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Merkel Good Roads Talkers

Arthur Sears, owner of a rancho in the southwestern part of this precinct has the following to say on good roads in the Merkel country:

"I think we should have good roads. The bad conditions of our roads last fall created a big loss to our country. I would be glad to see roads in the Merkel country like those around Sweetwater but whether the expense of doing this kind of work would be too much, I cannot say. Yes, I am favoring better roads for Merkel."

Dr. M. Armstrong writes as follows:
Editor Mail and Readers of Your Paper:

During the past four months with roads we have had the farmers on many times had to work four mules and worry them down getting to town with one bale of cotton while if we had good roads two mules would only have been necessary and the farmer instead of bringing one bale could have brought two with half the team power and with less worry.

In talking with a number of the divide people have said to me: "Why don't Merkel people build good roads? We would rather come to Merkel than to go to Sweetwater but the good roads to the latter place force us to go there." They further state that when they get to the Sweetwater piked roads they can easily pull all they can get on the wagon. These same things have been said of Abilene.

Quite a number of people coming here from near Dallas, Fort Worth, Waxahachie and other towns have said: "It seems to me like these people would build good roads. If they knew how much it would increase the value of their land they would surely build them. In our country where we have the pike running by or near it has increased the value of the land about \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre."

In talking with another man he said: "Well, I have been against the placing of any debt that would increase the taxes on our land till the other day I was

helping a man move up the other side of Sweetwater and I thought my team would give out on me, but finally we reached the pike and then with all ease my team carried the load without any trouble and there and then was where I saw the advantage and wished that I could have had the use of such roads to have hauled my 40 bales of cotton over in going to the gin and to market."

During the last few months I have been called many times to homes in the country and they would say "Doctor come quick as you possibly can, my wife, son, daughter or mother is critically ill and suffering so much." With good roads 10 to 20 miles in 30 to 50 minutes I could have been at the home ready to administer to their case but when forced to go in a buggy over our muddy roads it would take two or three hours to get there and in the meantime the patient has stood the chance of a serious change, probably for the worse, owing to the doctor having been unable to reach the scene in time to save a life.

Yes, I am greatly in favor of the best roads we can get.
M. Armstrong.

O. A. Smith of the Trent community has the following to say in regard to better roads:

"I would like very much to see better roads throughout our country. I believe much good could be done by the use of road drags after each rain. More road drags will help wonderfully and I believe this a good way of keeping our roads in excellent shape. The many narrow lanes through the country constitute the worst that roads we have for the reason there is little or no room for drainage. These conditions could be improved by widening these thirty foot lanes to a sixty foot road, thereby having sufficient space on each side of the grade to fully carry off the water. Our roads are hurt more by bad drainage than any other thing. I favor individuals throughout the country working sections of roads leading by their places. As for other ways of bettering our roads some favor voting bonds but under present

conditions I cannot say that I would be in favor of such method for I question if it would be the proper step to take."



WANTED—Jobs on farms for large boys 16 years and older; to start them at small wages. Address Emile Reek, Agent, Weatherford, Texas. 1Feb3mo

WANTED—All the farmers to patronize my barber shop. Price 10 and 15 cents. W. G. Whetzel, in E. D. Coats Bldg. 12-2

WANTED—By man with small family, land to work on shares or by month with cattle. Write J. F. Austin, Merkel. 12-2pd

MOTORCYCLE, for sale or trade. Twin cylinder Indian motorcycle practically new, 1914 model. Write or see E. L. Horton, Noodle, Rt. 1, May-10pd.

WANTED—One dozen White Orpington pullets. Jas. H. West at G. F. West Co's.

FOR SALE—Good mule; part cash and good note. See C. L. McNeese.

For Sale—Thoroughbred plymoth rock chickens and Indian Runner duck eggs, per setting 50 cents. Mrs. O. F. McMaster. 19t4

FOUND—Pair gold rimmed glasses with case. Owner can have same by calling at this office and identifying same and paying for this adv.

FOR SALE—Work horse, 7 years old, 16 hands, a good one and cheap at \$100. \$75.00 cash takes him. Dr. Miller.

Agents Wanted.
\$5 to \$7 daily selling New Fibre Brooms; every woman will buy. Sample by parcel post, 30 cents. Wynne Broom Co., Elmira, N.Y.

Recognized Advantages
You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers. adv.

