

WOULD BUILD ADDITION TO CHURCH

Talk of the handsome addition to the Methodist Church is going the rounds. Some are saying "It can't be did". Others are saying it is a "measly shame" that it hasn't already been done. Still others are saying, "For God's sake, let us build it now." The preacher is canvassing the situation with a view to calling his special board together to see what is to be done about it. A little money and some good promises would go along way, now, toward building a good, substantial structure. Material and labor are both cheap and several hundred dollars could be saved building at this time. Then, also, our enlarged Sunday School and our enlarged church attendance would help to pay the bill. We have made a splendid feed crop and a fair cotton crop. With the big price we have received for cotton, we are in fairly good shape. It is our plan to do our very best to have a great revival of religion in the community this winter. If we will come now, with our offering to the Lord, he will likely hear us when we call upon him for the revival during the winter months. He will in all probability fill all the new room that we can supply. At any rate we might put him to the test. He never has failed a people who trusted him.

The plan which the preacher has in mind, as to the kind of building, is this: Build a structure on the north end of the building the same height and practically the same width, and of the same kind of material, as the old building. Build it north 32 feet moving the north wall, 32 feet further north. Then, the main part of the structure would be 32 by 40 feet. This can be made into 4 Sunday school rooms below and four above. Have half the space below to open up into the main auditorium and, likewise, half the space above. This, then, would serve to enlarge the present main auditorium. Then, on the west side of the new structure, continue the off-set which takes care of the choir, to the furthest line north. This would give two more rooms, with a small back porch. On the east side of the structure, two more rooms can be built, coming out flush with the present north entrance; this would give place for a stair-way to rooms and gallery above. This provides low walls for the brick veneer, and minimizes the cost of material. We would have most of the material for the north wall and, we would have all the costliest stained windows.

As to the roof, there is to be three gables to match the ones we have. The main part of the roof would be brought on north the same height as now. The other two gables would be one in the east and one in the west.

REV. PARRACK TO PREACH TUSCOLA

Rev. Ia L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, announces that he will go to Tuscola next Sunday morning for the purpose of assisting in the 75 million drive there, and will therefore be absent from his duties with the church here, but will return in time to occupy the pulpit in his church for the evening hour.

On last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Parrack, preached at Compere, in the interest of the 75 million drive, and besides had the pleasure of taking nine new members into the church there.

A NEW BANK IS ORGANIZED TRENT

Trent, Texas, Nov 5—The Trent Home Bank has just been chartered and completed its organization with the following officers; President, J. T. Warren, Merkel; Vice-President, T. J. Williamson, Trent; Cashier, L. E. Adrian, Trent. The directors are, J. T. Warren, E. D. Teuton, T. L. Stevens, M. G. Scott, H. W. Beckham, T. J. Williamson and L. E. Adrian. In addition to those already mentioned the following constitute the principal stockholders; Henry James, Abilene; G. E. West, Merkel; and C. T. Beckham, James Bright, Alex Williamson, C. L. McLeod, Mrs. Sarah Bright, Mrs. J. P. Beckham and Mrs. Ada F. Stephens.

The bank is capitalized at \$17,500 and is unincorporated. It is housed in its own handsome little brick building recently completed for that purpose. The equipment is up-to-date and the building is lighted with a Delco lighting system. Abilene Reporter.

17 BLACKS 2 WHITES UP FOR GAMBLING

On last Saturday night, City marshal Jinks Winter and night watchman, John Woodard, felt that they had a tip that there was a big "game" on at some point in or near the city, and with the assistance of a private citizen, made an investigation, which resulted in taking in charge seventeen negroes and two white men, who we understand pled guilty and paid fines for gambling. Quite a haul for one game.

ADVERTISING

Advertising makes a town, therefore men who do the advertising of any town are the makers of it and should have the credit for doing so. In Childress, as in all towns there are some non-advertisers—men who do business, or try to, with never a cent spent for advertising. These fellows get part of the benefit from the progressive neighbor's advertising therefore, in a sense they are mooching on their neighbor's investment. When you come to town to spend your money you should always try to trade with the firm that spends its money freely for advertising for that is the kind of people that makes your town and keeps it going. The Post believes that this is done very largely. The people are rapidly learning that it pays to trade where they are invited and many will shun the store that does not think enough of its business to solicit same. "Business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated."—Childress Post.

TURKEYS! TURKEYS

We will buy Turkey's at A. L. Jobe's Store, Tuesday November 15th. The present market price justifies 19 cents per pound. Bradley Mercantile Co. 1tp.

This would preserve the symmetry and beauty of the church and would enhance the beauty of its appearance. This would give us a church building of which we could be justly proud of. It would preserve our present, splendid little structure and make one of the most beautiful church buildings in this part of the country. Verily, it ought to be done. What do you say? C. W. Foote, Pastor.

17,000 BALES IN CO. UP TO OCTOBER 18

According to the Bureau of Census, Washington D. C. there has been ginned the 1921 cotton crop in Taylor county, 17,499 bales of cotton, as compared to 1,397 last year on the same date.

To date Merkel has received something over 9,000 bales of the Taylor county crop, and which is almost completed. Last year Merkel received about 17,000 bales, whereas this year the total is not expected to exceed 10,000 at most.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS

The King's Daughters class held their regular monthly meeting on last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. W. Cox. A large crowd was present and a good meeting was held. Our president, Mrs. Hutcheson, presided over the meeting, and after the scripture lesson was read, Mrs. Watts led in prayer. Business was then taken up and in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Sanders was appointed Secretary protem. The quilt which we had on hands for so long was discussed but was decided to do nothing more with it till after the holidays. The resignation of Mrs. Will Smith, as Sec-Treas, was accepted and Mrs. Robbins was elected to fill her place.

