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## MEXICANS FIRE ON CITIZENS

Eight Mexican snipers fired on an automobile driven by Ed. Jones of Van Horn as he was driving the car between that place and Fort Hancock last Sunday afternoon.

The news came from Mr. Jones in a telegram addressed to A. H. Johnson. In the telegram was a request that Ted Bean of Van Horn be warned against starting out on a proposed trip to El Paso.

In effect the message said that snipers were hiding in the under brush beside the road in the vicinity of Fort Hancock and that quite a number of shots were fired at the car as it passed a spot on which the brush was unusually thick. It also stated that several other cars were shot upon in the vicinity.

This state of affairs only serve to emphasize the necessity of individual preparedness if not national. —Pecos Times.

## MOB KILLS NEGRO OF IDABEL, OKLA.

Idabel, Okla., April 3.—At the conclusion of testimony at the preliminary hearing of Oscar Martin, negro, charged with assault, a mob of 500 stormed the court room, seized the prisoner and hanged him from a back balcony of the court house at 11 a. m. today.

Ineffectual attempts to seize the negro had been made previously.

Martin was arrested Friday in connection with assault on Edna Murphy, 13, of a mill employe at Bismarck.

The lynching happened during a lull in the preliminary hearing before Justice Williams. All evidence had been put in and the court was engaged in reviewing it at the time the rush upon the court room was made.

## SPUNKY SOLDIER TO PHILIPPINES

San Antonio, April 3.—After reviewing the papers in the case of Lieutenant Mort, who was tried by court martial, Gen. Funston announced today that Lieutenant Mort had been found guilty and sentenced to be reprimanded.

The charges against Mort arose from his leading two junior officers and a small detachment of enlisted men across the Rio Grande into Mexico near Brownsville to recover two soldiers who had been detained by Mexicans on the south bank of the river.

He will be released at once and restored to duty. He is now held at Mercedes, Texas, but has been ordered transferred to the Second Field Artillery, now in the Philippines.

### Breeders Notice

I am standing my thoroughbred stallion at my farm six miles northwest of Merkel, near Shiloh. Insure living colt, season \$10.00. Every precaution taken, but will not be responsible for accidents. J. M. Dunn, Route 2. Itpd.

Be sure and bring your chickens, egg, butter, hides, furs, etc. to Duckett's Store. Highest cash prices paid.

For prompt deliveries phone 286.

## DR. S. P. BROOKS A LIKELY CANDIDATE

For over an hour Wednesday evening Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco, discussed his candidacy for the race for United States Senate. Superintendent H. M. Morris of the public schools acted as Chairman while Thos. A. Johnson introduced the speaker in complimentary and befitting terms.

The crowd that listened to this distinguished gentleman more than filled the opera house to overflowing and it was with difficulty that the late voters who arrived found seats, and even some standing room was in demand. This probably was brought about by the influx of school children into the theatre to hear speak a man who has been held up before them as the very highest type of American gentleman. With these firm thoughts in view many small children under the age of comprehension of what "pork barrel," "budget system," "rural credits" and other vital public questions meant, sat through the entire evening closely observant of all that Dr. Brooks said, hoping against hope that he would say something to them in regard to things that would interest them personally in their own school room. Time evidently prohibited such, even if the speaker had intended to branch out on such subjects and all that the many small boys were able to gain from the discussion was the satisfaction that they had heard and seen Dr. Brooks of Baylor University.

Logically, Dr. Brooks will be the man whom all other candidates will have to defeat in the coming election if any of them hope to reach their expected goal. It may be that there were people present Wednesday evening who will not vote for him in the July primaries, but there could have been few if any present who could say but that his doctrine and principles were of the very highest plane of thought and greatly in line with many and numerous present day needs. Thursday morning he accepted an invitation to speak to the school children at the school auditorium, departing for points east on the T. & P. No. 4.

A more lengthy account of Dr. Brooks' speech will be given in next week's Mail, time prohibiting its publication in this issue.

## SELLS DRUG STOCK TO DALLAS PARTY

H. K. Sheppard of Dallas, formerly with the Adolphus Pharmacy has purchased the entire drug and jewelry stock of Mrs. E. M. Rust of this city.

Mr. Sheppard arrived here Wednesday morning, being preceded by his father-in-law, J. W. Grafford, of Centralia, Mo., who was associated with him in the business. Mr. Sheppard, however, assumed full control immediately after the deal was made and Mr. Grafford will return to his home at an early date. The final consummation of the deal is pending and will be closed the latter part of next week if the present contracts are carried out and during the mean time Mr. Justice, who has been at the head of the pharmaceutical department for Mrs. Rust, will remain with the company. Not being able to get a desired location, at the present Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are rooming at the Collins House.

## MERCHANTS WILL HAVE BANQUET AT WOODMAN HALL, MONDAY, APRIL 10

### Seventy-six Representative Business Men Have Obligated Themselves to be on Hand to Assist in the Organization of a Commercial Club

Those scheduled to talk are W. D. Woodroof, E. P. McMillen, Dr. W. B. Foster, J. C. Mason, J. C. Hairston, T. A. Johnson, R. O. Anderson, Dr. M. Armstrong, H. L. Propst and just any other business man in attendance who feels like talking after he has partaken of three courses of eats, so savory prepared by Merkel ladies.

It is hoped that a live wire Commercial Club or Business Men's League can be organized. If such is done and only one or two small matters needing attention are looked after, the time and money spent for this banquet will bring three fold revenue.

At eight o'clock next Monday evening will commence with a short musical program and immediately following a motion will be in order for a temporary chairman, whose duties it shall be to conduct the affairs until his successor shall have been elected. The program in its correct form is scheduled to be opened at 8:30 o'clock promptly by a discussion of "The service a Commercial Club can be."—By Thos. A. Johnson. Following this, Dr. W. B. Foster is assigned the subject, "What Commercial Clubs are doing in other towns." J. C. Mason will discuss "The field for a Commercial Club in Merkel as an outsider sees it." Rev. Hearson of Abilene has been asked to be present and relate some of the good work done by the Abilene Commercial Club in recent months. Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb is expected to read the last nail driven for the organization by his discussion of better fellowship among our merchants. Dr. M. Armstrong will then act as spokesman for the assemblage and present their sentiments in form of a motion, backed by his own personal views of what Merkel needs. The complete, immediate and full discussion of the proposition is to be in order following of which a permanent organization will be taken up.

Practically every business house in Merkel is to be represented as is shown by the following tabulation. Representatives being scheduled to assume places for the total number of plates listed below:

### For a Merchants' Banquet to Organize a Commercial Club.....

We, the undersigned merchants of Merkel, agree to have representatives for the number of plates opposite our names below, and for same we agree to pay the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, the sum of \$1.00 per plate:

Merkel Mail 3 plates, Merkel Power Co. 3, Behrens-McMillen 3, H. C. Williams 1, R. L. Bland 3, R. O. Anderson 2, H. C. Burroughs Jr. 1, F. E. Church 1, T. L. Grimes 1, Grimes Drug Store 2, J. T. Warren 1, F. & M. National Bank 4, City Barber Shop 1, Clark & Walker 1, Dr. W. B. Foster 1, W. L. Harkrider 1, Jno. D. Gaither 1, Laney Meat Market 2, Merkel Garage 2, Star Store 3, S. L. Owens 1, Burton Lingo Co. 2, H. C. West 1, Jas. H. West 1, Woodroof Bros. 2, Merkel Bakers 1, J. C. Mason 1, W. E. Britain 1, F. J. Ferrier 1, Dr. M. Armstrong 1, H. C. Burroughs 1, C. D. Mims 1, G. M. Sharp 1, J. A. Duckett 1, V. B. Walters 1, H. M. Warren 1, E. Q. Warren 1, G. H. McDonald 1, H. M. Rose 1, Howard & Grimes 1, Merkel Lumber Co. 1, M. D. Angus 1, Parten Dry Goods Co. 1, C. K. Russell 1, W. F. Hamblet 1, E. L. Rogers Grocery Co. 2, J. C. Hairston 1, M. H. Morris 1, Bob Martin Grocery Co. 1, A. C. Rose 1, Jno. B. Bell 1, A. C. Boney 1, J. J. Fergusson 1, Dr. W. V. Cranford 1, W. J. McKee 1.

