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W. H. PORTER BRINGS IN SECOND BALE COTTON

Blythe, Cal., Aug. 13, 1921. As it's been some time since I wrote your paper and am getting lonely for some news from the Dear Old Lone Star State and especially Taylor County, I thought I would write you a short letter of California, and subscribe for the Merkel Mail, one among the best county papers in the old U.S.A.

My husband, boy and myself left Trent, Taylor County, Texas in December, 1916. Have been in California most all the time excepting about two months spent in a mining town at Battle Mountain, Nevada. We are now in Palo Verde Valley, farming. This is truly one of the garden spots of the earth for about eight and one-half months of the year. The farmers have a prospect of the best cotton crop since 1917. Cotton will make from one to two bales per acre. The price deteriorated so last year until the acreage was cut 60 per cent this year. Vegetables of all kinds do well here. Alfalfa makes from six to seven tons per acre. Two successive crops can be grown on the same land. The grape industry is just in its infancy, every one put most of their land in cotton till this year, but quite a number put out grapes, and a future is predicted for them as they will be ready for the market several weeks earlier than in other portions of the state and it is the early produce that brings the highest prices. Stock of all kinds do well here. It is one of the finest opportunities for the poultry raisers I ever saw. Hens lay practically the year around. Palo Verde Valley is about 12 miles wide and 30 miles long located directly on the Colorado River. Things have been looking rather serious for the farmer owing to the high water and the river changing its current. The water company had men on duty day and night protecting the levy to keep it from cutting out as almost the whole valley would have been destroyed had it cut through, but all danger is now past. We have one of the best water systems in the world. Never a water shortage and its certainly a great advantage over dry farming, to be able to turn your water in just when you need it and as much as you want. If the Boulder Dam Irrigation Project passes, which they are now working on, it will put under cultivation some of the richest land in the world and make the Valleys of Palo Verde and Imperial safe from the ravages of flood water. The valley has its bitter as has all successful farm lands. There is two and one half month of very hot weather, the temperature ranging around 110 for this length of time. Some times running up to 120 degrees for a day at a time. The mosquitoes are quite a pest too for several months of the year. Yet there is no country that hasn't a few drawbacks. Land ranges in price from fifty to three hundred dollars per acre. Take it all in all it's one among the best countries for a farmer. I used to write for your paper when a girl, 25 years ago under the name of Brown Eyes. My maiden name was Miller. My father G. I. Miller moved to Taylor county near Nubia 31 years ago, I have many friends in Taylor county. Am hoping a bumper crop for your county, and a success for the Dear old

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. Come find your class. Our aim is 325 Sunday. Come take your place in Sunday School. There are those who ought to be in Sunday School. Come and bring some one else with you. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. Parrack. There will not be any services Sunday night our Presbyterian Brothers will start their meeting Sunday. All who can go and hear those services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ladies Missionary Society and Sunbeam Band meets Tuesday at 4 p.m. Prayermeeting on Wednesday night at 8:30. The ladies of the Baptist are urged to come to the church on Tuesday, September 13th at 9 o'clock for their annual quilting for the Buckner Orphan Home. Bring tops, linning and every thing that will help. Also each lady bring a dish of eats with her and all will lunch together and spend the day in working for the orphans. Chas. West.

Ben T. Merritt and son Ben W. are here from Handley, Texas, for a weeks visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt. Young Mr. Merritt, who is Cachier of the Handley State Bank, is just recuperating from a severe attack from typhoid fever, hence is unable to mix and mingle with his many old friends here as he would like.

A very interesting contest of flowers was enjoyed. So close was the race, that eight had to cut for the favor. Mrs. Earl Lassiter being the lucky member was presented with a Pyrex Loaf baking dish. Mrs. Kirby Beckett and Miss Zoe West assisted the hostess in serving refreshments of orange ice, and yellow and white angel food cake.

The attendance of Mrs. Coit's delightful party was one of the largest during the summer season. Members present were: Mesdames Tom Largent, L. B. Scott, Earl Lassiter, Twyman Collins, Lewie Arrington, S. R. Weaver, Forrest Gaitner, R. O. Anderson, Frank McFarland, W. J. Largent, Mason Pee, Jinks Winter, James West, Lytton Howard, T. L. Grimes. Visitors were: Mrs. and Miss Mitchell, of Greenville, Texas; Mrs. Hoofman, of Dallas; Mrs. Beal, of Sweetwater; Miss Jones, of Nevada; Mrs. Wedemeyer, of Meridian; Mrs. Roten Cypert, of Denison; Mrs. Beckett, of El Paso; Mrs. Ergal Meador, Miss Zoe West and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

MOB HANGS A NEGRO FOR CRIME

Waco, Aug. 16.—After hanging Alex Winn, a negro, for criminal assault on a 7-year-old white girl at Datura, limestone county, Monday by enraged citizens, the body was taken to Coofide, where the undertaker placed it in his warehouse for the night. At 9 o'clock last night the body was removed from the warehouse and burned in the street. The directors of the funeral pyre were unknown to the undertaker. Winn had been captured by the girl's brother, who had been attracted by her screams at the barn. With his pistol in hand, he held the negro until neighbors gathered, when, with trace chains they hanged him to the barn loft.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. Come and find your place in this service. At the morning hour the Rev. D. B. Doak of Abilene will preach. On account of the Presbyterian meeting at the Tabernacle there will be no night services. Please be present at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning and give Bro. Doak a good hearing he is kindly filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. W. M. Murrell, Pastor.

Mrs. Mary C. Traylor, who has been the guest of her sister

NEFF CALLS AN EXTRA SESSION

Austin, Aug. 17.—Governor Neff called the Thirty-seventh legislature to meet in second special session this morning. The hour set for convening was 10 o'clock, August 17, ten hours after the legislature had adjourned sine die in the first special session.

The governor submitted but one subject in his call, to provide funds for the maintenance and support of the state institutions. Failure of the legislature to agree on the appropriation bill for the educational institutions necessitated the governor's call.

Although he submitted but this one subject the governor included in his message any other subjects which he might see fit to submit to the legislature.

The proclamation calling the session was issued after the governor had conferred with Dr. Robert E. Vinson, president of Texas University, and Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of Texas A. & M. College, and assistant Attorney General W. A. Keeling.

MRS. COIT ENTERTAINS THE THURSDAY CLUB

The beautiful home of Mrs. J. T. Warren, was the scene of one of the nicest parties extended the Thursday Club on the afternoon of August the 11th, by Mrs. H. C. Coit of Waco. The house was prettily decorated with golden glow, merrigold and ferns, and throughout the afternoon, the color scheme of yellow and white was carried out. Six tables were arranged for the popular diversion, "42", and on each table were dainty hand-made yellow baskets, encircled with white ribbon, and containing yellow and white mints. Miss Zoe West, in her usual pleasing manner, refreshed the guests with iced water during the games.