Buy Cattle As Feeders.
Messrs. Wesley Edwards and J. S. Bonds returned Saturday from Palo Pinto county where they purchased about three cars of yearling steers to be fattened on Merkel country pastures and fields.

The stock though thin from shipment seemed of a good grade and will no doubt net the owners a nice profit when marketed.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE LIQUOR QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

At the Cozy FEBRUARY 21-22-23

THE Columbia Girls Musical Comedy Co.

In the Latest New York Musical and Laughing Successes.

10--PEOPLE--10 (NOT 8 OR 9)

INEZ KEMA, Dramatic Soprano and Leading Character Artist
GEO. A. BIRD, Singing and Dancing Comedian
JACK NEVILLE, The Southern Delinquent
PAUL ATWOOD, Baritone Singer and Character Artist
"SPIDER" MOFFETT, "The Silly Kid"

And a Chorus of Singing and Dancing Beauties

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Prices 10c, 20c and 30c

Pictures start promptly at 7:30 each night

Monday Night THE OFFICE BOY
Tuesday Night TWO RUBES IN TURKEY
Wednesday Night THE FLIRTING PRIMA DONA

Real Estate for Sale or Trade.

I have 260 acre of good bottom land in Red River county, also 120 in Cameron county near Brownsville, as rich as the Valley Nile, both for sale cheap or will trade for land near Merkel.

Also have 200 acres improved farm near Merkel will sell cheap on long time. Will take some trade.

400 acre farm 10 miles of Merkel for sale or trade. Not a better farm in Taylor county. See me on any kind of Real Estate deals. J. C. Mason, Merkel, Texas.

Pure California honey, 10 pound buckets \$1.25 at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Miss Tennie George of Lorensa is visiting Mrs. R. A. Martin. After a short stay here she will go to Dallas.

Leaves for Market.

W. L. Harkrider has departed for eastern markets to make purchases of spring and summer goods for his establishment.

Before leaving Mr Harkrider stated that he was taking his money with him, and would use his sock for a bank until he returned. y having the ready cash along he hopes to take advantage of any bargains that may be offered him.

For pure cane syrup try a bucket of White Swann at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Sells Ford Automobiles.

H M. Warren reports the sale of two five passenger Ford automobiles since our last issue. Messrs. G. P. and G. W. Bradley were the purchasers of one and Christ Braune of the other.

Cozy Fri. and Sat., 5c and 10c

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DENTIST

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Merkel Camp No. 719 meets
second and fourth Friday nights
of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. C.
S. Hamilton, Clerk

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For City Marshal—

BEN WALTERS
SAM ROBERTS
B. C. GAITHER
R. E. COUNTS

For City Secretary—

G. W. JOHNSON

Colds and Croup in Children

Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief. For sale by all dealers."

Ponderously Built.

My aunt, a buxom lady of 200 pounds, was dusting the room in a suffragist cap, when I remarked: "You ought to go to war in that cap." Buddie, aged five, who had been sitting quietly by, spoke up: "Chee, Aunt Babe, you would make a schwall fort!"—Chicago Tribune.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Our New Spring Goods Have Arrived

The best buying we have ever done by taking advantage of a Great Consolidation Sale by two of the Largest Wholesale Dry Goods Houses of St. Louis

THE MOST VARIED LINES Remarkable Prices

Best grade 10c Ginghams . . . 7½c
 Good quality 6½c Apron Check
 Ginghams 5c
 10c Bleached Domestic . . . 7½c
 10c Brown Domestic . . . , 7½c
 10c Percals going at only . 8½c

Styles!

Tipperary
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 Barnyard
 Straws
 and
 Sailors



Colors!

Sand
 Rose
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 and
 New
 Blues

Most Extensive Line of Tailored Hats Yet
 Brought to Merkel.
 Department in charge of Miss Lura Spregue

THE MOST SELECT BUYING Ladies Apparel

Ladies' waists in Crepe Dechine, Jap Silks and Voiles, new military effect, price \$1.25 to \$4.50
 Dainty New Embroideries
 New dress goods in embroidered crepe and silks. The newest Faille silk, an exquisite pattern.