## 3 3-4 INCH RAIN HERE FRI. AND SAT.

According to the measurements given by Mayor Stallings rain gauge, the precipitation of Friday and Saturday amounted in total to three and three-quarter inches.

From reports of other sections, our town and community was favored with more rain than any other town in west Texas. While the fall was slow and gradual throughout a large portion of the two days. Winters is credited with a two inch rain.

Don't fail to read the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co.'s ad in this paper and don't fail to investigate the Company and the work they have in hand.

## NEW ALDERMEN OF RECENT ELECTION

J. P. Sharp and J. L. Harris are retained as aldermen with the addition of J. R. (Uncle John) Toombs who fills the place made vacant by the removal of O. W. Williams.

The election ordered for last Saturday for the selection of school trustees has been postponed and another election will be ordered at an early date.

### Indiana Silos

I am agent for this famous silo and would be pleased to talk with all parties interested in same. For prices and terms call on or write me. F. L. Wood, Merkel, Texas, Route 4. 2444pd

## COLEMAN MAN DE-SCRIBES BLACKLEG

An immense loss is sustained every year by owners of cattle from a disease called blackleg. This loss is among young cattle. Much money and scientific investigation has been expended to find a remedy for this disease with no pronounced success. Like all great discoveries they are made by someone who lives close to nature, rather than one who is a student of books, for books are sometimes misleading. Mr. W. H. Parks, a close observer and practical cattle raiser of Plemons, Texas, has written an article to a leading farm paper, in which he expresses the opinion and gives some practical experiments to show that the heel-fly causes the blackleg.

Having studied this troublesome fly for thirty years from nature, more than from books, I am prepared to endorse his opinion, which I wish to emphasize in this article and give my reasons for so believing.

First: As the tick causes the Texas fever, while another variety of tick causes a fatal disease to man known as spotted fever; the mosquito causes the yello and the malarial fever; the rat flea, the bubonia plague; species of fly scatters if it does not produce the Charbon. A disease similar to the blackleg, then is it far fetched or unreasonable to attribute the cause of the blackleg to the heel fly?

Second: It is chiefly if not altogether, the early calves born before April 1st that die the next year with the blackleg. Calves that come after this date, when the heel flies depredate little or none, are not affected with blackleg. If those that die are skinned and examined, their backs will be found full of warbles or where warbles have been. Again they die at that date when the warbles are mature and at the most aggravating stage from December to March as a rule. If a calf lives over the disease or is only infested partially, it becomes an immune by the second year. Hence old cattle never have the blackleg.

Third: These warbles cause clotted blood and putrid matter to form around where they make their nest and while in a growing stage the warbles consume this as their food and keep it from entering the blood circulation. But when the warbles become mature and begin to crawl out of the back in great numbers in late winter and early spring, they leave behind masses of this clotted blood and putrid matter, which causes blood poison when nature endeavors to absorb and remove this putrid mass. If the effort is too great for nature to accomplish, the calf dies and we call it blackleg.

I am so thoroughly convinced that the heel fly brings on the blackleg, that I will unreservedly say that if every stock raiser will get the warbles out of the backs of his cattle as soon as they begin to make their appearance during July, August and September, he will never have another case of the blackleg.

H. A. Halbert, Coleman, Texas.

P. S.—If anyone wishes the true history of the heel fly and its preventives, I have it in pamphlet form, containing many other useful farm topics which I will mail to any address for 25c to cover cost of printing the book, postage, etc.—H. A. H.

Have your clothes look good. Try Owen and be convinced. Phone 194.

## E. M. OVERSHINER FOR RE-ELECTION

County Judge E. M. Overshiner is a candidate for re-election to the office he now occupies and asks the careful consideration of his claims by all Merkel voters.

Judge Overshiner has held the office only one term by election, having been appointed previous to his race two years ago by District Judge Blanton to fill the unexpired term of Judge Bledsoe. Under the term of office of Judge Overshiner the county has prospered in many ways and to him much credit is due for the careful watchful method he pursued in seeing that the building of Taylor county's new \$150,000 courthouse was carried out exactly as contracted for and completed in every respect. His record on the bench has been commendable and we ask that you carefully investigate his claim before you cast your ballot.

## SERIOUS RIOT AT TORREON, MEXICO

Laredo, April 3.—Serious food riots, in which at least 1,000 women and children participated occurred in Torreon, on March 28, according to passengers arriving here today. The famine stricken rushed through the streets crying for corn in the Lord's name. Meal was only obtainable at fabulous prices. From the demonstration the riot grew into general looting. Soldiers were called out but they refused to shoot into the crowds of women and children.

The government took immediate steps to distribute corn and has ordered several car loads sent to Torreon and vicinity.

No one was killed during the rioting, but many buildings were badly damaged.

## SHERIFF TOLD 'EM TO "MOVE ON"

A man and three women, who Sheriff Dodson alleged, were operating a dance hall in Abilene were told by that official Monday night to "move on."

The sheriff alleged that men on the street outside were solicited to join in the dances.

He stated that the same persons were recently forced out of another West Texas city.—Abilene Reporter

The same parties stopped in Merkel last week for a weeks stay but not finding sentiment so very favorable they scarcely made an attempt to get a hall here. Probably old timers who remember the "Days of '49" were conspicuous in their disapproval of such attractions.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our dear friends and all who helped, sympathized and were so kind to us during our sickness and trouble and again we wish to thank Dr. Armstrong for his faithfulness and attentiveness. May God's richest blessings pour out upon those good people are our earnest prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith, Miss Amanda Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith and family.

Everything at reduced prices at J. A. Duckett's Dry Goods Store.

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**EUGENE REECE, 13 YEARS OLD, SHOWS  
SKILL AS FEEDER--WINS AT FT. WORTH**

Took Second, Third and Fourth Prizes in Baby  
Beef Club Contest at National Feeders  
And Breeders Assn., With  
Hereford Calf

What Eugene Reece has done, other boys ought to be able to do, and should do. It would mean a firm establishment of building principles in a boy that would grow as he grew into manhood. The record of this orphan boy is nothing short of remarkable, yet his accomplishments are such as are not prohibitive in over 50 per cent of the homes of this country. Let the boys take an interest in better cattle, better hogs, etc., and the problem of one-crop scares will forever be banished from the golden west.

The following appeared in the last issue of the American Hereford Journal, a magazine of national repute, and gives a graphic account of Eugene's winning at the above mentioned show:

"One of the proudest boys at the Fort Worth show was Eugene Reece, 13 years old, of Merkel, Texas. Eugene is an orphan, and lives with the family of J. M. Williamson, who is in charge of the John Sears Herefords at Merkel. Mr. Sears is a new breeder, and fitted up a small show herd this year. Last year, when Eugene wanted to join the baby beef club, Mr. Sears told him he would give him a calf if he would feed it and two bull calves which he intended to take to Ft. Worth. Eugene jumped at the proposition and Mr. Sears turned over to him a high grade Hereford steer calf, which Eugene named John Sears.