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NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Eld. R. L. Harris who is going to locate at Merkel will preach at the North Side Church next Sunday at eleven o'clock a.m. and 8:15 o'clock p.m.. All are invited to hear him.

C. M. Largent and wife leave Sunday for a trip to Oklahoma City. They also expect to visit a number of northern states where they attend some of

PRESBYTERIANS REVIVAL AUG. 21



Evangelist W. A. Erwin

Revival meeting at the tabernacle Sunday, August 21st, at the eleven o'clock hour Rev. W. A. Erwin will begin the Presbyterian Revival Meeting. Mr. Erwin will be assisted by his wife as pianist, and Mr. Fraser will have charge of the singing.

This party of Christian workers has been instrumental in leading many persons to a higher conception of life, by the simple preaching of the old gospel story. Mr. Erwin is one of the strongest Bible preachers to be found any where. His power as a preacher will be better understood, when you see his familiarity with, and understanding of the Word of God.

Mr. Fraser is a very able choir leader and the singing will be one of the features of these services. All singers in Merkel and surrounding country are invited to become members of Mr. Fraser's choir.



Singer, R. G. Fraser

EDITOR LEEMAN HERE

Ed. J. Leeman, many years ago Editor and owner of the Merkel Mail, but now publisher of one of the big daily newspapers in the state of Oklahoma, at Duncan, one of the liveliest and growing cities in that state, passed through Merkel this week enroute to Pecos for a visit with relatives. While here Mr. and Mrs. Leeman were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Sheppard, Mrs. Leeman and Mrs. Sheppard being sisters.

THE L. R. SCARBOROUGH B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Leader Mrs. Roan. Doctrinal meeting Sanctification Discussion on Bible Readings. 1. Two meanings of "Sanctify" by Delbert Polly. 2. Living for the glory of God—by Roxie Sharp. 3. Our part in sanctification by Alma Barlow. 4. God's plan of sanctification by Lawson. Sanctification helps us

U. S. HAS LARGE NUMBER OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Washington, Aug. 16.—Best estimates available at this time show that 5, 735,000 persons are out of employment in the United States, Secretary of Labor Davis reported to the senate today in response to a resolution calling for figures.

CAN HAVE LIQUOR IF IT IS NOT FOR SALE

Austin, Tex., Aug. 16.—With Representative Crumpton dissenting the other nine members of the conference committee on the Morris of Medina bill amending the Dean prohibition law agreed to a substitute bill. This substitute was acceptable to Mr. Morris. The conference report was adopted and the bill sent to the Governor.

The substitute bill provides that it is unlawful for any person to directly or indirectly manufacture, sell, barter, exchange, transport or possess or receive any intoxicating liquor for the purpose of the sale of any such liquors. Thus, if the liquor is not for sale its possession would be lawful.

It further makes it unlawful to make, sell, transport, etc., liquor containing over 1 per cent of alcohol by volume for the purpose of sale. The usual exceptions are incorporated for medical, mechanical, scientific and sacramental purposes, but permit is required to operate under the latter.

The substitute sets forth that upon trial for violation of the law, the purchaser, transporter or possessor of any of the liquor prohibited by this law shall not be held in law or in fact to be accomplice when a witness in any such trial. It finally provides that no person over 25 years of age convicted under the provisions of the act shall have the benefit of the suspended sentence law.

FARM HOME IS BURNED LAST FRI.

We are informed that the residence on the farm of J. W. Wheeler located in the Comper community, was burned last Thursday evening. It was stated that the fire originated from an oil stove. A man by the name of Lane was occupying the building and lost all household goods including clothing etc. A petition was started here Friday morning for a relief fund for the Lane family, but the committee having charge of the City Relief Fund learned of the move and immediately set aside \$50.00 for the above purpose.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Owing to the fact that our Revival Meeting will begin at the Tabernacle Sunday, August 21st, Sunday School will be held at the Tabernacle promptly at 10 a.m. If you have not been coming to Sunday School why not come Sunday morning?

There will be a class for all who come. Arrangements will be made to take care of the classes and departments just as at the church.

We extend to everyone an invitation to attend these services and to take part in all of them. Rev. W. A. Erwin will hold your attention by his forceful preaching, and the gospel will be sung with power by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Fraser.

We hope to see a Revival of Old time power during this meeting, may we count on you to help in bringing it to pass. Fred S. Rogers.

CAN MAKE LIQUOR FOR OWN USE

Washington, Aug. 17.—The House went on record yesterday against any interference with home brewing and distilling for personal use.

By a rising vote of 96 to 54 it virtually deprived prohibition agents of all power to prevent manufacture of all alcoholic beverages in private dwellings unless proof can be furnished that the liquor is being manufactured for sale.

The victory of the cellar distilleries and the kitchen breweries came when a substitute for the Stanley search and seizure amendment, approved by the Senate, was adopted. As passed by the Senate, the Stanley amendment prohibited with heavy penalties any searches or seizures by prohibition agents without warrants.

The House substitute likewise prohibits the dry agents from searching any private home without warrants and then declares "no such warrants shall issue unless there is reason to believe such dwelling is used as a place in which liquor is manufactured for sale or sold."

Thus, the substitute, first prohibits searching of homes without warrant and then declares that if home breweries and distilleries are not making liquor for sale no search warrant can be obtained.

Several dries argued that the section as written would give complete protection to the home of liquor makers. Representative Fields of Kentucky sought to amend it so that a warrant to search a home "could be obtained if there was reason to believe that liquor was 'manufactured' or sold there."

For some reason unknown, Representative Volstead of Minnesota, leader of the radical dries declined to support him. Many members vote just as Volstead votes on prohibition questions, and the amendment was lost 96 to 54. The House substitute with the protection given the home brewer was reported by Volstead. He did not vote either way on the Fields amendment.

Representative Kindred, New York, sought to make it necessary to have a search warrant before baggage and packages could be searched, but this was defeated 39 to 90.

Representative Cochran, New York, insisted that all persons should be exempt from personal search without warrants.

Following the vote on the substitute for the Stanley amendment, the entire bill was sent to conference.

SATURDAY MARKET

The Saturday Market still continues at the Barrow Furniture Store. We are trying to make this Saturday the best we have had yet. There will be plenty of pies, cakes, dressed chicken and also sandwiches. Come in, get you a good sandwich and refresh yourself. Then find the kind of cake or pie you like best to take home with you or perhaps a dressed chicken for your dinner. These things will be ready for sale early Saturday morning so you may get your Saturday dinner if you like. But be sure not to forget the place and the Market for we will have plenty of those delicious pies and cakes and dressed chicken. Methodist Missionary Ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McNe of San Antonio, who have here for a visit with the er's parents, Mr. and M. McNees left first of for their home.