After the business had all been transacted a very delightful social hour was spent. We enjoyed very much a ship contest and we had no idea before that there were so many different kinds of ships. We especially enjoyed some special music by Mrs. Hollingsworth. At the close of the meeting our hostess assisted by Mrs. Hutcheson served a dainty refreshment plate of hot chocolate, with marshmallows, and delicious layer cake.

This was one of the most delightful meetings that the Kings Daughters have ever had, and we are gradually gathering new strength and are expecting to accomplish great things in the very near future.

Reporter

Read Barrow Furniture Co.'s unusual offer in their advertisement in this paper. It.

BUSINESS HOUSES ARE CLOSED TODAY

In honor of our soldier boys who fought and died in the great World War, that "Right might Prevail", November 11, Armistice day has been designated by Congress as a National Holiday in compliance with same, the business houses are closed today.

This is as it should be, for no doubt the world is indebted to the American soldier for really turning the tide in that great struggle, and not only should the American people do honor to them, but the world at large.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m. with places for all.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Bro. O. B. Tatum will preach at the morning hour and the pastor at the evening hour.

B. Y. P. U.'s at four o'clock.

All regular services during the week.

Come help climb the ladder, we reached a new high mark Sunday with 361 present.

There is a welcome awaiting you.

Ira L. Parrack, ly.

T. & P. ENGINE EXPLODES--1 KILLED

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 8.—R. Edwards, engineer, is dead and J. Jennings, fireman, and E. B. Atwell, brakeman, are not expected to recover, as a result of the exploding this morning of locomotive No. 508 on the Texas & Pacific Railroad eleven miles east of Abilene.

Edwards died within forty minutes and Jennings and Atwell, physicians said this afternoon, could not recover, as each man has more than on-third of his body surface scalded.

The engine, one of the largest in use by the Texas & Pacific was pulling a freight train of fifty cars, loaded with cattle and oil, east bound. The explosion threw the boiler fifty feet into the air and when it struck the ground it turned over end. Parts of the flying machinery knocked down fences and telegraph poles on both sides of the track, about 500 feet of telegraph wire being torn down.

The cab was thrown back several car lengths.

Residents of the vicinity said the escaping steam covered several acres.

Parts of the engine fell near the home of A. B. aWeldon, third of a mile away, while the home of C. H. Ellison, nearer the scene of the action, was filled with smoke.

The bodies of the injured men were picked up more than a hundred feet from the scene.

Edwards, the engineer was scalded all over, sustained a broken skull and a broken leg.

Jennings, the fireman, received scalds all over the body. Atwell's left leg was broken in three places, his right leg in one place his left arm broken and his body scalded.

The body of Edwards and the two injured men were brought to Abilene. All three lived in Big Spring.

Later—We learn that the fireman and brakeman have both died since the accident.

ROSE AND HANCOCK BUY BRICK BUILDING

We understand Messrs H. M. Rose and N. Hancock have this week closed a deal for the purchase of the building which with their barber shop and bakery business was destroyed by fire some weeks ago, and will immediately rebuild same and as soon as completed each gentleman again re-establish his former business; except Mr. Hancock will leave off his Cafe, devoting his entire time to the Bakery and Candy business.

These gentlemen are splendid business men and we are glad to learn that they will soon be back in business in the same old stands, only better fixed than ever they say.

GINNING NOTICE

Next week, the following gins will run for only two days, the 18 and 19th of November. It

Anderson Gin Co.
Mayfield Gin Co.
Planters Gin Co.
F. P. Hamm Gin.
Guitar Gin Co. 4t2.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. C. L. Cash who suffered severe burns about the face one day last week, while attempting to light the burner for the pressing machine in her Tailor Shop, is at this time getting along nice

ONE IS SLASHED WITH KNIFE TUES.

We are informed that Marshal Provine is in a critical condition as the results of several knife wounds received one day this week in a difficulty with Jim Tipton.

As to what was the cause of the trouble between the two men, both of whom are well known and well to do citizens we have not learned.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Bible study Sunday morning ten o'clock. Communion service at 11 o'clock. Subject for 11 o'clock, "God's way and Man's way", with J. A. Buford as leader. Arl Sharp will read the scripture lesson for the morning.

Prayermeeting Friday evening at 7:15 o'clock, subject for study, Friday evening, "Is man Conscious between death and the resurrection". Come help us to enjoy all these services. O. J. Adcock.

MAKING SOME NEW ADDITION CHURCH

The people of Merkel are indeed glad to learn that the Presbyterian people have this week raised sufficient funds with which to complete the basement to their beautiful church building and have already started a force of men to work on same.

When the basement is completed they will have much additional room for the carrying on of the different branches of their religious work, as there is an additional floor space in the basement of about 60x70.

BOX TO ORPHANS HOME

At the home of Mrs. R. L. Blands, a box will be packed for the Orphans home, on Friday 18th. Any one wishing to donate will be welcomed to do so, at any hour convenient. The Presbyterian Ladies.

Arch Rose and Mr. Blotcher of the Merkel Lumber Company returned Wednesday from a hunting trip in the south part of the state. They report a great time and that game was plentiful. As evidence of their luck, they brought along on their return the hide of a Deere and a wild Hog.