A visit to our store will convince you of its completeness and the careful buying we have done for this season. Visitors cordially invited

W. D. Woodroof, Dry Goods

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cozy Fri. and Sat., 5c and 10c.
 Miss Vera Hodo of Rotan visited Mrs. L. L. Huddleston.
 Air free and gasolene 10 cents. H. M. Rose.
 W. M. Jenkins of Dallas came in Monday afternoon for a short stay here.
 One 10-pound bucket of pure hog lard, \$1.25 at City Meat Market. 12t2
 Miss Hattie Camp of Trent visited here the past week, the guest of Mrs. Will Hutcheson.
 All sorts of garden seed and onion sets at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.
 Misses Frances Compton and Frances Sweeney of Abilene visited here Saturday afternoon.
 New car apples, to be sold in wholesale and retail lots. J. B. Cox The Apple Man 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Gro. 5t4
 Sam Swafford Jr., and wife of Toyah were here last week visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. E. L. Swafford. They returned to their home Monday afternoon.
 I have moved my wholesale and retail apple store from Kent St. to 1st door North of G. M. Sharps Grocery. Call and see me for fresh fruits of all kinds. J. B. Cox. 5t4
Spring time is paint time. Let Burroughs, the man with the experience, figure with you on your next deal and save you money.
 Will Fisher who has been here for sometime in interest of the Cozart Maiz Heating Machine left for Dallas Monday night.
 A. L. Jobe guarantees all monuments both as to price, material and workmanship.
 Cozy Fri. and Sat., 5c and 10c.

MONUMENTS AND TOMBSTONES

Keep Taylor County Money in Taylor County

No better workmanship, no better material and no better prices can be had than we can give you. Our work is done in Taylor county by Taylor county people who are experts in their line. If you are in the market for either **TOMBSTONES OR MONUMENTS** Investigate Our Service

C. M. TANDY MARBLE WORKS, Abilene, Texas



IRONING SHIRTS

is no child's play and no woman burdened with a thousand other duties should be asked to do it. Besides it takes a special knack and training. Send your shirts and other linen to this laundry and they'll be done up right. We have the "know how" and the facilities to apply it.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY
 M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.
 Phone No. 133

For that Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers. adv.

How To Give Quinine To Children.
 FERRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FERRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

MUSICAL COMEDY HERE NEXT WEEK

The Columbia Musical Comedy Co., will be here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week playing at prices of 10, 20 and 30 cents.

They will appear at the Cozy for the three nights in connection with moving pictures.

Sewing.

Mrs. H. H. Long would appreciate your sewing. Work neat and accurately executed. Phone 184. 5t2pd

How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.

Coming events cast their shadows before. This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three Chamberlain's Tablets, as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. adv.

Mrs. S. S. Harris of Fort Stockton, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Jno. D. Gaither, has gone to Abilene to visit her daughter, Mrs. Harry Harris.

Buy your tombstones and monuments from A. L. Jobe.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss.
 Lucas County

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.
 (Seal) A. W. GLEASON,
 Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
 Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Ross Jennings of El Paso, who has been sick in Abilene for several weeks, came here Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. W. Jennings. We are glad to note that Ross is making a rapid improvement and is now well on the road to recovery from a serious illness.

A scald, burn, or cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT on hand is always prepared for such accident. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Cozy Fri. and Sat., 5c and 10c.

Our prescription department has been trusted thousands of times. **Won't you trust us with your next one. Burroughs' Drug Store.**

Virgil Touchstone, who has been at Sour Lake for several months, returned home Sunday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Alice Touchstone. From here he goes to Childress, where a position awaits him.

Miss Lucile Roberts who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Powell for the past few months returned to her home at Stamford Saturday.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell visited their daughters, Mesdames Burkhead and Shelton of Abilene Sunday.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Mrs. A. C. Rose and little daughter, Ona Fay, visited friends in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Mrs. Rufus Adcock and little daughter, Berdell, spent Saturday in Abilene.

Mrs. Harry Harris, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home in Abilene Monday.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure.
 The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cozy Fri. and Sat., 5c and 10c.
 W. L. Diltz, Jr. was a visitor in Abilene Sunday.
 Seed potatoes expected to arrive by Saturday at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.
 Misses Clara Moore and Eufie Cypert spent Sunday with Miss Eather Williams in Abilene.
 Don't place an order for a tombstone until you get prices from A. L. Jobe. 19t3
 Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater visited Mrs. W. H. Dickson Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McNeal of Fort Worth are here for a few weeks.
 Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent visited her daughter Mrs. Twyman Collins Friday.
The most unique and extensive line of toilet articles ever shown in Merkel at Burroughs'.
 Mrs. J. W. Powell and children are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Roberts of Stamford.
 Misses Maude Jenkins and Zula Huffaker spent the week end with friends in San Angelo.
 Mrs. J. M. Meeke visited her mother Mrs. Lamb of Abilene Sunday.
 Mrs. Will Calvert and children of Sweetwater visited relatives the latter part of last week.
 Mrs. McCarty of Carter, Okla., visited Mesdames W. Parten and W. H. Dickson Saturday and Sunday.
The dream of an age has come true. Ansco kodaks and films are better. To be found only at Burroughs'.
 Mrs. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen motored to Abilene Sunday.