THIRTEEN THINGS TO REMEMBER

First, the value of time.
 Second, the success of perseverance.
 Third, the pleasure of working.
 Fourth, the dignity of simplicity.
 Fifth, the work of character.
 Sixth, the power of a smile.
 Seventh, the cause of example.
 Eighth, the obligation of duty.
 Ninth, the wisdom of economy.
 Tenth, the value of patience.
 Eleventh, the improvement of talent.
 Twelfth, the joy of originating.

Thirteenth, get your brain out of a rut.

100 fresh melons Saturday at the Ice House. 1t

Forty years of constant use is the best proof of the effectiveness of White's Cream Vermifuge for expelling worms in children or adults. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Au

LOOK OUT

Never toss away burning matches, or anything else with fire about it.

Never start a fire in the wood against any tree, whether it be dead or alive.

Never start a fire in the moss or peat of a dry log. It may smoulder for days, and at last break out in open flame.

Never leave a fire until it is surely out.

Never start to burn brush or stump in a clearing in a dry time, or on a windy day, and never leave a fire burning in a clearing. Stay with it until the fire is completely out.—Ex.

E. N. Brown the hustling and genial manager for the Brown Dry Goods Company left first of this week for the markets, where he will buy for his store a large and complete stock of the seasons latest in fall and winter merchandise.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

CLASS PICNIC

The members of Mrs. Rogers' Sunday School Class enjoyed a picnic near Eskota on Sweetwater creek Tuesday evening.

A spread of many good things to eat and a general good time was enjoyed by Doris Russell, Mable Russell, Ruth Aurther, Ruth Jones, Evelyn Curb, Alyene Riley, Jack Anderson, Weston West, Carlton Dennis, and Cleby Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

DISHES—DISHES

Please come to the Merkel Mail office and get the dishes you left at Woodrum Hotel when the Missionary girls gave their dinner. We would like for the owners to come and get theirs.

Miss Hallie Marquis returned Tuesday from a splendid and delightful visit on the plains.

Misses Eunice and Lucile Russell, Mae Meidleman, Josie Smith returned last week from Canyon where they attended the summer session of the Northwest Texas Normal.

LUCKY STRIKE
cigarette



Approved by The American Medical Association

CONDENSED STATEMENT Farmers & Merchants Nat'l B.

Close of Business June 30th, 1921.

Our statement as of June 30th as shown below reflects sound, conservative banking. We invite your careful scrutiny and solicit your business. We pay 4% in our Savings Department.

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$284,961.86
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
U. S. Securities	11,358.33
Bonds and Securities	17,269.51
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Real Estate	3,000.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.60
CASH & SIGHT EX.	166,768.80
Total	\$491,021.10

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,247.11
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
OTHER LIABILITIES	NONE
DEPOSITS	409,523.99
Total	\$491,021.10

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Merkel, Texas

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK
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THE BEAUTY OF NATURE

How can a farmer feel depressed when there is so much of interest all about him on the farm, every day of every season? We are told that "Shakespeare never repeats," and nature never does. There is a marvelous variety in all her scenes of woodland, of sunset, of calm, and storm. I used to enjoy breasting the storm of wind, rain or snow on some necessary errand for the fun of the restful hour afterwards by the fire. He who does not gain an appetite by some labor, walk or exertion, does not enjoy his meal as does the one who has been at work or on a walk. To the observant eye the woods and fields are full of interest. The spider web, the glittering dew drops, the busy ants, the varied forms of vegetation, of bird life, and even the springing grass holds deep interest for the live farmer, always new and variable; and yet there are old farmers who do not know the names or uses of five weeds out of a hundred that they see daily, nor have they ever noticed the minute wonders of tiny insects and bird life about them. It is this interest in the hidden wonders all about us that adds zest to life; and tends to long life, and placid enjoyment of every hour.

Miss Nell Holloway has returned home from Abilene where she has been attending Abilene Christian College this Summer.

We will have nice dressed chicken for your dinner at the Barrow Furniture Store on next Saturday. Come and get one before they are all gone. Also cakes, Pies and Sandwiches.

When you feel dull, achey and lopy and want to stretch frequently, you are ripe for an attack of malaria. Take Herbine. It cures malaria and puts the system in order. 60c. Sold by Sanders

The Brown Dry Goods Co. JUST OPENED

Ladies' New Suits, Dresses Skirts and Sport Sweaters

We are putting the entire shipment on sale for one week only, at prices that will surprise you. Come look them over it will mean dollars for you.

REMEMBER THEY ARE ON SALE FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

THE BROWN D. G. CO.

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GOLAN NEWS

The Methodist Revival conducted by Rev. Hanks closed last Sunday with several conversions. The Baptist meeting begins on August 2, by Rev. Tom White of Anson, Texas.

Betty Byrom visited Miss Edith Thompson Sunday.

J. T. Williams and family returned Friday after a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Fannin County. Mr. Williams says the boll worms have completely ruined the cotton in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. Dora Hill and family, Wallace Hill and Vida Williams spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Med Herron and baby visited the lady's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffrey on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Chapman returned home Sunday after a week's visit with relatives here and at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Byrom entertained their friends Friday with an ice cream supper which was enjoyed by all present.

The new school building is almost finished and a new Methodist church will be erected soon. We appreciate the help from the outsiders and we want you to come and take part in our meetings and Sunday School. Zoe.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church is at Tuscola, this week where he is holding a revival meeting. Rev. Murrell was pastor of the church there several years ago, and has a host of friends and admirers there. We predict for him a successful revival.

Mrs. Wilson, of Slaton, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. A. Guthrie, first of the week.

If the baby suffers from colic, diarrhoea or other complaint, give...

MERKEL SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 5TH

All is about ready for the opening of the Merkel School on Monday September 5th. Teachers are returning from their vacations and summer schools, the grounds have been put in shape by Mr. Ashby, some needed improvements have been made, text books have arrived, and the building has been thoroughly cleaned and floors oiled ready for the young Americans that will present themselves on Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Entrance Examinations

Those pupils who did not make their work last year and who have done some summer study to make up their deficiencies may take the entrance examination for promotion on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 31st., September 1st. and 2nd. Be on hand THEN if you want to take these examinations.

Wednesday, 9:00 o'clock Arithmetic, Algebra and Geometry.
Wednesday 1:00 o'clock Grammar and English.

Thursday 9:00 o'clock History
Thursday 1:00 o'clock Agriculture, Physiology, Sciences.

Friday 9:00 o'clock Spelling, Spanish and Geography.

Please follow this schedule and appear when your examination is scheduled. These examinations will be open to all high school pupils and pupils of the other grades above the fourth grade and to pupils of country schools who may be entering this school for the first time.

New Pupils and Book Cards

Pupils who last year attended a school other than the Merkel School will on either of the above mentioned examination days bring their report cards and book-cards to the office of the Superintendent and be classified before the opening of school. This will aid much in avoiding the rush and confusion of the opening days. On these days also, all pupils who have done summer work anywhere for which they have received credit will bring their credits to the office to have them recorded and the pupil classified before the opening of school. Waiting until after school opens to do this may mean a delay of a week in getting yourself classified.