Mrs. Vernon Sublett and Miss Lillian Watts returned first of the week from a trip to Waco, where they attended the Cotton Palace and visited friends and relatives.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEYS TWO KIN' O' SMAHT FOLKS -- ONE UV 'EM DOOES THINGS FUH YOU EN TOTHER DOOES 'EM TO YOU!



FLUE ON FIRE GIVE FIRE BOYS A RUN

Soot in one of the flues of the High School building caught on fire about eleven-thirty yesterday and as the smoke from same rolled out in big billows it was thought the building was on fire and when Supt Burgess was notified of the supposed fire, he immediately ordered "A Fire drill of the pupils from the building and then turned in an alarm, which soon brought the Volunteer Fire Boys as well as hundreds of citizens. But by this time some of the boys from the High School had found out that it was only the soot in a flue on fire. But every one is glad that no damage was done and that no one was hurt.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last Sunday was indeed a good day in the Presbyterian Sunday School; in fact the best day of the whole year. There was a splendid response to the appeal made, and as a result our enrollment went almost to the goal. Our score board, too, will show a remarkable gain for the Merkel Sunday School.

The new Era Class is indeed to be congratulated on its splendid showing. There were present on last Sunday Twenty-five out of thirty two members. If this record is repeated on next Sunday, a picture of the class will be made and forwarded to the class magazine. So let each member of the class endeavor to get all absentees out on the coming Sunday.

Let it be the endeavor of each member of the school to reach our goal one hundred twenty five in enrollment and one hundred in attendance on next Sunday. Let's work to this end during the remaining days of the week. Just a little co-operation now, and the end of the contest period will see Merkel Presbyterian Sunday School going over the top with flying colors.

Let us urge every member of the school to be present next Sunday, on time, with a prepared lesson. Jas. H. West Supt.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

We are requested to announce that, on next Monday night there will be a meeting of the local Farm Bureau at the Tabernacle in this city, at eight o'clock.

It is expected that a prominent speaker will be present and each member is urged to be present.

BIG BARGAINS IN THE DAILY PAPERS

The Merkel Mail is prepared to offer the citizens of Merkel and surrounding country the greatest bargains in Newspaper Clubbing offers that has been offered for years.

Yes, we can SAVE YOU MONEY, on a clubbing offer with the Mail, the Abilene Morning Reporter, the Fort Worth Star Telegram, the Fort Worth Record. On all these you save at least \$1 by subscribing through the Merkel Mail. That is you can get the Mail and any of the dailies mentioned for at least \$1.00 less than the bargain day offers, by taking them with the Mail. And several dollars less than their usual rates.

This offer is on for only limited time, and we suggest that you come in at once and subscribe or renew as the case may be.

Here's a Guaranty

The people who are familiar with the policies of this Bank, who know our officers and have used our service, really need no guaranty of the Safety of their funds. We have their confidence, and we are proud to say that this confidence is fairly earned.

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NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE ROAD LAWS

The last Legislature made the following changes in the road laws, which changes go into effect on the 15th of November 1921.

Raised the price from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Raised the age limit from 45 years to 50 years old.

Made it the duty of the Tax collector to collect Road Tax instead of Treasurer. The new law provides that all able bodied male persons out side of the limit of incorporate cities, are subject to five days road duty, unless they pay the road tax, which tax will be \$5.00 on and after the 15th of November 1921.

The old law holds good until the night of the 14th, of Nov. 1921. Those subject to road duty may up to the 15th, get off at the old price \$4.00, but be sure to call on the Treasurer not later than the 14, or you will have to pay the new price \$5.00. D. T. Harkrider Tax Collector. It

THE RATS AROUND MY PLACE WERE WISE," SAYS JOHN TNTHILL.

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YOUNG PEOPLES' BIBLE STUDY

The young folks of the church of Christ meet for Bible Study Sunday evening at four o'clock. Scripture for the study will be Ex. 12th chapter to close of Ex.

Miss Alma Barbee will be the leader for the evening, and ask questions as she chooses from the scripture named above. Let all study closely to be able to answer all questions that she may ask. O J. Adcock.

Yes

it's toasted, of course. To seal in the flavor—



WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

The weekly prayer meeting met with Ms. Barrett, and had 10 present and an interesting meeting. We will meet next Wednesday at 2:30 with Mrs. Clyde Sears. The 17 Chapter of Matt. will be the lesson for next time, with Mrs. Barrett as leader. Reporter.

If your bowels do not act regularly, you feel uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. To put an end to the misery, take Herbine. It purifies the bowels, restores energy and cheerful spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Store November.



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GOLAN ITEMS

School opened Oct. 31 with a good attendance. Henry Purvis of Commanche Co. is principal, and Miss Thelma Cooper of Ranger as assistant. We feel sure with the hearty cooperation of the parents, that this will be a most successful term.

Little Harold McClung and Johnnie Hill are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffery and Med Herron, wife and little son, Cloyd spent the day with Holton Jones and family Sunday.

George Byrom Jr. and sister Gertrude were guests of Wesley and Mary Northcutt, Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Merritt of Colorado and Mrs. Payne of Sweetwater lectured here Sunday afternoon on Ladies Missionary Societies. After which the ladies organized a Missionary Society here, with Mrs. Dora Hill as Supt.; Mrs. J. D. Northcutt, Social Supt.; Bula Herron, Secretary; and Mrs. Hugh Jeffery, treasurer. The meetings will be held twice a month at the Methodist Church.

Dawson McCain made a business trip to Abilene, Saturday. We are wondering just when Mrs. McCain will prepare the wedding Supper.