"From that time until the Ft. Worth show Eugene devoted a large part of his time to the three calves. He studied carefully the directions sent out to the baby beef club boys in regard to feeding and he read everything he could get hold of about taking care of calves. The fact that all three of the calves were inside the money at Ft. Worth is evidence that he did his work well. His steer calf won fourth in the open class for Hereford steers, standing next to W. J. Davis & Co.'s Vernet Prince. In the baby beef specials, open class, all breeds competing, he won third, and in the baby beef class limited to animals showing Hereford blood he won second. His total winnings on the steer were \$45. Then he sold him for \$10.25 a cwt., which brought him around \$100. Altogether Eugene took home something like \$150 as a reward for his labor, and with it he acquired a fund of information that is invaluable to him. The two bulls which Eugene fitted for Mr. Sears won \$34. It is safe to say that Eugene will get another calf to feed for next year's show, and that he won't have to break into his bank account to get it either."

The assumption in the last sentence of the above clipping is correct. Mr. Sears has already given Eugene one steer calf under the same terms as the boy handled the three calves last year, and we now predict that the Ft. Worth stock show will again be made to hear from the work of this boy in one year from now.

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With our large capital and surplus and extensive resources combined with many years of active and successful banking experience in this country, your business will be handled to your satisfaction. We lend money at all times at reasonable rates. Your deposit account will be handled by experienced and expert accountants who have had many years experience and who are ready and willing to serve you at all times. Every department systematized for the dispatch of business. New accounts are invited, and if we can be of service to you in any way, call on us. Respectfully,

**THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.**

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Just a little pill to be placed under the skin of the animal by a single thrust of the injector.

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We clean and press anything and guarantee every job. Owen. Phone 194.

Read carefully every word of the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co's. ad in this paper.

Mrs. Joe Shelton of Abilene is spending a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bell.

Read the Consolidated Oil ad in this issue of the Mail.

# SPECIALS in Our Grocery Department

In order to reduce our large stock of Groceries we are making the following low prices. The market does not justify these prices today, but we find our stock too large at this time of the year and must reduce it to minimum

100 pounds best Albatross flour .....	\$3.35	1 case (24 cans) 2-lb Tomatoes .....	\$1.90	One 1-gallon can Logan berries .....	50c
100 pounds good High Patent flour.....	3.15	1 case (24 cans) good Corn .....	1.90	One 1-gallon can Prunes .....	40c
1 sack best Pearl meal .....	70c	5 pounds good Peabery Coffee .....	1.00	One 1-gallon can Peaches .....	40c
1 case (6 1-gal. cans) Ribbon Cane Syrup	3.00	5 pounds Arbuckle Coffee .....	1.00	One 1-gallon can Apricots .....	40c
1 case (6 1-gal. cans) Mary Jane Sorghum	2.70	One 1-gallon can Strawberries .....	65c	One 1-gallon can Plums .....	40c
		One 1-gallon can Black Berries .....	50c		

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## The Anchor Mercantile Company

### LISTEN

I want to speak a few words to the patriotic people of the Merkel trade territory. The Consolidated Oil & Gas Company is an organization perfected by a few of the best business men of Colorado, Texas, for the soul purpose of developing the oil and gas resources of this section of the country, including our own trade territory, and will mean just as much to the people of Merkel as it will to the people of Colorado and Sweetwater, and it is to our own interest directly to join hands with them in this laudable undertaking and give them all the assistance that we can. After you have thoroughly familiarized yourself with this development proposition you can readily see that they are not selfish in the matter and that there is no money to be made out of this promotion proposition by the officers of this company and that they have no motive whatever other than the development of oil and gas in this section. The Consolidated Oil & Gas Company fully outline in their literature the expenditure of all monies paid into the said company.

This proposition should appeal to every patriotic citizen in this entire territory alike, as we are all directly interested in the development of our country. The company has arranged to see that all can come in and assist in this development and share in any profits that accrue therefrom.

I will state that all of said test wells are under the control and management of an oil expert, who has extensive experience in different oil fields. All locations have been made by this party and the leases secured under his directions and not depending upon their own judgment. They have faith in his ability as an experienced oil man and are backing his judgment.

As above stated, this is a proposition that we are all directly interested in, meaning more to the people of this section than anything put before them for many years in the past, and if successful will bring more money to this section than all the cotton that will be grown in this territory in the next 20 years. I want you to study this proposition from every angle and if it is not thoroughly clear to you, I will take pleasure in giving you all the information that I possibly can. Don't wait for me to look you up but come to see me and let's all get busy and do our part in this, the greatest undertaking in the country.

Paul Bennett.

### LOCAL NEWS

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp moved in their new home on Rose Street. The family of R. O. Anderson have also moved into their new bungalow which stands on an adjoining lot to Mr. Sharp's.

Be sure and visit Duckett's new Variety Store next door to Behrens-McMillen.

Corn chops and shorts at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. R. A. Ellis is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. L. Turner of Rotan.

Fresh vegetables every Wednesday and Saturday. W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. J. H. Beasley of Abilene was the guest of Mrs. Jack Graves Friday.

Best soda per package 5c at The Star Store.

### LOCAL NEWS

Miss Pet Sears, for two years assistant bookkeeper at the Farmers State Bank, has severed her connection with that institution. It is her plan to leave shortly for a visit with relatives at Paducah.

For extra high grade flour order the Seal from W. F. Hamblet.

Miss Avis Keen of Sylvester, who has been visiting Miss Mary Garvin, returned to her home Friday of last week.

Place a hundred dollars in the Consolidated Oil & Gas Co. with long time to pay out the stock, and watch your investment grow. Read their in this paper.

Rev. J. P. Sibley of Carbon was called home the first of the week to attend the bedside of his father, J. W. Sibley.

If you want your clothes to look good, try Owen Phone 194. 10tf

H. M. Rose went to Cisco Saturday to return with Mrs. Rose who has been visiting in Stephenville. They returned on No. 3.

Bring your chickens and eggs to Duckett's store. They pay highest price and give you big values in dry goods and groceries.

Laundry leaves for Colorado on Mondays and Wednesdays. Phone Owen your needs. 10tf

### A Real Artist

There is a talented musician in the Schubert Company, whose work for many years has been the real foundation of this noted organizations success. Quietly, unassumingly, artistically, she has served her art earnestly from a great love of it. Other aspirants of fame, with but a small portion of her great ability, have made desperate efforts to advertise themselves into renown by the "circus" methods so obnoxious to all true artists, while Lavinia Zandt has been serving the divine muse modestly, loyally and royally. While she is an accomplished instrumentalist, it is the rare depth and rich quality of her phenomenal contralto voice which has endeared her to the hearts of multitude of American and Canadian music lovers. Hear her April 15 at the High School Auditorium.

When you come to Sweetwater, Texas, drive your car in the National Southern Highway Garage, on the west side of the square near the hotels. No charges to tourists and visitors for day storage. Do not leave your car in the hot sun, it will ruin the varnish and upholstery on your car. You are welcome to make our place home while in Sweetwater. We have free air and water on the sidewalk. We carry a fine line of accessories and tires. Our readers are especially invited to call on them while in Sweetwater. Adv. tf

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PRINCE ALBERT was made to create tobacco content where it never existed before! It permits men to smoke all they want without getting a sore tongue, without any comeback but real tobacco enjoyment! The patented process by which Prince Albert is made (and controlled exclusively by us) fixes that—and cuts out bite and parch!