Return Free Text Books

Students who have had books out during the summer, or who did not receive a receipted book-card at the close of school, will bring these books to Mr. Miller on either of these three days, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before school opens. Any pupil not having a book-card to show that all books were last year returned will not be given books this year until his last year's

LOCAL CITIZEN IS HONORED IN DALLAS

On last Wednesday evening at the semi-annual banquet by the Dallas Wholesale merchants to their traveling salesmen, in that city, Mr. Ernest M. Mims, of Merkel, who travels over this territory for the firm of Higginbotham, Logan and Company, was placed with Messrs Nathan Adams, Chas. L. Sanger, and other men of prominence on the program for an address, and which according to the Dallas Times-Herald, was highly enjoyed and appreciated by the 300 or more guests present. And not only that, but Mr. Mims is recognized as one of the firm's best and most substantial men on the road.

record is cleared. The state text book law requires this of us so be sure to get yours.

Former Pupils

Pupils who last year attended the Merkel School and who have their book records and credits straight will report to their rooms Monday morning, September 5th. at nine o'clock. Bring your report card and book-card with you. If at all possible, all pupils should enter the opening day. A short delay may mean that the pupil will get behind so far that making his grade for promotion will be impossible.

We ask for the continued cooperation of all parents and friends of education to the end that this year may surpass any that Merkel has ever had.

Very respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

MESSRS. PATTERSON AND BOAZ RETURN

Messrs. Jas. A. Patterson and J. E. Boaz, returned last Sunday morning from their trip to the state of Washington and intermediate points between. While owing to the fact that a sad death among the relatives of Mr. Patterson occurred and a daughter of Mr. Boaz was stricken with appendicitis while they were away, necessitating the cutting their trip much shorter than they had planned, they report having had a great time viewing the wonderful sights to be found only in those states along the Pacific coast.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

The Merkel Mail is requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the local Farm Bureau at the Tabernacle on next Saturday, August 27, and to which all members of the organization are urged and requested to be present. And all others who desire to do so are cordially invited. Important business is to come before the organization and a large attendance should be present.

REA. PARRACK IN REVIVAL AT STITH

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church closed another successful meeting last week; this time at Maryneal over in Nolan county, and during which there were 27 additions to the church; 20 of which were for Baptism. He was assisting the pastor, Rev. Horace Tatum in this meeting, and which makes 86 additions to the churches where Bro. Parrack has held meetings during the summer away from Merkel.

Pastor Parrack is now engaged in a meeting at Stith, where eight have already joined the church, and it is hoped that this meeting will bring the number of new members for the different churches where brother Parrack has been up to 100 or more. Brother Parrack will be in Merkel to fill the pulpit in his own church Sunday morning.

We are glad to learn that Miss Lula Mae Boaz who had been in an Abilene Sanitarium for some time suffering from appendicitis was operated on last Saturday, and at this time is reported as getting along nicely. Her case has been indeed a severe one, and her many young friends will rejoice to learn that she is getting along nicely.

J. M. Meeks and family who left here recently for a trip to the coast in a letter to friends reports having a very pleasant trip so far.

ROBT. BEASLEY IS OUT ON BOND

Pursuant to a writ of habeas corpus granted by Judge O. S. Littimore of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Robert Beasley, taken into custody with his brother, Davis Beasley, in connection with the fatal shooting of John Chadwick, wrestler, at Merkel made bond in the sum of \$10,000 and was released late Friday afternoon.

The writ granted by Judge Littimore was received here Friday afternoon and was to the effect that Robert Beasley should be granted bail in the sum of \$10,000. Judge Littimore's ruling came after Justice of the Peace P. B. Ford remanded both of the Beasleys to jail in an examining trial and after District Judge W. R. Ely had granted bail to Davis Beasley in the sum of \$5,000 which was made and had remanded Robert Beasley to the custody of the sheriff without bail. Judge Ely's ruling was appealed by defense counsel.

Robert Beasley returned to his home near Merkel after being released, Sheriff Bond stated Saturday.—Abilene Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 28 will be a big day at the tabernacle, the Revival Meeting under the leadership of Rev. W. A. Erwin is growing in interest with each service. Bro. Erwin preaches the gospel with old time power. Come and hear him.

The choir under the direction of Mr. Fraser is rendering efficient service. Come listen to the singing it will do you good. The Booster Choir composed of the young folks is doing splendid work, watch the Booster choir grow.

Our desire in this meeting is to save souls, and we want every Christian in Merkel to have a part in the work, and to feel that this is your meeting, for it belongs to all of us.

Sunday school will be held at the tabernacle, visitors made welcome, and if you desire to attend the class, there will be a class ready to welcome you.

The Christian Endeavor will meet at the church promptly at seven o'clock. Fred S. Rogers

SUPERINTENDENT BURGESS ARRIVES HERE

Superintendent R. A. Burgess, came in first of the week from Lubbock where he has spent most of the past few weeks with his parents. He reports an enjoyable trip with his father through parts of New Mexico and Western Texas.

He is now busily engaged in making the necessary arrangements for the opening of school here on Monday morning September 5; announcement of which will be found in this paper, and which should be read by all pupils and parents.

Dr. N. J. Smith who for several months has been practicing his profession at Ivan, Texas, was home a few days last week for a visit with his family and to look after business matters. We are glad to learn that Dr. Smith will soon return to Merkel permanently again.

T. H. Spears and family, Deputy Sheriff Ed. Blackburn and family and Mr. Blackburn's father, made up a merry fishing party to the Clearfork one day this week. And our friend Spears is authority for it that they caught more fish than they could possibly eat.

REV. MURRELL IS IN A BIG REVIVAL

Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church, was here last Saturday after having spent the previous week in a great revival at Tuscola. We understand great crowds are attending each service, and as the result of the splendid gospel sermons delivered at each service by Bro. Murrell, many had been added to the church and the meeting was growing in interest each day, hence Bro. Murrell returned to Tuscola that afternoon and will continue the meeting there all during this week.

He announces that, on account of the Presbyterian revival now in progress at the tabernacle, there will be no preaching at the Methodist church in Merkel on next Sunday; just the regular Sunday School services.

THE YOUNG PEOPLES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Young People's Missionary Society, of the Methodist church, met at the home of Miss Hallie Marquis on last Monday night. A program on our work in Korea was rendered and proved a very interesting one. We are proud to say that this Missionary Society is surely a live one. Each member is interested in the work and always willing to do what ever they are called upon to do. We always have excellent attendance and those few who fail to come are certainly missing some good meetings. There were 20 present at this meeting and we gladly welcome two visitors. After the program we enjoyed a pleasant social hour. We were given a contest on "How well do you know the Bible." This set many of us to thinking that we did not know it any too well. Josie Smith seemed to know a little more than the rest of us and was given a box of stationary for her efforts. Delicious ice cream topped with cherries and white cake was served by the hostess.