The Box Supper Saturday night brought \$100 which will help pay for the lights, heater, and a chair and other conveniences for the new Methodist Church.

Jess Green and family visited at Charlie Dean's Sunday.

G. M. Byrom and wife, and Chester Duncan, wife and little son, Gerald Norris, were visiting at Val Byroms Sunday.

J. T. Williams spent Saturday night with his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Jeffery.

George Lawlis has purchased a new Dodge.

Zoe.

Mr. Clyde Y. Barron came up from Midland Sunday to visit with friends here.

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All Day

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On May 2, 1919, Mrs. Chelf added: "Doan's Kidney Pills are a grand remedy and I gladly recommend them again. I use a few occasionally and they always give fine results."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Chelf had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo N. Y.

PREPARES FOR LEAN YEAR

Corn, oats, hay and other feed crops are not salable at a price that will pay cost of production. Abundant yields and light demands now are almost sure to be followed by smaller yields and active demands. Winter grazing crops, such as oats, wheat rye and barley, because of drouth, will not be plentiful, and cured feeds must be used more lavishly than when grain has made sufficient growth to supplement other feeds.

It will be good business to hold over until it is known what the next crops will be, all surplus feed that can safely be stored or stacked.

Years of plenty followed by years of scarcity, and it would be well to follow the example of Pharoah and be prepared for the lean years.—Farm and Ranch.

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THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

The afternoon being ideal, a large number came in answer to invitations given by Mesdames Weaver and Arrington at the home of the latter.

A time was spent in fancy work and jolly conversation.

Dainty score cards were then passed and tables arranged for progressive forty-two.

Following several interesting games, hand made paper shirt wastes with crepe paper sashes with contest on back were given each, answers were to be different materials. Mrs. L. B. Scott proved to be the lucky one and was presented with a dainty maline beau.

A short business was then held and was unanimously agreed that the playing of forty two, would be discontinued until after Christmas and the time given over to fancy work. Also a change was made in the hour of the meeting to two thirty in stead of three o'clock.

Refreshments of delicious sandwiches, potatoe chips, pickle and coffee were then enjoyed.

The club then adjourned to meet next week with Mesdames Miller and Groene, at the home of Mrs. Groene.

All members are urged to be on time at the next meeting as business session will proceed the social hour. Note change in time of meeting. Reporter.

Plenty of Shorts, Brand, corn and corn chops. See Crown Hardware.

Mrs. R. J. Miller was the lucky lady receiving the handsome mattress given away some time ago by the Barrow Furniture Co. And on last Saturday Mrs. H. J. Hellman was awarded the beautiful Axminster Rug given away by this company.

Old Homestead Coffee at G. M. Sharps.

CONSTABLE'S SALE

By virtue of a certain execution issued by J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor county, on the 29th day of October 1921, in a certain cause wherein The First Baptist Church of Merkel, Texas, plaintiff, and J. D. Harvey et al are defendants in favor of said plain tiffs and numbered 4704 on the docket of said court for the sum of forty one hundred sixty one dollars and fifty one cents, with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum, from the date of judgement, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of a judgement recovered by the Baptist church, plaintiffs in the District Court of Taylor County, on the 12th day of October 1921, I have levied upon, and will, on the 4th Tuesday in November 1921, it being the 22nd day of said month, at Merkel, Taylor County Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 o'clock, proceed to sell for cash to highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of J. D. Harvey et al, in and to the following personal property levied upon as the property of J. D. Harvey et al, to wit:

Three and one-third kegs 8p nails.
Four and one-third kegs 20p. nails.

One tool house, about 12x24 feet, 7 foot walls.

One-half kegs 16 p nails

One pile of scrap Lumber, and pile of kindling.

About 350 face Brick.

763 Cement Sacks. Property all located near the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

This property will be sold as a whole, or in part.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgement for forty one hundred sixty one and fifty one cents in favor of the Baptist Church of Merkel, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

John Bond Sheriff,
Taylor County Texas
Constable Precinct No. By J. L. Winter, Deputy.
Merkel, Texas, November 1st 1921.

WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Car of Colorado Coal next week.

Plenty of Good New Mexico Coal in the yard.

Just unloaded a car of Cotton Seed Meal from Winters. This is a better grade of Meal than the ordinary Cotton Seed Meal.

Plenty of Hulls, Bran and Hay.

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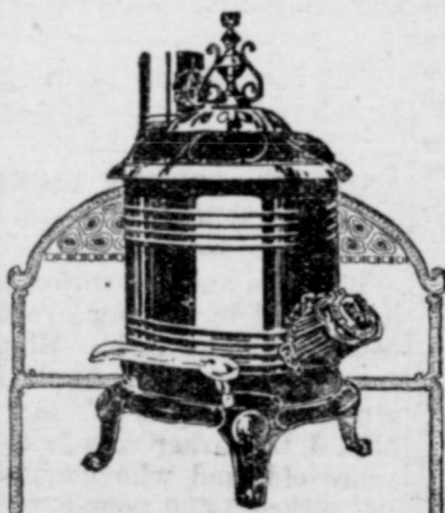
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West Bound

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.

Attention is especially called
to the many special and real
bargains offered by the local
furniture companies of Merkel
in their advertisements in this
issue of the Mail. They are un-
doubtedly making great sacrifices
on most every item of goods
carried in stock, and we feel sure
that the buying public will find
real bargains in their lines.