MERKEL

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

CO-OPERATION AMONG OURSELVES.

It is a common expression to hear a person criticize the farmers of the country in general for their failing in organizing themselves into a band of co-operative people. These criticisms as a usual thing come from persons who never so much as chopped a row of cotton or know the first principles of hitching a mule to the right end of a "Georgia Stock."

Probably some of the criticisms are right and probably they are wrong.

No doubt many farmers look with disgust on the failures and misplaced attempts of people of other vocations.

It is human nature of man to criticize the work of others and offer suggestions of improvement.

These criticisms suffice the statement: "A man once made a fortune attending to his own business."

With conditions in this section of the State as the year 1914 has seen and the present year is bringing on we as a people should forget the criticism and put our shoulders to the wheel for advancement in every way. The merchants should co-operate in their work this year as they have never before done.

The business men of Merkel are presented with a time opportune to making more of it than they have ever before been able to do. In accomplishing this, however, the absolute need of co-operation is essential and the slogan of "United we progress, divided we backside," fits us to a T. No business man of Merkel should fail to grasp the opportunity of co-operating with his fellow business man in every way possible.

Every representative of a business in our town is encumbered with duties now as never before and we have little time to criticize others. A review of what criticisms that might be made of us in general is enough to make even the sturdiest Merkel sit up with profound awe at the opportunities we are letting pass.

No balking is needed in any sense of the word. Co-operation should be our watchword and progress our aim.

SOME FORD, THIS BOAT.

Various stories of how serviceable the Ford automobile is have been told but the one that strikes us as the greatest eulogy yet done to that remarkable machine was recently related by a preacher. Two men were digging a well. The one doing most of the digging called to the one at the top, telling him that he had struck a lot of cans. The reply came back to him to be careful for it might be some canned goods. To this the man on the top who was drawing out the dirt was told that it was not cans but a Ford automobile that had been found. The man drawing the dirt looked down the well and exclaimed: "Say, it's not more than thirty feet down there. Crank her up. She'll come out."

German papers look upon the United States as being a four-flushing bunch of Yankees. Well, we had never thought of it in that light. FOUR-FLUSHING is a good word, and it may be better to continue the watchful waiting for a few days.

An exchange from the eastern part of the State saw the joke of the division of Texas in an unique way. They thought it bad that the people of this grand country would be forced to buy chicken salad for two or three governors.

The idea of placing ourselves up as a target for a 52 some-meter gun of the Germans isn't at all appetizing. On with the embargo and let Germany stop commerce so far as she is able. Then it will all come out in the wash.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says just because Texas is "all gall" is no reason why it should be divided into three parts. Well Texas may be all gall but we are fortunate not to have Rye for governor.

The Abilene Reporter says the people of their country are satisfied with the road improvement they have made. Well, they ought to be; they bought and paid for what they got, didn't they?

Seven dollars is the price of a "go and come" to El Paso tomorrow. The seven bucks seems small enough but the trimmings in that town would be something awful we are afraid.

A Dall's man who was arraigned before a judge on charge of habitual drunkenness. When asked what he had to say as to the charge he replied that habitual thirst caused it all.

The light of the electric chair has no doubt lost some of its horrible glow so far as Charlie Becker is concerned. Us too if we were in his shoes.

The chickens in Austin will be up against it if Comptroller Terrell is denied the right to pay ex-Governor Colquitt's salad bill.

Tall men sometimes marry and settle down. Perhaps that's the reason they get so short after the nuptial words are said.

Pasted Paragraphs

HUSBANDS.

A cobbler's wife once said to me:
"My husband has a past,
But he is good now, although he
Is not good to last."
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A plumber's wife once did remark:
"My man's the proper type;
He is no dope fiend even though
He daily hits the pipe."
—Allentown Democrat.

A printer's wife once said to me:
"My husband wouldn't lie,
He says he's not a baker, but
He makes a lot of pi."
—Altoona Times.