There will be no meeting next Monday night as that will be the fifth Monday but the next meeting will be the first Monday in September at the home of Miss Geneva Middleton. Reporter.

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W. F. Hamblett returned recently from his trip to his old home in the state of Mississippi, and reports having had a great time among old friends and boyhood scenes. He like all others who visit the old states, comes back talking about the good things they have to eat there. And our friend Hamblett returned looking as if he had been fed on the best of everything.

The Barrow Furniture Company is just completing the making some valuable improvements on the interior of their building which not only gives them additional floor space, but adds comfort and neat appearance as well.

Archie Smith of near Logan, New Mexico, was here recently for a visit with his father-in-law, B. M. Black and family.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

On next Sunday owing to the fact that the Presbyterian revival is in progress at the tabernacle, and the further fact that our splendid pastor, Bro. Murrell is away in a meeting, there will be no preaching at the Methodist church at either the morning or evening hour, but I do sincerely trust that on this day every mother and father will come and bring with them every member of the family for Sunday school. And especially do we hope for a large attendance of both young men and young ladies. Infact lets make the attendance at the Methodist church on his day the largest it has been for some time.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. there are those who ought to be in Sunday School. Come you will find a welcome awaiting you in one of the many classes there are classes of all ages. Come find your class. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. Parrack. Our pastor finds he can be with us at the Sunday services so come lets welcome him B. Y. P. U. at 5 p.m. Sunbeam at 4 p.m.

Tuesday the Ladies will not meet at the church, but visit from their homes. All of the ladies are urged to visit some one on that day. Chas. West.

NO UNDERS TO ATTEND SCHOOL

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Merkel Independent School District held the first week in August, it was decided that on account of the crowded conditions which prevailed last year and the prospect of the lower grades being crowded again, no pupils who are not sevenor over on or before September 1st, 1921 will be admitted to the public school. If after opening it is seen that unders may be admitted, they will be admitted upon the payment of tuition as was done last year. Because of the prevailing crowded conditions, practically all of west Texas towns have long ago excluded pupils under the scholastic age. This excludes all children born after September 1 ninteen and fourteen.

The board is sorry that the unders cannot be accomodated, but financial necessity makes their exclusion necessary.

Respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach returned Thursday morning from their trip to Mr. Leach's old home in Kentucky, and we must say that our friend Leach certainly looks as if he had plenty of everything good to eat as well as made a man feel "fit and fine."

Mrs. J. C. Baker and children who have been guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt, returned first of the week to their home in Ranger.

BIG CROWDS ARE ATTENDING REVIVAL

As per announcement last week, the Presbyterian Revival by Evangelist W. A. Irwin, began at the Tabernacle last Sunday morning with a large crowd in attendance, and which has kept up all during the week with growing interest. Mr. R. G. Fraser, who is with Evangelist Irwin and wife, the latter ably acting as pianist, immediately organized a large Chorus Choir consisting of adults from eighteen years up; and along with this a "Booster Choir," composed of boys and girls up to sixteen, which furnishes delightful and enthusiastic singing for the occasion.

Brother Irwin, who is without doubt one of the most thorough Bible students we have heard in many years, has an interesting and forceable message for his hearers at each and every service. He is earnest and sincere and while he talks in plain language letting the chips fall where they may, he is sure to point many to the way of the righteous life, besides creating a renewed energy and effort upon the part of the Christian citizenship of Merkel, before the meeting shall have come to a close. But let us say here that, if the Christian people of Merkel are interested in saving the boys and girls and others who do not stand on their side, they can help Brother Irwin and his assistants very much by attending each service and lending them a helping hand.

We understand the meeting will continue on throughout next week and over the following Sunday night at least. The following is an outline of the program for balance of the week and a part of next:

Services each evening at 8:00. Big Chorus Choir leads singing. Plenty song books for everybody. The Boosters will sing on Saturday nights.

Mr. Fraser will sing at each service.

Friday—"The Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus."

Saturday "Child Conversion."

Sunday 11 a.m. "The Resurrection of Jesus."

Sunday 4 p.m. Mrs. Erwin will address the women and girls

Sunday 8 p.m. "The Divinity of Jesus."

Monday—No service, rest day

Tuesday "The Second Coming of Jesus."

Wednesday "Lodges; The Relation of the Lodges to the church and the betterment of the world."

Fresh Vegetables and Fruits at all times of the week. Call 262. W. W. Wood Cash Gro. It

WILL GET ONE USUALLY GET 2

After a visit to his various farms this week, Mr. D. O. Huddleston states that he does not expect more than 100 bales of cotton his year, whereas he generally gets from two hundred to three hundred. Infact Mr. Huddleston is just like the most of farmers of the country, he feels sure that unless the country gets a good rain very quick the crop is going to be very short.

However D. O. says that the fine country ham and other delicious things they fed him on while in his old home state of Kentucky, not long ago, will last a while yet; and therefore he is not ready to complain much—just yet.

In Front of the Teller's Window

Sending Money through the mail for deposit in a bank is one of the developments of modern civilization. The perfection of our postal system has rendered this method of banking safe and speedy.

We are prepared to serve you by mail with the same scrupulous care as if you stood in person before the Teller's window.

Your deposits will be promptly acknowledged; your withdrawals promptly paid.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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JOHN SEARS Vice President
R. L. BLAND Vice President
R. O. ANDERSON Cashier
F. Y. GAITHER Assistant Cashier
W. L. DILTZ, Jr. Assistant Cashier

DISHES—DISHES

Please come to the Merkel Mail office and get the dishes you left at Woodrum Hotel when the Missionary girls gave their dinner. We would like for the owners to come and get theirs.

PROGRAM OF THE L. R. SCARBOROUGH B.Y.P.U.

- Missionary Meeting— Medical Leader Yates Brown.
- 1. Modern Medical Missions by Shirley King.
- 2. Medical Missions Supported by American Christians Alma Barbee.
- 3. Southern Baptist Medical Missions Mr. Chas. West.
- 4. The Needs—Willie Swann.
- 5. "If I were Over there" Mrs. Chas. West.
- 6. Reading—Mary Cleo Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons of Abilene, who has been visiting their son, W. E. Weed and family of Merkel also friends in the Union Ridge community, returned home Thursday accompanied by their grandchild, little Marguerette Weed.

Miss Lois Brunson of Midland has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt this week; returning with them on their return last week from a visit with relatives near Midland, Texas.

R. L. Bland and family returned last week from their trip to Colorado and California. They report a most enjoyable trip, but as is with the most of our citizenship who visit the west, returned stating they were satisfied with Merkel and Taylor County.