The United States Campaign
for better agriculture has been
set apart November 19th as
"Texas Live at Home day." This
is one thing of which too much
cannot be said. "Live at Home"
is something that should apply
not only to the country people,
but to the town people as well.
Its more applicable to the farm-
ing class by reason of their
being more favorably situated
to raise what they consume.
The question of Living at Home
is not so much applicable to the
Plain's farmers as other sections
of Texas, yet there are plain
farmers who do not carry out
the injunction to live at home.
We know farmers who do not
keep a milch cow, nor a hog on
the place. They possibly raise
enough poultry for home con-
sumption, but give no thought
to the latter as a commercial
proposition. There are numerous
farmers, however, who raise
poultry for the market, and the
income from which supports
their families, or goes a long
ways towards this end. The
Plains country is especially
adapted to living at home. We
can diversify to a greater ad-
vantage than any other section
of Texas. We have an ideal hog
and poultry raising country,
with cheap feed raised in abun-
dant every year. With these
assets a farmer is neglecting a
very important matter when he
fails to raise his meat, keep
enough poultry for home use
and some for the market, plenty
of milk and butter for the family
and some to spare the pigs and
cream for the market. We have
known men who sit around and
complain about the government
about the markets, about the
rich men oppressing the poorer
class, and they are not doing
a thing to help themselves. It
is nearly always the class that
do not keep milch cows, raise
their meat, and who do not make
the least preparation to live at home

God Almighty helps the man
who helps himself, and the man
that sits down and complains
about something he cannot con-
trol, is a miserable failure from
any viewpoint that you take him.
Let all of us live more at home
and stop throwing away what
could be utilized. In many in-
stances as much goes out through
the slop bucket as it takes to
feed the family. —Exchange.

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"The Love of the Lame Prince
and "Aimee Foster", two lovely
stories by Mrs. Annis, will be on
sale with the J.M. Dry Racket
Store, each Saturday until Chris-
mas, at a reduced price. Come
get your Christmas present.
11t2p

B. N. Billingsly and family
loaded out their household ef-
fects first of the week and left
for Post City, where they will
reside in the future; he having
exchanged his farm near here
for one near Post. Their friends
regret to lose them as citizens
here, but wish for them happi-
ness and prosperity in their new
home.

Just received a car of Ameri-
can Beauty Flour and meal. Try
this Flour, none better. Crown
Hardware Co. 11t2.

**M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

The Methodist Sunday school
continues to grow in both at-
tendance and interest, and we
must keep up the fight until
every church member is also a
Sunday school member, and not
only a member, but a member
regular in attendance.

There is a class and a place
in this church for every member
of the Methodist church, and we
urge that the membership think
over the matter seriously, and
be on hand next Sunday, and
lets see what a difference there
will be in attendance, when the
church membership as a whole
attends Sunday School. We also
extend a royal welcome to those
of our town and community,
who have no preference or regu-
lar place of attending Sunday
school and church, also visitors
in our city ar welcome.

We would ask the mothers to
assist in keeping up the splendid
attendance in the Primary de-
partment. And don't forget our
Teachers Training class, which
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Co x, Supt.

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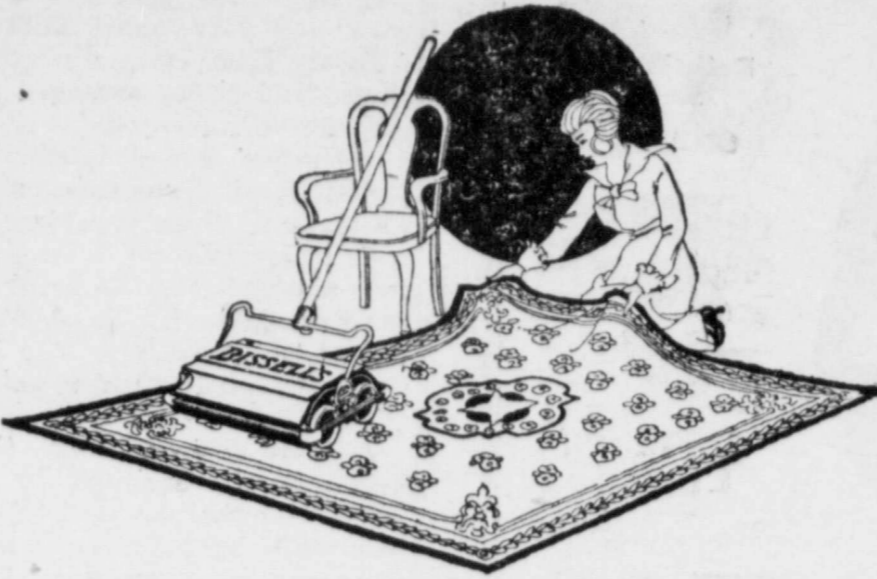
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Mutt & Jeff