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comes right to your taste fair and square! And it will do for you what it has done for thousands of men—make pipe or cigarette smoking the cheerfulness of your pleasures!

Prince Albert is to be had everywhere tobacco is sold in tippy red bags, 5c; tippy red tins, 10c; handsome round and half-pound tin humidors—and in that classy pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such fine shape—always!

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E. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.



On the reverse side of this tippy red tin you will read: "Process Patented July 30th, 1907," which has made three men smoke pipes where one smoked before!

Mrs. E. W. Perminter left Monday afternoon for Sagerton to visit the bedside of her sister Mrs. Shied, who is very low with pneumonia.

Windmills, windmills; lots of them. See me before you buy your windmill and pipe fixtures. H. M. Rose.

M. B. Foster, who spent the winter with his son, Dr. W. B. Foster, has returned to his home in Minnesota.

Miss Bess Touchstone left Sunday for Rotan where she goes to teach a class in Piano. We wish this talented young lady much success in her work at that place.

We are headquarters for high class buggies. Anchor Mercantile Co.

\$5.00 reward for the return of a spotted hog to me. Strayed from stock pens over three weeks ago. R. H. Collins.

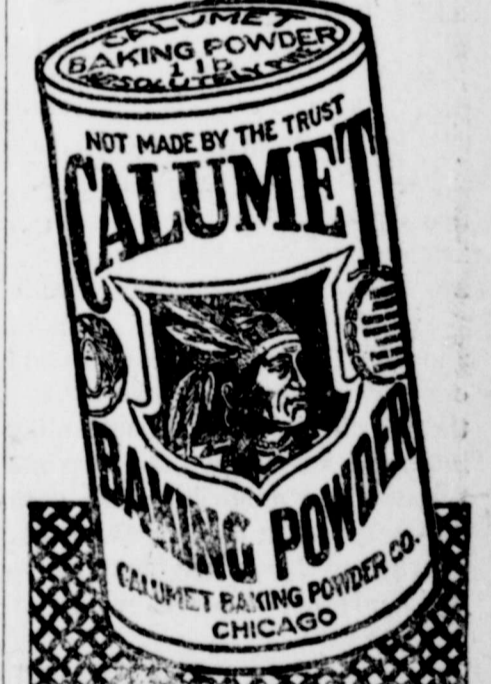
Mrs. E. L. Rogers was called to Water Valley, Miss. last week by the serious illness of her father.

Fred Bigham came in Sunday from El Paso. Mrs. Bigham will join him sometime during the coming month and they will again make this their home.

Sewing Neatly Done Work guaranteed. See Mrs. Noel and Mrs. Brummel at Oscar Walker Grocery store. 24t3pd



"S-O-M-E Doughnut!"  
"Any time you want real goodies use Calumet Baking Powder! My mother uses it—she's tried all others—she's learned her lesson—now she sticks to Calumet."  
"Unequaled for making tender, wholesome, light bakings. Wonderful leavening and raising qualities—uniform results. Mother says Calumet is the most economical to buy—most economical to use. Try it at once."  
Received Highest Awards  
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Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

### Advertised Letters.

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Fletcher, Odessie  
Furra, A.  
Graham, Mrs. Nellie  
Lakey, W. L.  
Molinar, Geo.  
Rucker, Brthuu  
Ruth, T. B.  
Solls, Mrs. Minnie  
Stillwell, Newell  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office April 19, 1916.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.  
Miss May Lassiter is in Fullbright visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Tucker, and will remain in east Texas several weeks.

**MERKEL**  
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 GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE—  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
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THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
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 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN,  
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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**BUY A COW, A HOG AND A CHICKEN**

Bankers over the state are making offers to loan large amounts of money to farmers with which to buy dairy cows, and they are being taken up on their proposition at a tremendous rate.

We believe Merkel bankers will go this, one better, and loan money for the purchase of dairy cows and good hogs. Two or three dairy cows on every farm in the Merkel country and several hogs to which the refuse milk can be fed will startle the natives in a very short time. Already the Merkel country is getting away from the problem of marketing only one crop per year, and why not set a faster pace. Have some cream to sell every time you come to town, bring along a few dozen eggs and a coop of chickens. Have a few pigs growing into dollars, and when the reduced acreage of cotton is gathered in the fall, the proceeds from the fleecy staple will be velvet.

To keep plenty of dairy cows, plenty of hogs and chickens, thousands of tons of feedstuff is necessary. Let the entire population of our trade territory continue to raise an abundance of feed, and instead of selling it as soon as harvested and at a low price, hold it in your sheds and market it on foot.

**WEEDS, TRASH AND TROUBLE**

Now that it has rained, a regular clod-soaker and gully washer, weeds are going to spring up from every soft spot about town, and these spots are some forty and two thousand.

To keep our city in the spink and span shape it should be, every resident should resolve today to cut down every weed about his home, even to those in that dirty old back alley, and furthermore the resolution should be one made operative throughout the spring and summer. The city will help you in carting away all the trash about your home if you will clean up your premises and get the refuse in places where the city wagons can get it.

The sheriff of Roby who received a notice to be on the lookout for Villa, and to be sure and shoot first if he should meet him, evidently received the notice last Saturday. At any rate Hon. Roby Sheriff need not lose any sleep as long as Colonel Dodd and his flying squadron are in the saddles.

That Merkel is some cotton market is proven by the recent government report. The county of Nolan is credited with 17,296 bales of cotton. The weighers' receipts of Merkel show an excess of this amount for the season just past, by at least 500 bales.

If we had some ham, we would have some ham and eggs, if we had some eggs. Farmers over Texas are fast getting these in marketable quantities and are throwing in some milk and butter on the side.

The Fannin County Favorite says it takes all kinds of men to make a world. They are correct i. e., Oscar Branch Colquitt, Teddy, and a bunch of political hob-nobs of the present day.

If we don't boost for our own town, outsiders are not going to shoulder the job.

**PASTED PARAGRAPHS**

Poor Arabella Gladys Hughes  
 Completely wrecked her mind  
 Endeavoring to fasten shoes  
 That laced up from behind.  
 —Peoria Journal.

To little Arabella Hughes  
 This thing we'd like to say  
 "Why not when lacing up the shoes,  
 Turn round the other way?"  
 Youngstown Telegram

Now Arabella, the poor ol' gal  
 Is slated for a fall.  
 Dame fashion's late decree  
 She wears no shoes at all. (They're boots)

**THE PRECIOUS FLUID**

"How much is it a gallon?"  
 Of the man with gasoline,  
 We used to ask on driving up  
 And flourishing a bean.  
 Now with a bean that's just as good  
 The U. S. treasury sort,  
 We draw up to the tank and ask,  
 "How much is it a quart?"  
 —Detroit Times.

"How much is it a quart, hey?"  
 It seems an age ago  
 When we put the question that way.  
 When "Sampson" was running low.  
 These days when price and product  
 Seem sadly out of joint  
 We humbly ask the tank man:  
 "How much is it a pint?"  
 —Fannin County Favorite.

And if it keeps a goin'  
 In a trip toward the sky,  
 We'll substitute for gasoline  
 Some good ol' rock-n-rye.  
 Then if the engine fails to fire,  
 We'll slowly scratch our head,  
 We'll count what change that we have left,  
 And roll "Lizzie" in the shed.