Mrs. Jack Graves, of Waco, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. R. I. Grimes this week.

Forty years of constant use is the best proof of the effectiveness of White's Cream Vermifuge for expelling worms in children or adults. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Au

TO CREAM CUSTOMERS

Beginning the first of September I will test Cream on Wednesdays and Saturdays. I have the Sweedish Cream Separators for sale. N. E. Wood, at Wood Cash Grocery. tf

Mr. J. L. Banner who accompanied Mr. H. D. Simpson on one of his trips to the Rio Grande Valley last week returned very much pleased with that great irrigated district.

Don't imagine it is ruined because you get it all soiled. We can clean and press it and you will be delighted with the job. Ligon the laundryman, phone number 218. tf

BOYS MAKE MONEY

Send your name to Circulation Manager, SUNSET MAGAZINE, San Francisco, Cal., and receive details of its special offer to boys who want to make spending money in vacations, after school, etc. Attractive special prizes for producers. tf

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No Hunter Ever Bagged His Game Using Blank Cartridges

Nor have satisfaction-giving bank accounts ever been built with unkept good resolutions.

Tomorrow never comes. Next week will never arrive. Next month will never be here. Savings accounts and bank balances do not thrive on money that will be salted away in the future. It is the money deposited now that builds the balance. It is the money that comes out of the pay envelope or salary check every "first" and "fifteenth" that counts.

May we have the pleasure of serving you now? And on the "first" and "fifteenth" a warm welcome, indeed, awaits you.

Bring your Cotton Checks to us for cash or deposit. WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

By the way, have you seen one of the Government's \$25 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates? It is worth looking into.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The old members of the Missionary Society will entertain the new members in a social meeting Monday afternoon, August 29th at the church.

A nice program has been arranged for this meeting after which there will be refreshments and a pleasant social hour. Every member of the Society is urged to be present at this meeting. The following program will be rendered:

- Song.
- 1. Bible Lesson "The Spirit of the beloved Community" (Acts 2:43-47; 4:5-11) Mrs. Sandifer.
- 2. Prayer Mrs. C. B. Smith.
- 3. Seeing Sochow from the great Pagoda—Mrs. Will Smith.
- 4. A History and Geography Lesson on Womans Work in Sochow—Mrs. H. C. Williams.
- 5. A narrow escape—Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.
- 6. Song. Dismissal with Missionary benediction.

Call Ligon the laundryman for special prices on childrens cleaning and pressing through this and next week. Phone 218. 26t2

J. M. Johnson and wife returned first of the week from a trip to Hopkins county, their old home county. Mr. Johnson reports a fine time with plenty of melons and other good things to eat—and—well he did not say much about the corn crop—or the manner in which the farmers were planning to dispose of same, but we judge at about \$16.00 per gallon.

Mrs. John Marshall of Sherman, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears this week.

When you feel dull, achey and sleepy and want to stretch frequently, you are ripe for an attack of malaria. Take Herbine at once. It cures malaria and chills and puts the system in order. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Aug

IT'S HERE FOR YOU

THE RIGHT GOODS AT RIGHT PRICES

We Cordially invite you to our store and know you will be delighted in seeing so low prices on snappy good merchandise.

GOOD WORK GLOVES
75C \$1.00 \$1.50
These are Good leather.

GINGHAMS
10-15-20-25-30C
Best on Market for Price.

GOOD WORK PANTS
\$1.50 \$1.95 \$2.50

PERCALES
09-15-20 & 25

MEN'S \$6.90 \$7.40 AND \$8.50 HATS

Your Choice Now For \$4.95

LADIES! See our New Suits and Dresses
MEN! We have New Pants and Suits
Full eight ounce Duck of First Grade Cotton 12c

THE BROWN D. G. CO.

QUALITY MERCHANDISE

County Commissioner, W. H. Frazier, accompanied by his wife and daughter, returned Wednesday from a visit with friends and relatives in Menard, Schleicher and Sutton counties. He reports dry weather prevailing in those sections and conditions in many instances pretty hard. He and family enjoyed the trip and visit very much; returning home considerably refreshed, not withstanding the continued hot weather.

Try a sack of Seal Flour, fully guaranteed and none better. At Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Are you moving to school this season? If you are see me for three-room house; three lots, car shed, smoke house, coal bin, overhead tank, new well, gasoline engine, located two blocks, one-half east school house in Merkel. Price \$1,600. H. J. Yandell, owner, box 487, Merkel, Texas. 26t2p

COAL—COAL

We are enlarging our yard and storing all the coal we can, but don't wait until winter to buy. Get our prices now while good coal is plentiful. Swafford and Leslie. 1t

Every Sack of Seal Flour guaranteed to give satisfaction. At Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Mr. J. T. Howard who has been connected with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank for many years, left last week for Hillsboro and Dallas, where he will spend a short vacation with his son and daughter.

Bran and Shorts of the highest quality at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

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

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T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and Pacific trains taking effect on June 5th.

West Bound	
No. 1 (Sunshine).....	9:36 p.m.
No. 5	4:13 a.m.
No. 23	5:00 p.m.
East Bound	
No. 2 (Sunshine).....	8:36 a.m.
No. 4	9:30 a.m.
No. 16	11:50 p.m.

An open mouth and an open mind do not always go together.

Yes, Jason; the price of beef these days is enough to get a man's goat.

Opportunity knocks but once, says Robert Quillen, but Envy keeps it up forever.

How do you suppose a mosquito feels when he finds that he has tackled a wooden leg?

It is often too hot to have company, but lots of people never think it is too hot to go visiting.

It is about time for the old grouch who always predicts a hard winter to make his appearance.

It is fine to talk about disarmament; but we had better keep our powder dry for a while longer yet.

Let us hope that September will not be jealous of the heat record of Aug. and try to do better—or worse.

COZY THEATRE

Friday Alice Brady in "Out of the Chorus"	August 26 Rolin Comedy Fox News	Saturday Fox Feature Sunshine Comedy Mutt & Jeff	August 27
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We had just as well face the fact: Too many of us never pray for help until we see defeat staring us in the face.

The future of this nation depends largely, in fact principally, upon the training and efforts of the parents and school teachers of the country towards boys and girls who we might say, will be the men and women of tomorrow. If we would save and preserve the honor and virtue among them, there must be some right training in the home and school. And, mother, father and teacher must set an unquestioned example before the rising generation. School teachers can not spend the greater portion of 5 or six nights in the week out on the commons and be capable of rendering efficient service. And neither can they do these things and keep them hid from their pupils.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

We wish to call the attention of the school children to the fact that we are having prepared a big lot of Book Covers which are up to the standard as required by the State Board of Education and which we will hand to the Superintendent of the Merkel schools before the beginning of school, to be handed out to the children free of charge. THE MERKEL POWER CO. It

J. M. Jourdan and family returned to Merkel first of the week from an extended trip to points on the Plains, the Panhandle and Southwestern Oklahoma. Mr. Jourdan reports crops about like this section with the exception of a part of the Panhandle and Plains.