popular trees, a beautiful shady nook. And away up there on the mountain side a spring came gushing out from under God's mountain and the water race brought the water down to the over shot wheel, and turned the mill rocks, which converted the raw corn into the finished product, and grinding slow like, it retained all the sweetness and fragrance of the grain of corn. Yes eating that home-made meal the picture of child hood came back to us again—fishing in the mill race, playing sham battery with corn cobs, doodle bug and burnback while we were waiting for our grinding. A red headed, freckled-face, ignorant, gawky, hill-billy lad, attending the college of hard knocks, getting toughness and wind and grit in our make up for the difficulties ahead, and doggone, it sure has been a hard road to travel, and well enough that we built a constitution, had a good stomach, and strong limbs, or else we would never have got up the mountains. And we have still got the taste of that cornbread in our mouth, and the picture glows brighter on the tablets of memory, the frost is on the pun kin vine, the persimmons are ripe, the o'possums are fat, the bark of the coon dogs, again we are chopping down the scaly barked hickory tree and the dog and the coon fight is on, and O golleys, what a time we boys did have. In that day and time there was no tuberculosis, the "White Man's Plague," and at that medical science had not discovered the human appendix, did not know much about the liver, and softening of the brain and men and women lived to ripe old age and died full of years and corn-field wisdom. We had never heard of a man killing a woman nor a woman killing a man, the divorce statue had not been writ in the law book, that is out in the mountain where we lived. The short skirts and bob haired maiden, prohibition, and the other hifalutin stuff hadn't been born, all of these are the product of this progressive age. Our diversion away from the field, log rolling and house raising, was the fox chase, and old square dance and the quilting parties and candy pullings and camp meetings. And O Lordy what big revival meetings we had then. That's another picture, the camp ground, where Grandfather Ball built his camp house and each year he would bring his whole family, cows and negroes, farm hands and for a season they would worship God in the simplicity of grace. And we remember well about the immortal Munsey that great Methodist divine, who could preach like an angel, came out there and conducted the revival services. And goodness how that man could preach salvation by grace, and strong men and strong women fell down all over the camp ground and

wrestled with the spirit of God, and sometimes for hours they would be in a trance like, and when they would come too, we could hear the shout of new born souls. But now a days, it ain't fashionable to get much of it. The average college divine comes along, gets up in the pulpit and rants and pulls his hair about the awfulness of rum, and how it's damming the world, take a good fat collection and goes his way, and the devil sits easy in his chair and nods happy hours away—asleep on the job. No it ain't like it used to be. In those days we could go down to the barn and shell a bushel of corn and take it down to Tom Weir's still house, just about a mile away, and swap it for a gallon jug of Mountain dew, and it did not have any bugs or snakes in it, no fight nor kill in it, did not make a man want to whip or kill his wife, and he did not have the damnable lustful disposition to go hankering around his neighbor's women folks; home then

was a sacred shrine, one man, one woman, no jellybeans nor chickens scouting around on the campus. No, it ain't like it used to be.—Albany News.

Rubbed into the skin for rheumatism, neuralgia, contracted muscles, sprains or lameness. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone, easing pain and removing the cause. It is a powerful pain relief. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 pe bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

GET READY FOR THE BIG RAINS THAT ARE COMING

It seems strange that one should be so foolish as to predict rain at this time, since it seems that the whole country is as dry as a bone, but we must remember that rains always come after dry spells. The News had wondered what had become of the weather man of this country, but in

the columns of the Veron Record this week we learned of his whereabouts, and what is of vastly more importance to the people of this country, his prediction of big rains in this month. The weather man to whom we have reference is already in the minds of those readers of these lines who have for twenty years watched his predictions come true, and they know that W. P. Banta has hit more often than he has missed in predicting rain for West Texas. According to the Record this is what Banta says;

W. P. Banta, former weather seer of Veron and now a resident of Lamesa, has written J. D. Summerour of Veron that local residents may prepare for wet, cold month during November. And furthermore, it may be noted, that those who are well acquainted with the profit and his foretellings, are already searching closets for slickers and over coats.

Mr. Banta lived in this vicin

ity 20 years and his predictions on the word became a by word with his contemporaries. He "just doesn't miss it," as the old timers say.
"November will be a wet, cold month," writes the prophet. "After the sixth there will be few days fit for work outside. Ford Co. News.

If the bowels do not act regularly, assist them with an occasional dose of Herbine. It is a fine bowel tonic and laxative. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The ladies of this society met Monday afternoon to finish their years work, and elect new officers for another year. Here is hoping for another year as good as the past one This society has made well and is still growing. We had fifteen present at this meeting and one visitor. All visitors are welcome at these meetings. We meet on Monday afternoons at the church at three o'clock. And don't forget the Thanksgiving Box to be prepared on Friday 18th at the home of Mrs. R. L. Bland. Reporter.

CLOTHES CLEANED AND PRESSED

Now is the time to think of winter clothes, look through your wardrobe and get all those old clothes out and let us clean and press them. They will look like new. Cash TailorShop. Phone 180. tf.

Saturday Nov. 12th. and Monday Nov. 13th.

BANNER DAYS FOR MERKEL

In order to make the two above dates, the two "Banner Days" of 1921 we will offer the following bargains. Read carefully every item and price below and see for yourself that you can not afford to miss these unusual bargains. We will continue our Present Sale to include November 14th.

In addition to the exceptionally low prices which have prevailed for the past ten days we will make the following reductions: On all bed room and dinning room Suits we will make an additional discount of 15 per cent from the present sale price which is very low, this means that you can buy a bed room or dinning room suit that

Should Retail for \$265.00 Now \$140.25

On all odd Tables, Dressers, Chiforobes, Davenports, Rockers, Rugs and Linoleums we will make an additional discount of 10 per cent, which means you can buy a

Genuine Axminster Rug from 29.25 to 47.25

In addition to the above unheard of prices we will give absolutely FREE to every person who buys as much as \$50.00 worth of merchandise, one pair of

Rest Well Feather Pillows Free

These Pillows retail for \$6.00 per pair. To every person who buys \$100 worth of merchandise, or more, during this sale, we will give

One 3x6 Axminster Rug Free

that retails for \$10.00. Every person who buys \$200 or more we will give

ONE \$25 FAIRY FELT MATTRESS FREE

Can you afford not to take advantage of these prices; can you expect to do better by waiting? We can not buy goods any cheaper in carload lots than we are offering them to you for these two Banner Days.