**WITH OUR EXCHANGES**

**THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY**

Pigs, peanuts, potatoes and prosperity—a combination which always works. Try it.—Detroit Herald.

A good slogan that can be made to sound better by adding that "Baby bull business beats banking."

The Duncan Banner of Duncan, Okla., edited by Ed J. Leeman, former editor of the Mail in years passed and gone, recently published an account of a young man in that town being 25 years of age and having been born in 1900. People certainly live fast lives in some parts of this country or else Bro. Leeman got his figures mixed up.

**CHAMPIONS**

The champion pugilist of the world got his start in Oklahoma. —Duncan (Okla.) Banner.

Uh-huh. But Texas points with pride to such as Col. House, Albert Sidney Burleson and the likes o' them.

Everybody boost the business men's banquet. Everybody be there. Everybody push or get off the band wagon. Everybody.

\$1.00 per plate and one business man asked for enough to feed his entire working force. Live Wire is his second name. Everybody be there.

Villa in talking to a reporter once, said, "Do you get me?" The reporter didn't, but Col. Dodd came dinged nigh on his very first attempt.

Old Jupe did an excellent job of rainmaking last week, with three and three-quarter inches to his credit. And here he is again

Villa said "Go to h—." Col. Dodd has accepted the invitation and followed the devil into his own lair.

Why not a park for Merkel? It could be lit up all night.

**The Price is the Thing**

10,000 dozen eggs wanted, 15c dozen in trade, 13c dozen cash. Butter, 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ c in trade, 15c cash. Hens 11c pound, Fryers under 2 pounds 15c pound, 2 and 3 pound Fryers 12c pound. Turkeys 13c pound. Prices good for this week, rush your produce to us at once.

**SPECIAL**

- Diamond Axle Grease, ten-cent size only 5c
- American Sardines, 5c size - - - - 4c
- Dried peaches, good goods, per pound - 9c
- Dried Apples, good goods, per pound 12c
- Can Corn - - - - - 8c
- 3 Pounds Kraut - - - - - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c

Other Groceries at Bargain Prices.

**DRY GOODS SPECIALS**

- Ladies Purses worth \$1.50 to \$2 only ..... 69c
- Dress Gingham 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to ..... 10c
- Big Special in Shoes, almost ..... HALF PRICE
- Tennis Shoes, Men's Sizes only - - - 60c
- Tennis Shoes for boys and ladies now - 50

**OUR VARIETY STORE SPECIALS**

All kinds of Hardware specials. Croquet Sets, Queensware, Glassware, Door Locks, Tinware, Graniteware, etc.

Bolts, assorted sizes up to 6 in. long, 1c each.  
 Two real live gold fish and globe only 15c.

Don't fail to visit our Variety store, first door north Behrens-McMillen Furniture Store. Remember **The Price is the Thing.**

Ladies, don't forget the Rest Room at rear of our Variety Store

**J. A. DUCKETT, Merkel, Texas**



*Transform your home like this*

A GOOD neighborhood is a collection of good homes. If you would like a better neighborhood, set the example. Paint your house—plant grass and flowers. You will win the greater respect of your neighbors. Others will follow your example to the betterment of your whole neighborhood. The paint that insures both beauty and proper protection is

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**HIGH STANDARD**  
**LIQUID PAINT**

It is made of the very finest materials, selected by exact tests. These materials are blended by automatic machinery to an evenness and smoothness which no hand-mixing can equal.

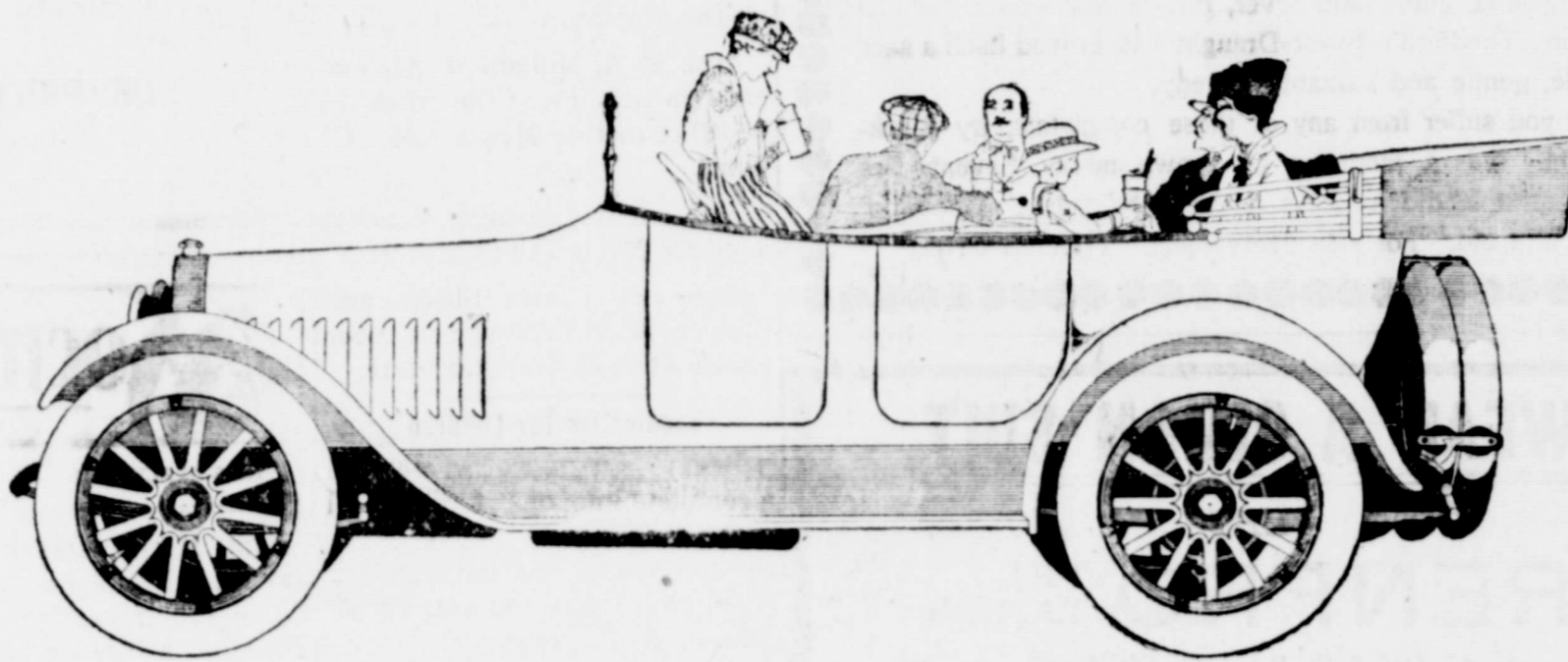
Painters like "High Standard" because it saves the mixing, enables them to do better work and assures a satisfied customer.

You will like "High Standard" because while the price per gallon may be a little more, so many less gallons will be needed for the job, that your total cost will actually be less.

You'll like "High Standard," better and better as the years go by. It protects perfectly, keeps its color, withstands sun, wind and wet for years, fails only by gradual wear and leaves a good surface for repainting. You save money now and next time.

Ask us for an estimate on your paint needs.

**Burton-Lingo Company**



Ready Today, to Put this 3400 r. p. m. Thoroughbred Through Its Paces

The South adores that which is thoroughbred. It loves class—ability—performance. The remarkable, new, 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers is the car that performs.