Ed Teaff returned first of the week from a visit to different points on the Plains.

Mr. L. R. Thompson as a member of the County Board of Education will attend a meeting of County and District members at Abilene next Saturday, which has been called by County school Superintendent Miss Ada D. Pearce.

H. M. Rose and wife were called to Stephenville Monday by a message announcing the serious illness of a relative.

Miss Dixie Howard returned first of the week from Hillsboro and Dallas where she spent her vacation with friends and relatives.

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See the Goods in the Latest Patterns from **A. E. Anderson & Co. Tailors - Chicago**

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If You Want **An All-Wool Fabric An Up-to-Date Model Correct Fit and Finest of Tailoring**

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We have the best to be had for the money on the market. Also a ladies tailoring line with all the new checks and plads also the latest styles, at reasonable prices.

CASH Tailor Shop

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two good wagons and a row binder. See Eli Case. 12t4p

FOR SALE—My home place, or will rent to reliable party. See W. L. Diltz Sr., Merkel. 19t2

FOR SALE—Or trade, 320 acres good improved land in Oklahoma. Will trade for land here. See W. O. Boney. tf

LOST

LOST—A Fox Terrier, female puppy, about five months old; was wearing collar when last seen. Will pay reward for return. Clifford Rose. It

LOST—Between Mr. Cordell's and Mrs. Annis' residence, a small black crocheted Purse, containing some money. Finder please leave with Mrs. Cordell. It

WANTED

WANTED—About 200 bushels of good Oats. Tom Largent. tf

PLENTY COW FEED—Hulls, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Hay. Phone number 203. tf

MISCELLANEOUS

DRESS MAKING

Dressmaking, Designing, Artistic Remodeling of Gowns, Suits, Wraps. Also to order Individual afternoon Dresses. Prices very reasonable. Mrs. E. S. Hamilton, opposite Anderson Gin, at S. K. Eckard residence. Phone 82. 19t2pd

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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 go home without seeing those Maize Headers at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Another car of Dawson Fancy Egg Coal expected any day. H. M. Rose and Son. tf

Bran and Shorts of the highest quality at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf



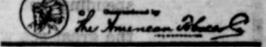
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Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Perry of Abilene, who have been visiting friends and relatives in this city will visit relatives on the Divide before returning home.

FOR BLUE BUGS

Head-lice, Stick-tight Fleas and all blood sucking Insects. Simply feed "Martins Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store Nov 4

CHAIRS, CHAIRS, CHAIRS

SPECIAL SALE ON ODD CHAIRS

We have a quantity of broken sets of chairs. Some cheap, some medium and some high grade leather seat chairs, from one to four of a kind. We are going to close them out this week at bargain prices. If you need just a few chairs and don't want to buy a full set, you can't afford to miss this sale, come early and get first choice.

P. S.

Just two more days to get the free linoleum with your Hoosier cabinet you had better hurry.

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Furniture Priced to Suit Every Home. Every Pocketbook

We have Furniture priced as low as you would want to go, and we will please you at the other extreme.

It makes no difference to us what price you want to pay. The important thing is to see you pleased.

Whatever your furniture problem, bring it to us and we will help you to decide.

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 FURNITURE
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Excursion to the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas

Our Special train will leave Dallas over the M.K. & T. rail road Sept. the 10th. Round trip Rate from Dallas including transportation, Pullman Service, Meals and showing country by automobile only \$30.00.

This trip if taken by you singly would cost you four times the amount we charge and from an educational stand point it will be worth ten times the amount you pay for it.

We will stop at Houston and Galveston on the way south spending one day in Galveston sight seeing including a visit to the great sea wall, the Galveston Beach, and dining at a million dollar hotel. Will leave Galveston in the evening and arrive in the Magic Valley of the lower Rio Grande the next morning.

It is a wonderful trip, Interesting, instructive and educational. This Valley has developed faster than any part or section of the country in a given length of time, it is a country of beautiful homes, rich farms and splendid groves of oranges, Grape Fruit, Lemon and other Citrus fruits, waving fields of Corn and cotton, alfalfa, and other crops maturing in midsummer. Every day is planting time and every month is harvest. A country unexcelled for its splendid Schools, Churches and it's high standard of citizenship.

It is all we claim for it and more. If you find anything misrepresented we will gladly refund your money.

Would you like to go where you can farm 365 days in the year. If you are interested see

H. D. SIMPSON

Who will gladly make reservations for you.
PHONE 261

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

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

T. A. Dunn of San Diego, California, passed through Merkel yesterday morning on a tour of inspection of the Bankhead Highway from that city to Washington, D. C. He reports most of the highway from here to San Diego completed and in fair condition.

M. G. King, the gentleman who brought in the first bale of cotton this year, was in the city one day this week and stated that he had out five bales already, and that as conditions stand now, he believed he would get off of eighty acres planted in cotton about 13 bales.

OH, WHERE IS MY (GIRL) BOY TONIGHT

Parked on Polk street Saturday evening was a coupe car in which were two young men and two young women the latter seated upon the laps of the former two young men.

No, they were not married, nor were they brothers and sisters. They were sons and daughters of some fathers and mothers, and therefore entitled to care they were not receiving, society as a whole, as well as from their parents or guardians.

Did you see them? They were not difficult to see nor were they seemingly embarrassed by reason of their attitude out there on the city's most prominent street.

If these girls had been your girls instead of the girls of some other parents, what would be your attitude about it?

While Amarillo has no monopoly on it, there is a polite laxity of moral attitude and standards here that is detrimental to the best interests of society. This is largely a result of the prevalence of a fact: "What's everybody's business is nobody's business." Men and women will not feel burdened by responsibilities for young people, outside their own families.

It is not necessary that reference should be made to the undesirable psychological effect of such action as young people sitting in each other's laps, when both sexes are involved. Men and women know the evils of this character of conduct, and they likewise know that it should be stopped in the interest of society at large.

When reference is made to an the public morals, and particular known that while this is a fact, and not a fanciful sketch, it is by no means an isolated case. On the other streets, on the country roads, on the inside of fenced enclosures in close proximity too, and in points more remote from the city, these things are witnessed, and always to the detriment of the community.

Girls of tender years, mere children who are not out of the grades in the schools in some instances, it is reported dress and deport themselves in a manner formerly attributed to hardened brazen women of the streets. With carmined lips, rouged cheeks, with betweezered eyebrows, with frenzied hair, with the swager of daring attributes of the public characters, invite attention to the coarse, grosser members of the opposite sex. In view of these facts, and they are facts, and only part of the more repellant facts at that, what are the parents, the teachers, the ministers, the publicists going to do about it?