A jealous man's wife told me once
With a dejected mien;
"My husband's not a painter,
But he often makes a scene."
—Commercial Appeal.

A grouch's wife once said to me:
"Get this one if you will;
My husband's not a drug store,
But he's an awful pill."

It is certainly a long, long way around Scotland for our merchant marine. Germany will have to change her "war zone" if she expects our food-stuffs to reach her.

Says a news note: "Russian soldiers are being supplied with paper shirts." That's a fine shirt tale.

Mexico changes presidents as easily and frequently as a woman changes her mind.

Is you can't be good, be as good as you can and be sorry you are no better.

It is a true saying that even an electric button has to be pushed.

NYAL

REMEDIES

YOU SHOULD WORRY

About Bad Blood Conditions of Your System

Old Sores, Pimples, Boils, etc., are practically unknown to those who use Nyal's Sarsaparilla Compound. We positively guarantee each and every package. Take it and give it a trial, and if you have obtained no benefit, return the empty bottles and we will refund your money.

T. L. Grimes -- Druggist

THE NYAL STORE

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Notice by Publication to Non-Resident and Unknown Owners

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

To H. B. Hardeman, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor county, in the state of Texas, its petition in Suit No. 331a on the Civil Docket of said court, being suit brought by the said The State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against H. B. Hardeman as Defendant, and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of The State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To H. B. Hardeman and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lot 7-8, block 1 in the city of Merkel, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$9.35 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the district court of Taylor county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of Feb., A. D., 1915. [L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas

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The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

To Frank Simeon, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor county, in the state of Texas, its petition in Suit No. 337a on the Civil Docket of said court, being suit brought by the said The State of Texas, as Plaintiff, against Frank Simeon as Defendant and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as

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the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

These are therefore, to cite all interested parties and to make parties defendant by notice in the name of The State of Texas, and the county of Taylor, directed to all persons owning or being in any way interested in the lands delinquent to the state and county for taxes, to be published in a newspaper in said county one time a week for three consecutive weeks, in the manner and style following:

The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To Frank Simeon and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lots 11-12, block 44 in the city of Merkel, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$9.29 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the district court of Taylor county, and state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of Feb., A. D., 1915. [L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas.

Notice by Publication to Non-Resident and Unknown Owners.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

To M. A. Sentenis, Greeting:

Whereas, the State of Texas, through its County Attorney, did, on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1914, file in the District Court of Taylor County, in the State of Texas, its petition in suit No. 345a on the Civil Docket of said

Court, being suit brought by the said State of Texas, as plaintiff, against M. A. Sentenis as defendant, and the nature of the plaintiff's demand as stated in the said petition being an action to recover of the defendant as the owner of the lands returned delinquent (or reported sold to the state) for the taxes due thereon for the year 1912; and, whereas, the said owner is non-resident of the state (or the name of said owner unknown), and upon the affidavit of Eugene DeBogory having been made, setting forth that said owner is non-resident of the state of Texas (or the owner unknown to the affiant, as the attorney for the state of Texas, and after inquiry, not ascertained).

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The State of Texas and the County of Taylor.

To M. A. Sentenis and to all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the following described land delinquent to the state of Texas and the county of Taylor, for taxes, to-wit: Being lot 3, block 204, out lot 4, division B, in the city of Abilene, which said land is delinquent for taxes for the following amounts: \$10.47 for state taxes, and for county taxes, and you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are commanded to appear and defend such suit at the March term of the District Court of Taylor county, and the state of Texas, being the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house thereof, at Abilene, on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in January, being the 1st day of March, 1915, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land (or lots), and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of February, A. D. 1915.

[L.S.] J. FULLER, Dis. Clerk Taylor Co., Texas.

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Our buyer, Mr. Rose, has just returned from the Eastern Market, where he has made a purchase of the largest stock of Dress Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps and everything in men's and ladies' Ready-to-Wear. We have added to our line for spring a complete line of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, such as House Dresses, Middie Blouses, Silk Dresses, Silk Waists, etc. **ALSO COMPLETE LINE OF LADIES' SUITS AND SKIRTS.**

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Come in and let us show you the Flowered Voiles, Crepes, Voiles, Tissue-Ginghams, Rice Cloth, Lace Cloth, Leno Stripes. They are exceptional values and will surely interest you. Prices from 10c to \$2.00 per yard. Also you will find our Gingham stock replenished with the largest and best assortment ever brought to Merkel.