I have personally subjected it to every performance test I know, and from get-away back to garage I have yet to see it falter.

To create the weird ability with which this car makes gasoline awake, spring into life, and perform, taxed Chalmers engineering genius to the utmost.

Its high-speed engine, which spins with a velocity of 3400 revolutions per minute, was able originally to deliver an exorbitant and superfluous measure of sheer brute might.

This has been toned down to everyday requirements, and the difference has been wrung into increased acceleration, liveliness, and the gift of smooth and serene running that motorists prize beyond all else.

Here is a high-speed engine that you dare drive.

A small engine—a small area from which heat can be thrown away by over-radiation—briefest cooling

periods between the swift succession of explosions—and the result is maximum energy with least waste.

That is why the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers makes every gallon of gas unroll itself into 18 miles of untroubled travel, why it consumes \$150 to \$200 worth of gasoline less per year than other high engine-speed cars.

She'll deliver mile-a-minute speed without complaint, with the roar of the racing engine wholly absent.

The compactness and copious lubrication of her engine, spinning inconceivably fast, have wiped out the last throb.

As for acceleration—she's the first to make her get-away at the crossings, and the last to take another car's exhaust.

Inexpensive to run and incredibly easy to drive. I insist that you see and feel her perform.

With raw materials growing less plentiful, it will be good foresight to register your order now, if you can.

\$1050 Detroit



*Fulwiler Electric Company*  
**AUTO AND ELECTRIC SUPPLIES.**

MERKEL, TEXAS

**NOTICE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS**

Since my books are kept in Ft. Worth and telephone statements are mailed to you on the first of each month, it will be necessary for you to call at office or mail account together with short stub detached from original bill with remittance, as all bills must be paid to manager at office.

**A Coming Treat**

Too much praise cannot be given the High School for engaging the Schubert soloists of Chicago to appear here on April 15 at the Auditorium.

These artists are too well known in all the principal cities of the North American Continent to need any introduction to readers of the Mail.

Must make room for 700 pair of shoes and slippers. Get your shoes now at half price and help us make room. J. A. Duckett.

**Mebane Cotton Seed.**

Consult A. L. Jobe if you want genuine Mebane cotton seed. Coats building next door to Merkel Garage.

**Cattle Dying**

County Demonstration Agent S. A. Minear was in Merkel Tuesday investigating the cause of cattle dying in this section.

Mr. Minear says that no fear should be held that this trouble is contagious, for such is not the case, as he has made a thorough investigation of the trouble.

**Piano Opportunity**

We have stored in the vicinity of Merkel one new Adam Schaaf player-piano; one new Adam Schaaf piano. Will sacrifice for cash or terms rather return to our factory. Wire at our expense or write Adam Schaaf, Dallas, Texas.

Shoes, shoes, shoes. Get them cheap at J. A. Duckett's.

**THREE IMPORTANTS**

**Clean Up, Dress Up, Light Up. A clean store, a clean home, a clean street—will add to your clean women**

**A well dressed store, a well dressed show window, a well dressed home—will add to your well dressed woman.**

**Electric Lights are essential to each, will show up your stores, show windows, your streets, your homes—and your pretty woman.**

**An Electric Fan will assist you in dressing up and keeping cool, your stores, your office, your homes and your babies.**

DO IT ELECTRICALLY

**Merkel Power Co.**

**Assistant P. M. at Trent**

Small bordered birth announcements bearing the name of Jack Edwards Bowers, March 25, 1916, are being sent out by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bowers of Trent. Postmaster Bowers is about the proudest man in the city of Trent over the advent of his new assistant.

**Notice**

J. R. Sandlin, L. J. Bradford & Son have opened a new grocery store on Kent St., in Crenshaw building. Call and see us; the prices are right. 7t3pd.

**Cemetery Work**

Mr. Ferguson can be found at the Cemetery all hours during the day, except at noon. Reasonable rates for all work done. 7t3pd.

Ladies and Misses hats selling fast call and get yours before they are all gone. J. A. Duckett.

**Abilene Lady Dies**

The death of Mrs. Laska Regina Barton, aged 39, occurred at 3:15 p. m. Monday at Sweetwater where she had gone from Abilene in search of health.

The body was prepared for shipment and brought to Abilene Monday night being taken to the home of deceased's sister, Mrs. W. T. Wilson, on South Second street. Funeral services were announced to be held this (Tuesday) evening at 8:30 at the residence, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Hearon, after which the body will be sent to Corpus Christi for burial.

Two small sons, aged 7 and 2½ years, survive. She is also survived by her sister, Mrs. Wilson, and a brother, W. A. Scott of Merkel. She had made this city her home for several months. Sympathy of many friends will go out to the bereaved.—Abilene Reporter.

## NOODLE

Farmers are all smiles after the big rain. They will begin planting soon.

Miss Grace Ely is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and children are visiting her mother and relatives of this place.

Miss Allene Barbee is visiting in Paducah.

The singing class of this place met last Sunday and elected new officers.

The fruit supper at C. S. Herring's was enjoyed by a large crowd of young folks Saturday night.

T. E. Goode is building four new rooms to his dwelling.

Miss Jaunita Thompson, Lucile Beene and Messrs. Wesley Ely and Oliver Ely motored to Anson Friday afternoon.

Miss Gladys Herring had the misfortune to step on a nail last week but is doing very well.

Dr. Cade and several others of Abilene visited here Sunday afternoon where he gave a very interesting lecture, which was enjoyed by a very large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Miss Ruby Wasson visited relatives at Abilene the past week.

Mr. Vernon of Comanche visited here Monday night.

Bill Winters and family have moved to Paducah to make their future home, where he has accepted a position as mail carrier.

Gurney Richards was the guest of his brother, Luther, of Abilene, Saturday and Sunday.

Clyde Shouse and Miss Edith Mayberry of Shiloh attended the fruit supper here last Saturday night.

Singing at E. E. Wheeler's was enjoyed by a large crowd Sunday night.

T. S. Wasson has purchased a fine new piano.

Miss Maude Fergusson visited relatives at Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Highest prices paid for eggs. W. F. Hamblet.

## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

## WEAR A CLEAN SUIT

LET

## RENFRO THE TAILOR

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO

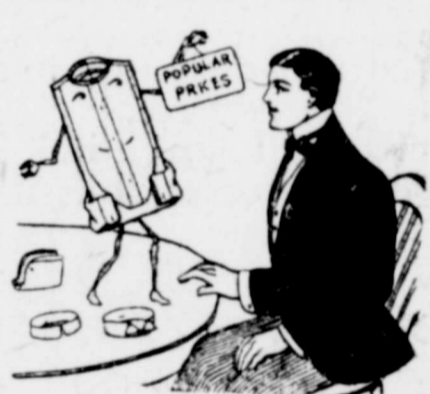
Your Cleaning and Pressing

## EYE GLASSES & SPECTACLES

Correctly fitted will relieve all strain and discomfort; also give you perfect sight when fitted by

P. T. QUAST, Optometrist

Sweetwater, Texas



## Our Laundry Speaks For Itself

When we tell you that we will "do up" your shirts, collars and cuffs in a manner that will delight the most fastidious, it's so! You can't beat it for excellence, beauty or saving of material and temper.

## Sweetwater Steam Laundry

Grimes-Howard Tailors  
Merkel Agents



## TAKE HOME A BOX

of our ice cream and you'll have a splendid dessert without any of the trouble of preparing one. It will keep hard an hour, so the dinner needn't be hurried thru in order to enjoy the dessert. We don't have to say anything about our ice cream. It speaks for itself.