Yes, we must admit that this is not very polite, not an over aesthetic matter to place in print and yet The News feels that it has a duty in connection with incident on Polk Street, let it be by as to those dangerous attitudes affecting the young life of both sexes. Is for this reason that this newspaper dares to bring the existing undesirable state of affairs in this manner, to the minds of those who are concerned for the welfare of the community.

Amarillo has a duty to perform in the interest of public morals—duty that is not being discharged at present. Question "What are we going to do about it?"—Amarillo Daily News.

Yes, it is an awful condition! The statements made in the article above regarding Amarillo can be duplicated in Lubbock, and it is only a matter of time till some dire calamity will befall some of Lubbock's young people, in fact it has already befallen some of them, but others will be in the same awful predicament if the parents of the young folks of this community do not show more concern regarding their boys and girls.

The same capers are pulled in Lubbock as in Amarillo. The parents seem unconcerned. They allow their girls to frolic till a late hour with young men, and auto ride till late in the night, and they seem to care nothing about them further than to turn

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They seem to think it nothing wrong for their girls to go to the dance halls, auto ride and attend base ball games, races or what not. They let them go when they want to and where they want to, and what they are sowing now will reap a harvest of heartaches or we will be badly fooled.

The days of restrictions are no more! Many parents know nothing about where their children are, or where they are going when they leave, they guard not their characters, because they are not careful who they

go with or how they go. Never in the history of our lives have we seen conditions just as they are at present, and we offer this as a warning that many hearts will be broken as a result of the seed that is being sown now.

Take this for what it is worth, but parents you should think. Think deep and long! Think far into the night, and concern yourself now as to where your girl is, and call a halt. It is time. ed!—Lubbock Avalanche.

I. N. Irwin of near Noodle, was here last Saturday on business and while here made this office a pleasant call.

"I smiled- and he shot me"



AFTER MONTHS and months, MY WIFE persuaded me, TO HAVE a party, SO I went away, TO THE photographer, AND GOT my girl, WHEN THE pictures came, I SHOWED them to a gang OF AMATEUR critics, AND PROFESSIONAL crabs, DISGUISED AS friends, WHO FAVORED me, WITH SUCH remarks as, "DOESN'T HE look natural?" "HAS IT got a tail?" "A GREAT resemblance," AND THAT last one, MADE ME sore, SO WHEN my wife, ADDED HER own, I TRIED again.

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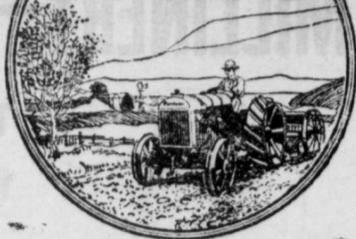
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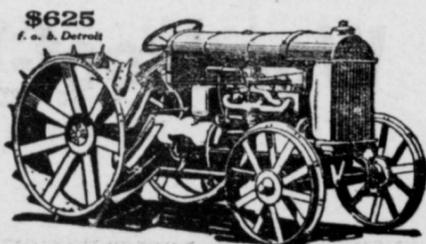
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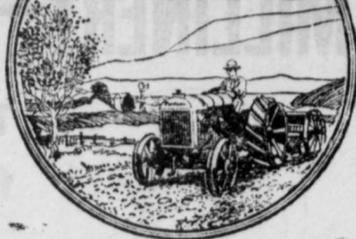
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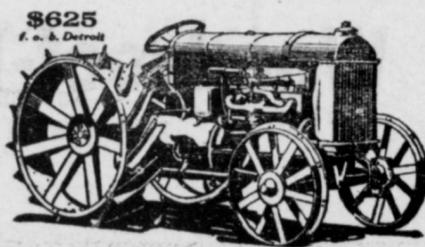
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I said before, farming is a business! Let us compare our business with that of, for instance a shoe manufacturer. The manufacturer is continually giving thought and study to the conditions of his factory, how he can make things easier and at a less cost, and add to his production and therefore his revenue without increasing the producing cost. We must grow more without any additional expense, if possible. Were the shoe manufacturer to conduct his business on the same lines as the old time farmer, he would simply have to pass out of existence.

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Blair Gin is doing big business cutting out cotton every day and Pat Addison buying it as fast as it is ginned.

Brick arrived for Ray's No. 2 Store. Hurrah for North Blair.

Johnnie and Mrs. Ray left Sunday for the East to purchase goods for their big new building.

Glorious Revival is going on at White Church. Bro. Northcutt doing the preaching.

Mr. McCloud holding down the Depot while Sanford is visiting home folks at Talpa.

Johnnie Ray spied a big rat the other morning called his wife to bring his gun and as he lay on the ground to shoot under

the floor had to hold the gun in his hand to shoot well he got the rat but some of the shot went on and struck his wife in the arm and breast, fortunately it was not serious. Big Jim

Harry Barnett and family returned last Saturday from their visit with relatives at Sweetwater, and Mr. Barnett is again at his post of duty with the West Company.

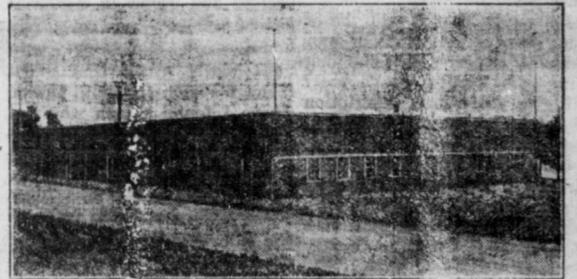
Ross Wheeler, the splendid and accomodating meat cutter at the Patterson Brothers Meat Market, is taking a few days vacation this week. Accompanied by his wife, they are spending a few days with friends in Sweetwater.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's tf

Miss Ruth Boden returned this week from her trip to California.

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NEW DORMITORY FOR EDUCATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS



DORMITORY

So important has become the work of the State Fair educational encampments for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, that the State Fair of Texas this year erected a cottage dormitory building especially for their use. This building is a modern one in every particular, and will comfortably house five hundred students at the time. Each Fair season the State Fair entertains a large group of boys and girls, on separate encampments, as its guests. They are royally entertained, and have free access to amusements as well as the educational features of the Fair. These trips to the State Fair are a reward for merit in club work, the contests being staged each season.

New Things to Interest You.

Low Prices to Tempt You

Yes, the first of the New Models are here. And fall fashion-wise will be the women who take advantage of the earliest display to see "What will be What" this autumn. On the first crisp day and even before if you are going to make a trip, wear a woolen frock. Of all the garments for fall dresses, wool seems to be the most favored. They are just heavy enough to wear by themselves on the first cool day, they serve equally as well under one's coat later. Tricotines lead again with Poiret Twills close behind, best shades are navy and black.

But we can't dwell on one item too long, for our store is filled to overflowing with everything needed for the youngest to the oldest in the family—in fact it's a family store, So bring the whole family in and let us fit them out. Our prices are right and a visit will convince you that we can save you money—and this is on quality goods too.

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