These Prices Good for Saturday and Monday Only

Barrow Furniture Co.

Furniture and Undertaking



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Effecto
AUTO-FINISHERS

Easily Applied — Lasting
Lustrous Finish

We carry a full Assortment
of Colors

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"25 Years of Better Service"

Merkel Dry Goods Company

—Specials for This Week—

Twenty Men's Suits going at one price of **\$14.95**
 One Lot of Men's Wool Suits reduced this week to **\$19.75**
 One Lot of Men's Suits, for this week only, reduced to **\$25.00**
10 Per cent off "Hart-Schaffner & Marx" Clothing this week

"The Best Line of Men's Clothing on Earth"

Twenty-five Overcoats, your Choice, all at one Price **\$19.75**
 Your Choice out of One Lot of Overcoats reduced to **\$25.00**

—Ladies Ready-to-Wear—

One Lot of Pretty All-Wool Serge Dresses your choice for **\$6.95**
10 Per cent reduction on all Ladies New Fall Suits and Coats this week
 Prices in our Millinery Department are reduced about one-half or more

—Staples Staples—

We quote below only a few prices in our Staple Department

Red Seal Gingham at per yard	25c
Good Dress Gingham per yard	20c
Heavy Outing light and dark colors	20c
Good Grade 36-in. Bleached Domestic	20c
Good grade 36-in. Brown Domestic	12½c
9-4 Bleached Sheeting per yard	50c
Heavy Canton Flannel	12½c

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS

Now is the opportune time to purchase your Blankets and Comforts. We have them in very pretty patterns and a large assortment. They range in price from \$2.50 to \$8.50

GROWTH

The Missouri State Life Insurance Company is 29 years of age and is now coming into its fullest power and strength.

In 1920, in its 28th year, more than 100 million dollars of paid for, new business was written by the agents of the Missouri State Life, a feat duplicated by only one insurance company in history.

In point of business in force at the end of 1920 our Company has outdistanced 243 of the 259 Life Companies, including industrials, passing many of the older and most substantial companies, some of which have been in business as long as 75 years.

We gained more in 1920 than the largest ordinary life company in the world gained five years before. That's how near we are to the top.

As an illustration—the Missouri State Life was enabled to pay to all of its death claims in 1920 out of interest receipts alone. T. L. Grimes, Agent.

Read the Advertisements in this paper. Read all of them. The merchants and others are making some unheard of prices which the people of Merkel and surrounding country can not afford to fail to take advantage of. With goods selling as they are in Merkel there should be no sending away to the Mail order house.



SANDERS DRUG STORE

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good Second-hand Kitchen Cabinet. Cheap. See J. M. Garret.

FOR SALE—Family horse and harness. Price reasonable. See Merkel Mail office. 1tp.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four furnished or unfurnished rooms, see W. P. Duckett. tf.

FOR RENT—My house furnished or unfurnished for three months. See Mrs. T. F. Compton. 11t2p

LOST

LOST—A ladies slipper on road West of town. Please return to Merkel Mail office. 1tp

FOUND—A bunch of keys—four on a ring. Owner can get same at the Merk Mail office by paying for this notice and giving description of the keys. 1t

Lost—A brown, narrow brim Stetson hat, somewhere between Butman and Mulberry bridge. Finder, Please return to the Merkel Mail office. J. T. Blackburn, Route five. 1tpd.

WANTED

FARM WANTED—I want to rent a farm on the halves. Want 150 acres. For references I refer you to Mr. Jinks Winter for whom I farmed this year. Victor Rosalal Merkel, Texas. 4t2pd.

Plenty of Shorts, Brand, corn and corn chops. Crown Hardware. 11t2.

BORROWED MONEY MUST BE RETURNED.

Borrowed money must be returned equal to cost plus a sufficient farmer and stock raiser can sell what he produces at a price equal to cost plus a sufficient profit to pay principal and interest, he is making rapid strides toward bankruptcy.

It is a sad commentary on our financial system that those who produce the only commodities that people cannot exist without must, on bended knees, figuratively speaking, beg assistance of those who produce not at all, or only the luxuries of life. The order of our economic system should be reversed, and it will when producers use their brains as well as their brawn.

Until the time arrives when the producers of the necessities of life are given their proper place in our economic system, or until they themselves, through organized effort in control of production and marketing, force their production upon the attention of the public, they will serve long hard hours at a minimum compensation.

Borrowing money unnecessarily and without a reasonable expectation of being able to pay the loan without undue sacrifice, will delay the day of independence for the producer. A man who owes money is always at a disadvantage. Even the psychological effect of being in debt is detrimental to the average man's best efforts. It is better to make sacrifices to stay out of debt than it is to make them to pay debts unnecessarily contracted. —Farm & Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren have as their guests this week, their daughters, Mrs. H. C. Coit and two children of waco, and Mrs. Louise Becket, of El Paso.

Just received a car of American Beauty Flour and meal. Try this Flour none better. Crown Hardware. tf.

Gem Theatre

Saturday, Nov. 12th.

HOOT GIBSON
in
"ACTION"
with a Century Comedy

Monday, Nov. 14th.

ETHEL CLAYTON
in
"Sins of Easanne"
A Paramount Picture

Tuesday, Nov. 15th.