## ELITE CONFECTIONERY

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blistering or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

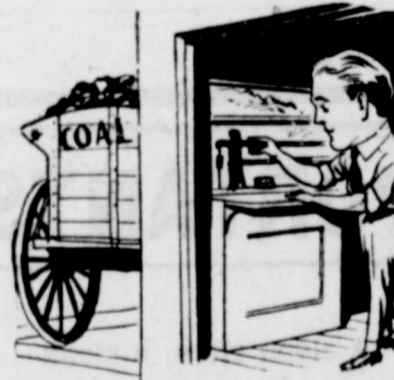


## HARNESS REPAIRED

expertly and quickly. We repair all kinds of harness with equal skill, so if you have any damaged harness bring it to us and we'll make as strong and possibly stronger than when new.

By having us repair your harness you will save the price of many a set of harness.

## J. A. BROWN



## WHEN WE WEIGH COAL

there is no driver on the seat of the cart or truck. We sell coal, not drivers, and when we sell you a ton or more we mean just that quantity of all coal. We guarantee the weight as well as the quality of our coal. If the combination of full weight and best quality interests you, give us an order.

## Warren Brothers

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

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rudd of Mary Neal spent Thursday of last week with their aunt, Mrs. E. M. Rust. Miss Genevieve Rust accompanied them home and while away she will also visit in the ranch home of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Rudd who live near there.

Seymour flour is the best. G. M. Sharp.

15 Pounds Best Dry Peaches for \$1.00 at The Star Store.

Judge W. W. Wheeler was called to Rule the first of the week to visit the bedside of his sister, who is reported very low.

Six pounds good Peaberry Coffee, \$1.00 at The Star Store.

3 Boxes of best matches for 10c at The Star Store.

Mrs. R. A. McLain of Abilene came in the first of the week to visit her mother Mrs. J. M. C. King.

Best shredded Coconut 4 packages for 25c at The Star Store.

One Lot Ladies Shoes and Slippers \$2.50 \$3.50 values, your choice \$1.50 at The Star Store.

## Candies For The Children

Boney's drug store has received a complete line of candies of all sorts.

Special line of Easter candies. Also fresh fruits and nuts at all times. A. C. Boney.

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Practicing Physician  
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The most Up-to-Date  
SHOP IN MERKEL  
CITY BARBER SHOP

WEST & PATE : : Proprietors

### W. U. W.

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

T. F. Compton, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

## England, Germany and France Agree

on one thing, if on no other. They all prohibit the sale of alum baking powders.

There must be a good reason for this. It is because alum was found to be unhealthful.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is made of cream of tartar, derived from grapes, a natural food product, and contains no alum nor other questionable ingredients.

### DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MADE FROM CREAM OF TARTAR  
DERIVED FROM GRAPES



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

The King's Daughters Sunday School class met with Mrs. W. L. Harkrider Tuesday afternoon in regular monthly session. A most pleasant afternoon is reported by the fourteen members present who were Mesdames Scarborough, Martin, Shelton, Harris, Shepard Thomas, Goode, Garvin, Foster, Briggs, Walter, Hutcheson and Harkrider.

A class of thirteen members of the Methodist Sunday school recently organized for study of the scriptures, promotion of good and cultivation of sociability among its members is that of the Business Men's Bible Class. T. A. Johnson, President; Asa Sheppard, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. W. B. Foster, Teacher. Chairmen of Devotional Committee, L. W. Cox; membership, E. W. Permitter; social, W. D. Hutcheson. This is a splendid beginning and should soon be a strong force for good.

### Philathea Class

On Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 29, the Philathea class of the Baptist church held a regular meeting with the president, Miss Beulah Burkett, in the home of M. E. Witt. The main business transacted was the election of substitute teachers, namely, Mrs. Hugh Owen and Miss Beulah Burkett. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in doing fancy work, pleasant conversation and a general good time until the entire party was driven to Grimes for refreshments of cream and cake. The members of the class enjoying the afternoon were Misses Ola and Winnie Sharp, Erah Bradley, Sadie and Annie Collins, Mary Teaff, Winnie Warren and the hostess, Mesdames Gen. J. Jones and M. E. Witt.

### Twentieth Century Club

Mrs. W. B. Foster was hostess to the Twentieth Century Club on last Thursday afternoon. After a short business session the special number of the program, a pronunciation drill was taken up. Miss Minnie Warren was leader. This proved most interesting to all present. The first of a series of Riley programs was then enjoyed. This biography being read by Mrs. E. A. Martin and several of his poems read by various members present. At the close of the program the hostess passed a salad course with chocolate. Those present were: Mesdames R. A. Martin, G. H. Adams, T. A. Harris, L. W. Woodroof, Jno. W. Briggs, and W. B. Foster, Misses Pauline Johnson, Sophia Howard, Winnie Warren, Evelyn Williams and Eva Walters.

### Lunch Served, Then To Preaching

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Boyd was the scene of a jolly congregation Sunday afternoon. The host and hostess served lunch to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, Misses Fletcher and Carr Messrs. Grimes and Diltz. Following the lunch the party attended a sermon delivered by Rev. Wiley (colored). All attending the sermon report a highly interesting discourse delivered by the colored preacher.

### Hasley-Hutchins

Judge Mimm's office was the scene of an early morning marriage Monday when Rev. L. B. Owen pronounced Mr. Noah Hasley and Miss Lillian Hutchins, man and wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hasley were residents of the Nubia country and will continue their residence there among congratulations of their many friends.

### Hays-Stone

On Wednesday, March 29th, at Potosi W. M. Hays of Merkel route one and Miss Sallie Stone of Potosi were married. They arrived in Merkel Monday and will live on the Hay's farm four miles northeast of town.

Mr. Hays is a prominent rural resident of Merkel and the many friends would wish the two a happy life together.

## HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Then you realize the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite, and makes work a burden.

To restore that strength and stamina that is so essential, nothing has ever equalled or compared with Scott's Emulsion, because its strength-sustaining nourishment invigorates the blood to distribute energy throughout the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite and restores health in a natural, permanent way.

If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, get Scott's Emulsion to-day. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

### Workman at Cemetery

A Mr. Fergusson, whose initials we were unable to learn, has moved to Merkel from the western part of the state, and will take charge of work in the cemetery when desired by owners of property there.

Mr. Fergusson is an experienced sexton and can be found on duty at Rose Hill any hour during the day, thereby giving people who have loved ones buried there an opportunity to have the place kept beautified. We are informed that the rates for work will be reasonable.

### Stray Shots at Night

Much complaint has been made about shooting in the outskirts of town recently.

Marshall Walters advises against such owing to the danger and will make efforts to prosecute those who continue this practice.

Standard planters, the best on earth. For sale by The Anchor Mercantile Company.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BRONKO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 5c.

## All is not wool that bears a label

Now that the serious shortage in dye stuffs and wool yarns has brought havoc to the woolen market, knowing men will depend upon the reputation of the House of Born when they are ready for new clothes.

### M. Born & Company

have never misrepresented a piece of material in the forty years of their business existence—they have maintained high quality standards under all conditions—they have always sold exactly what they advertise.

Don't gamble with your clothes money—select your next suit from "Born's Blue Book" and make sure of good woollens, good workmanship and long service.

The price? No more than you will be asked to pay for the unknown and uncertain kind.