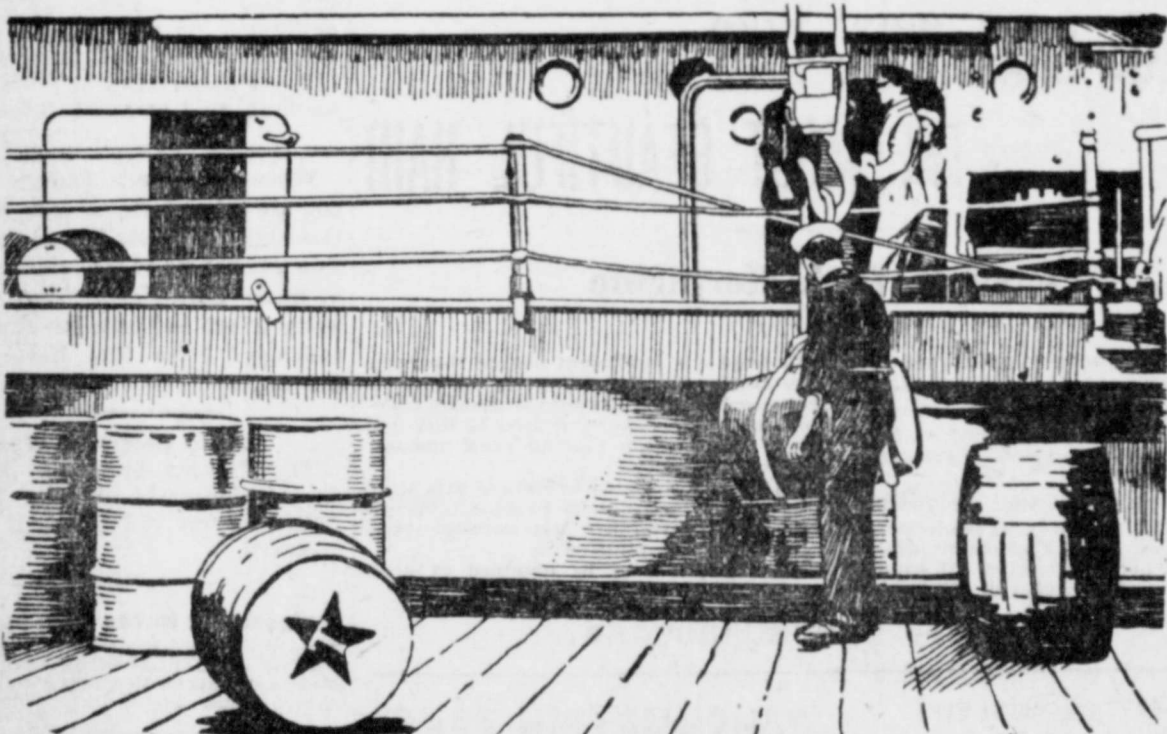
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My Millinery Establishment this year will be situated in the building formerly occupied by the Sanitary Grocery. My purchases this season have been made with select care and I invite visits from all my former patrons and friends throughout the country

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Outside Evidence

A newspaper photographer was busy at the Boston Navy Yard securing photos of the battleships getting ready for Mexican service, and the picture above is one he secured for his paper.

It would have been impossible for us to get such evidence of Texaco quality and service, so we secured one of the pictures from the photographer.

Naturally, active service means hard usage, difficulties and dangers. So there is keener inspection of stores and more microscopic examination of goods.

It is quite natural, therefore, for the photographer to have snapped his camera just as Texaco Products were being hoisted aboard the U. S. S. "Nebraska."

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NOODLE

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

Singing at the Methodist was well attended Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill of Golan.

Misses Maud Ferguson and Juanita Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel.

Mrs. E. C. Church of Merkel had a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee spent Monday in Anson.

Mrs. A. B. Ely and little daughter, Novella, are visiting in Abilene.

Misses Lettye and Beulah Jones visited Miss Allene Barbee Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Green of Hamlin is visiting her brother, R. W. Green, and family.

W. L. Barbee and Clyde Sears motored to Anson last Thursday on business.

Quite a number of young people went kodaking Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Saddler of Merkel spent last Friday and Saturday with their son, T. L. Saddler.

Mrs. Chas. Walker and children of Kale spent the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff.

Mr. Jim Smith, who has been in a very dangerous condition for the past two or three weeks, was carried to San Antonio Tuesday of last week.

