a witness against first one.

FRUIT TREES, BERRIES, . . . FLOWERING SHRUBS.

No better trees were ever grown than we have this year. We have the sure-bearing varieties for the different sections in all fruit and berries, and the best shades, shrubs and—

Our LEONA PEACH beats ELBERTA. Our SMITH Peach has missed but one crop in 25 years.

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Let us make your HOME GROUNDS FOREVER BEAUTIFUL, comfortable and valuable with hardy climate-proof standard and native flowering shrubs and bulbs ect., arranged in natural masses.

Plant a background for your home, or a norther-breaker, of the glossy leaved evergreen Japan Ligustrum, like those growing on our Sate Capitol grounds.

To still further improve our Landscape Department, we have associated with us Mr. F. W. Hensel, who for years has been the head of the Division of Landscape Designing and Engineering of Texas A. M. College. He is a graduate of A. and M. College, and of Cornell University, and better still a native Texan who knows Texas.

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CITATION

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to summon H. L. Taylor by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the first Monday in January A. D. 1921, the same being the 3rd. day of January A. D. 1921, then and there to answer Plaintiff's first Amended petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of November A. D. 1921 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4461, wherein Mrs. Ola Taylor is Plaintiff, and H. L. Taylor is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is a bona fide resident of Taylor County, and has been for more than six months next preceding the filing of this petition, that plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on the 17th day of April 1920, and lived together as husband and wife until about June 20th 1920. That defendant began toward plaintiff a course of cruel and harsh treatment of such nature as to seriously impair her health and render their living together longer wholly insupportable and unbearable. Plaintiff sues for divorce, for restoration of her maiden name and for costs of suit.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under my Hand and the Seal of the said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 30th day of November A. D. 1920.

J. N. Routh, Clerk District Court, Taylor Co.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

STRAYED or STOLEN—A span of brown mare Mules, about 14 hands high, or a little better. Branded L on left thigh. Notify Chas. Hughes, Merkel, route 3, tf

FOR SALE—A good four-room house, located on North side. Worth \$1,000 would consider Ford Car. See J. T. Mullican, at City Barber Shop. tf

FOR SALE—4-3½ used casings and 2 good tubes all for \$15.00 for quick sale, worth \$30. See Dr. Miller. It.

WANTED—A secondhand, Double Disc Plow. Must be worth the money. J. W. Latimer, Rt. 5. Phone 9020R3. Itp.

WANTED—Field pasturage for cattle. Will pay \$2.00 per month. Must have plenty water and good fences. Sam Butman Senior. 26tf

FOR SALE—480 acres stock farm. Will sell for \$20,000; want \$5,000 cash, balance on time. Also have hundred acres cotton farm. Will sell for \$5,000 and want \$1,000 cash, balance on time. See A. B. Cranston, Rt. 1, 4 miles north of Stith. Itp.

FOR SALE—A five room house and three lots in south Merkel. Would consider a good Ford car as part of payment. See C. L. Deutschman. Itp.

TO RENT—Room for one or two, also rooms for light house-keeping. See Mrs. Causseaux. It.

COTTON PICKERS WANTED—Have about 20 bales to pick; first picking, make two-third bale. House furnished. S. F. Haynes, Merkel. It.

FORD ROADSTER

New top, wind shield, door mat equipped with shock absorbers, and crank shaft. Counter balance for Sale, CHEAP. See Merkel Motor Company. It.

FOR SALE—Pop Corn and Peanut Roaster. Small cash payment down and easy payments on balance. See A. W. Harris, next door to Patterson Meat Market.

FOR SALE—160 acres land, 50 acres in cultivation. Red and black sand. Fine for truck farming. Balance grass and plenty of water. \$15.00 per acre. Located five miles south of View. J. J. Smith, View, Texas. 26t2p

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