"THE ORDERLY"
A Pathe Classic
with the Bob and Bill
Series "Catching the coon"

Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

ENID BENNETT
in
"Her Husband's Friend".
A Paramount Production

Thursday, Nov. 17th.

KATHRINE McDONALD
in
"Notorious Miss Leslie"
With a Selznick News

Friday, Nov. 18th.

WILLIAM FAIRBANKS
in
"Fighting Bill"
with Episode 4 of
"Miracles of the Jungle"

Saturday, Nov. 19th.

WILLIAM S. HART
in
"The Captive God"

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DIES IN OKLA.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis returned first of the week from Hobart Oklahoma, where he had been called on account of the serious illness of her brother, John C. Rogers. And we are indeed sorry to learn that her brother died Tuesday of last week just before Mrs. Dennis reached her destination.

We understand the deceased formerly resided in Merkel, and has scores of friends who will regret to learn of his death, and with whom we join in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our thanks to one and all who did so kindly assist in our loss caused by fire. We also thank those that showered us so beautifully Monday night. Mrs. M. E. Huffman and family.

"It's the service and the price and the fact that real business men are after business that brings business to them in this day and age. Any one can tell what the past is but the man that looks into the future and marks out a pathway for himself is the man who is going to make good."—Colorado Record.

Man must hustle this day and age to hold his own in business. The man that makes the price and gives the service is the man that gets the business. These facts are made known through the medium of advertising. It is real pitiful to see men trying to do a 20th century business on methods of 35 or more years ago. Such men are failures before they even start into business.—Lockney Beacon.

Eggs 40 cents. Bring them in before I put them up to 50 cents 1t.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

Special Purchase Sale of Ladies Suits and Dresses

Bought for Less therefore Sold for Less
See these Unusual Values

Suits---

In	}	\$9.95
Three		\$23.95
Groups		\$39.95

These Suits are of All-Wool Serge, Tricotine and Velour. Colors are Brown and Navy with all the new styles and effects of the season.

Dresses---

In	}	\$9.95
Three		\$16.50
Groups		\$19.95

Some of these Dresses are trimmed in the new Cyrea Braid, others in coat style some are embroidered with a touch of color.

Coats---

In	}	\$6.95
One		to
Group		\$29.95

A Wonderful Stock of Coats to be sold at half and less than half price Values. Many have cozy fur collars in any style desired.

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Our Entire Stock of Nashua Wool nap Blankets, size 72 x 84, regardless of wholesale cost, will go on sale Saturday at **\$4.95**

Our Entire Stock of \$3.95 Cotton Blankets at **\$1.98**

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Leader, Ola Sharp. He shall be decedent David, by Alvia Wheeler.

His qualifications for rulership—Gyrlie Howard, Song, by Miss Dovie Teaff and Mrs. Bearden.

The Justice and Equity of his government, by Nell Holloway.

The Peaceableness of his reign, by Lillian Craig.

A reference to the Gentiles and to the Remnant of the Jews by Bro. Parrack.

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

Leader, Viola Brown. Prayer.

1. The Genealogy of this ruler He shall be descended from David, by Roy Tucker.

2 His Qualifications for rulership, Nell Swann.

3. The Justice and Equity of his government, by Wrenn Durham.

4. The peacefulness of his reign, by Elba Cox.

5. A reference to the Gentiles and to the remnant of the Jews, by Nellie Sharp.

Solo, Alethea Boden.

WINTER COMING

If your heavy clothing is not worn out, let us make them look new. They all like our process of cleaning and dyeing. Ligon the laundryman. Phone 218. tf

Car of Chops, Bran and Shorts, at Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf.

Saturday and Monday will be big days at the Barrow Furniture Company's. It

Rusty nail wounds, festering sores, burns and scalds heal rapidly when Liquid Borzone is applied. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 Sold by Sanders Drug Store. November

Oats, Bran and Shorts at G. M. Sharps. tf.

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Cleaning and pressing.—That you will be proud of. One day service if desired. No gasoline odor. Ligon, the laundryman. Phone 218. tf

Dishes Dishes=

Just Received a Large Shipment of Dishes in Gold Band and plain White.

SAY!

Don't fail to see the new 5 Burner NEW PERFECTION Fireless Cooker Stove, and Oil Heaters too.

Nothing but Hardware

Liberty Hardware Co.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Last Sunday was our greatest day in attendance in the Sunday School Department in many months.

We gained 37 points in the Sunday School contest which now places us in the lead. If we hold this lead every member of the Sunday School should be present next Sunday morning. Bring a new member with you. To those who do not attend Sunday School any where, we extend a cordial invitation to visit our Sunday School.

Work began this week on improving the church building, the basement will be finished, giving more Sunday School rooms a kitchen and dining room, also a splendid auditorium. The windows will be screened and a fresh coat of paint will be put on the wood work.

Sunday, November 13th, the regular services of the day will be observed. Everybody will be welcome to all the services of the church.

H. P. Wilkins, Will Sumpter, Tom Hawell, and Dennis Hartly returned last week from a hunting trip to Keer county. They report plenty of game in that country, but the opportunity of getting into the proper place to hunt was quite a job. They also report hunters going there from all over the country.

SPECIAL

Saturday and Monday only—Wilson Picnic Hams, 20 cents per pound. Watch our window, W W Wood Cash Grocery Phone 262. 4t2.

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.

If your child eats ravenously at times and at other times has no appetite at all, look out for worms. White's Cream Vermifuge is the remedy to use. It clears them out. Price 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Nov.

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