BLAIR

Rev. Gaddis preached at the school house Sunday evening and will have a regular appointment here the second Sunday in each month.

Miss Jessie Clark returned home Monday from Hamlin where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Yancy.

Miss Rucy Swift visited her sister at View Friday, returning home Sunday.

J. H. Campbell is visiting in east Texas this week. He met his brother here at Blair who is a conductor on this run from Sweetwater to Temple. They had not seen each other for over twenty years.

The Allen Comedy Co. gave an entertainment at the school house Monday night. All present were well pleased with the show.

W. W. Russell of Merkel was in Blair Friday night. He is buying cattle.

E. W. T. Compton and wife of Abilene spent part of last week in the home of their old time friend, W. A. Hall.

Miss Sharp of Merkel is teaching a music class at Blair.

SALT BRANCH

Rev. E. E. Dawson of near Sanbur preached for us Sunday morning and afternoon.

J. W. Hardy of near Clyde was here on business Thursday and Friday.

T. C. Allen and wife were visiting friends on Mulberry Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson gave the young people a Valentine party Saturday night. There were several present from other communities and all report a nice time.

The Salt Branch singing class has ordered some new song books.

W. L. Barker and family visited friends in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

T. C. Allen and mother are visiting relatives near Hawley this week.

Irvin Allen of near Hawley visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Lula Higgins spent one night this week with relatives in Merkel.

SHILOH

Rev. Stugall of Abilene preached for us Saturday at 11 and again that night. Rev. Horn filled his appointment Sunday morning and Rev. Stugall preached Sunday night.

Rev. Pope of Abilene attended services at Shiloh Saturday.

Mr. Jeffries of Golan attended services here Saturday night.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy and Rosa Wheeler of Noodle attended services at Shiloh Sunday and were the guests of Mrs. Chas. Seago.

Henry Wheeler of Colorado spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Mr. Tucker of Merkel visited in our community Saturday.

There was a singing at W. B. Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Rollins of Hamlin entertained a crowd of young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson Monday night.

John and Roy Winters spent Spent Saturday night at Merkel.

Little R. C. Scott has been real sick for the past few days but is reported better.

Miss Effie Mayberry was real sick a portion of last week but was able to be out at church Sunday.

The teachers and pupils of

Grayson school had a very enjoyable time last Friday afternoon. The teacher let his pupils have a Valentine box and they all received several nice Valentines. He also gave each pupil some candy and took them all to Sweetwater bridge. Altogether they spent a most enjoyable time.

The Misses Barbee of Noodle attended the Valentine exercises at Grayson school Friday afternoon and spent Friday night with Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones.

Rev. G. W. Scott will preach at Shiloh school house next Sunday afternoon.

To Our Friends and Customers

For many years most banks have permitted some of their customers to overdraw their accounts in a small way as a matter of courtesy and convenience, although there has never been any warrant for it as a matter of law.

We are now required by the Treasury Department at Washington to absolutely discontinue this practice in all cases. Our friends will therefore take notice that we cannot pay checks unless the depositor or the party drawing the check has the money to his credit. This is necessary not only because it is not regarded as good banking, but because we are prohibited from allowing overdrafts by the Treasury Department. If customers desire extra funds they can generally arrange for such amounts at the bank and we will appreciate it very much if our friends and patrons will not put us to the necessity of returning any of their checks unpaid. This can be avoided by keeping a close account on the stubs of the check books which we furnish. **OVERDRAFTS CAN NOT BE PERMITTED HEREAFTER.**

Feb. 15, 1915. Respectfully
The Farmers & Merchants
Natl. Bank of Merkel, Texas.

Notice to Our Friends and Customers

Owing to a ruling of The State Banking Department we can no longer pay overdrafts for our Customers. We have been doing this as a matter of courtesy and convenience, but hereafter we shall be forced to discontinue this practice, as it is prohibited by the State Department of Banking.

We trust our Customers will take notice, and should they need funds call at the Bank and arrange for them before checking, thus relieving us of the necessity of returning your check. Respectfully,

The Farmers State Bank,
Merkel, Texas.

A Big Stock of New Goods!

Our Shelves are once again filled Full of a Truly Interesting Display of New Spring Goods

IN WHITE GOODS We have Linens, Flaxon, Rice Cloth, Mercerized Voiles, Swiss Mercerized Bateste, Nainsooks, Glasgow and Saxon Suitings. **IN FIGURED, STRIPED and SOLID COLORS** We have French mar- quise, imperial plisse, silk stripe lace cloth, mercerized shadow voiles, rice cloth, auburn lace cloth, butterfly crepe, mercer- ized bateste, colored Ottoman, soie barre serges, etc.

EMBROIDERY and LACES in nice delicate patterns from ¼ in. edging to 45 in. flouncing. We have 27 in. embroidery at the low price of 25c; 18 in. embroidery at 15c. 75 pieces New Gingham. New line of Table Damask. towels, etc.

LACE and CREPE BOUDOIR CAPS for ladies, auto scarfs, circular veils, veil pins, ladies collars, corset covers brasiers. Hosiery from 8½c to \$1.00 per pair. Ladies shirt waists 75c to \$2.00.

It would take too much space to name all the New Things in our store, but we cordially invite all to come in and let us show this magnificent display of new Spring Goods. Our Skirts and Slippers to be in soon. Again I ask you to come in and let us show you. **We know we have the goods at the right price. Come and see**

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C. C. Shaver Dead.

An article in the Holt Rustler, a newspaper of Holt, Mo., on the death of Cary C. Shaver brought the first news of this man's death to our town.

Practically every Merkel citizen well remembers Cary C. Shaver, for two years principal of the Merkel schools and one of the most popular teachers with the student body in general ever in our town. He was connected with various religious work in the city and lived a life exemplified of purity at heart and uprightness of character.

According to the article in the Missouri paper, Mr. Shaver suffered for almost a year before his death and throughout the time he bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude and resignation.

It is with deep regret that we learned of this good man's death. He was an instructor of strong character and the writer was fortunate enough to be one of the student body to appreciate his ability and qualifications. The Holt paragrapher was correct in his assertion that the life of the deceased was worthy of the emulation of all.

Burial was given the body Wednesday afternoon, February 3, at Kearney, Mo.

The Mail joins the many Merkel friends of the family in extending the deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives.

Resolution.

Resolutions of respect of Sister Fannie Hays.

Whereas, the great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe has in his infinite wisdom seen fit to take from our midst one of our esteemed sisters of our church and neighborhood and, whereas, the long and intimate relation held with her in the faithful discharge of her duties in this churon makes it our duty that we record our appreciation of her. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the wisdom and ability which she has exercised in the aid of our shurch by service, contribution and her presence will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, that the removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be realized by all members of this church and community and will prove a loss to us but a gain to Heaven.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be over ruled for good by Him who

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Who visits you when you are sick? Not the Merchant who lives in some other town. When you want to build a church do you go to Dallas and solicit funds from the people of Dallas? No. You depend entirely upon the people of this community. If you have a dollar to spend, why not spend it with the Home Merchant from whom you solicit funds? Just think this matter over carefully and you will at once see the point.

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doeth all things well.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of our church minutes, a copy be sent to the Western Evangel for publication and a copy handed to the bereaved family.

Done by act of Salt Branch church this the 9th day of January, A. D. 1915.

Ollie Higgins,
Ellis Petty,
Committeemen.

New shipment of sundries arriving daily, so don't fail to inspect our line before buying. Burroughs.

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H. M. Rose for 10 cent gasoline and the best lubricating oils manufactured.

Respects to Mrs. Fannie Hays.

It is with the greatest regret we write of the death of our beloved sister Fannie Hays, wife of our Brother W. M. Hays, of Salt Branch church. Oh how really we miss her in our midst there is a vacancy that can never be filled at home as a mother, and in our church a faithful member and worker. But we must at all times submit to God's will and we would not for anything call her back to this world of troubles, for we know at she liveth among the dead with our Father in heaven

who doeth all things well.

She bore her suffering patiently and talked of God in His mercy and love and would often times say she was sleeping in Jesus, and Oh, that is a great pleasure to us to know that she sweetly sleeps in Jesus and some day will arise in bodily form and dwell with Him on high and her two little angel babies who have gone on before and are anxiously waiting for her. As she said when her last babe departed from this life. Our loss is heaven's gain but Oh! how hard it is for us to give up our friends and

loved ones. May we all do as she did—live a true Christian life and at last submit to the Father's will and sweetly rest in his love.

Sister Fannie was 38 years of age and was confined to her bed one month before she died.

Written by a Friend.

Never before have we or anyone shown a more elaborate line of stationery than is now on display at Burroughs'.

Fresh car of Peacemaker flour just received at the Bob Martin Grocery Co.