Renfro & Fergusson, Tailors

## Listen

Let all know that

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## Quality Drug Store

T. L. Grimes, Druggist

# THE Consolidated Oil & Gas Co.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this organization is for the development of the resources of Oil, Gas, Coal and other mineral in the counties of Coke, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Mitchell, Kent, Nolan, Taylor, Sterling and Jones.

We have contracted for the purchase of 12 tracts of land, each containing 200 acres, aggregating 2,400 acres in all. Said tracts are in several of the above mentioned counties and covering a territory both north and south of the T. & P. R.R., beginning at Trent and reaching as far west as latan. We also have under lease 63,160 acres surrounding the 12 purchased tracts. We have had an expert geologist in this field for the past four months, this man has had wide experience in various oil fields in Texas, Oklahoma and other states, we have thoroughly tested his ability in proven fields, and he has proven to our satisfaction that there is Oil and Gas in paying quantities in this field. We have the same geographical surroundings of all the best fields in Texas. We have better surface out-cropping and indications of oil and gas than has many of the fields already producing oil and gas and just as good indications as the Tulsa or Healdton Fields in Oklahoma. We are going to drill 12 test wells, one on each of the 12 tracts, said wells to be drilled not less than 2,500 nor more than 4,500 feet deep provided that we did not find oil or gas in paying quantities at a lesser depth.

We are selling contracts in this company for the small sum of \$34.00 and a balance of \$66.00 payable on or before Nov. 1, 1916, and a purchaser of one of the contracts will receive one lot containing 750 square feet at each of the 12 locations, and in addition to the lots his pro rata interest in the 40 acre tracts at each of the locations and whatever they produce, these being reserved for drilling purposes, also his pro rata interest in the 63,160 acres of leased lands. Under this plan the purchaser has every possible advantage of receiving a profit on his or her investment. Should we be so successful as to bring in several good wells the profits would be enormous, and should we only bring in one out of the 12 tests it would certainly be a splendid investment, however, we do not believe it is possible to explore this great territory and not bring in more than one good well.

This proposition is backed by some of the best business men, stockmen and bankers of Colorado, Texas. And every person in this country should be interested and use their influence in the interest of this proposition, as it, beyond a doubt, means more to this section of Texas than any proposition that has ever been before the people from a development standpoint. Let us all do our very best to develop our country and be the ones that receive the direct benefits, by buying a contract now.

Brooks Bell, President.  
C. M. Adams, 1st Vice-Pres.  
F. E. McKenzie, 2nd V-Pres.  
E. M. Baldwin, Sec.  
C. T. Harness, Treas.

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For further information, call on, or address Paul Bennett, Merkel, Texas, District Agent

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By constantly WATCHING THE MARKET we are always in a position to PROTECT you on PRICES.

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### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

**Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly**  
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children, 50c.

### 64 RATTLE SNAKES UNDER SAME ROCK

John Halbrooks, living on the Walter Smith farm three miles south of Trent, has killed 64 rattle snakes from under one rock within the last three years' time.

Two years ago Mr. Halbrook made the first discovery of the nestling place of the rattlers and killed eighteen. Last year he investigated the old rock secrets and killed twenty-four, and only a few days ago added twenty-two more to his kill, making a total of sixty-four rattlers. From reports rattlers are unusually thick and Mr. Halbrooks advises all parties to keep a strict watchout for these reptiles.

### HERE UNTIL SATURDAY

I will be here through Friday and Saturday for treating diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and throat and fitting glasses. Dr. A. L. Fuller.

### SPECIAL MATINEE

Every Tuesday 4-to-6:30 For THE GIRL and THE GAME. 5 and 10c

Buster Brown is scheduled to be here for sure April 15th at Woodroof's store.

J. F. Corwin, of the Silver Lake Oil Co. came in Wednesday to confer with his associate, Arch Anderson who is making Merkel his home at the present.

**To Drive Out Malaria And Build Up The System**  
Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

### AVOID OPERATION

Get Out From Under the Shadow of the Knife.



Thousands of women on the verge of serious surgical operations are saved by a timely use of Stella-Vitae the great female remedy. The usual female troubles are unnatural and unnecessary. Taken in time they can be cured and the operation avoided. The tonic principle of Stella-Vitae picks you up and gives you new life and hope, new desires and energy, new strength and purpose in life.

For two generations Dr. Thacher has been helping Southern women to better health, to more cheerful lives. Stella-Vitae is the means employed and evolved by this celebrated physician from thousands of test cases. Any woman who suffers even in a slight degree can be benefited by just one bottle of this celebrated remedy. Don't put it off, don't neglect yourself and become old and care worn before your time. Get a bottle of Stella-Vitae from your dealer and if you find that it does not improve your condition the dealer will return full purchase price. But it will help you. It will improve your digestion, clear up your complexion and work wonders with your disposition and appearance. Get a bottle today. Don't delay! Your dealer sells this wonderful guaranteed-to-benefit remedy in \$1 bottles. Thacher Medicine Co., at Chattanooga, Tenn.

For sale by T. L. Grimes Druggist

### Loans

8 per cent money on good land on long time. We are fully ready for loans again. Ask for clients all over this territory who have been borrowing from us for years and years about our liberal terms and then see or write us for details. Quick work with us on loans. 31tf

Compere Bros., Abilene, Texas

Buster Brown is scheduled to be here for sure on April 15 at Woodroof's store.

Best flour per hundred \$3.30 at The Star Store.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

**HORSE STRAYED**—Sorrel white faced horse unshod, collar marks, about 16 hands, branded F on left thigh. Advise C. F. Huddleston, Merkel, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Span of young horse mules at a bargain, cash or approved note. Apply H. C. Burroughs Jr. Merkel, Texas. 7t2

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**WANTED**—Small house of three rooms close in. For reply phone 33. Minor Goode. 7t1pd

**WANTED**—To buy six extra good cows. I want strictly the very choicest. C. M. Largent. 7t2

**FOR SALE**—My roadster automobile. Run only 1200 miles since complete overhauling, repainting and new top. First-class shape. Will take good buggy or used lumber as part payment. Price \$250, worth more. Dr. Miller.

**FOR SALE**—Good young Jersey cow, now fresh. Price is right. Joe Holmes.

**FOR SALE**—My home in northwest Merkel where I now live. A bargain. T. J. Evans. 17tf

**Lost**—Spotted hog, strayed from stock pens several days ago. Last seen in southwest part of town. \$5 reward for return to R. H. Collins.

**FOR SALE**—My home at a bargain. Nice four room house. Thos. Largent. 7t

**FOR SALE**—5 month old Durco boar, pedigree furnished. \$15.00. J. T. Warren. 7t1

**WANTED**—Man with family to work on farm. Must not cuss, drink liquor nor smoke cigarets. S. H. L. Swafford. 7t1



### The Telephone Saved a Life

When one of our men was badly injured by the threshing machine we telephoned the doctor, who told us how to patch the man up. The doctor then started for our place in a hurry. When he arrived the man was pretty weak, and without the doctor's advice the results might have proved serious. Thanks to the telephone, the man pulled through.

Every farm should have Bell Telephone connection.

Write our nearest Manager for information  
The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company

### Shetland Pony For Sale

One thoroughbred shetland pony, absolutely gentle for children to drive and guaranteed safe. Also set of harness and surry. See me if interested. W. Parten.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barnett have returned from Sweetwater after an extended stay at the Grogan Wells.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

From a small beginning the sale and use of this remedy has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. When you have need of such medicine give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and you will understand why it has become so popular for coughs, cold and croup. For sale by all dealers.

### "MILLION DOLLAR RAIN"—SWAFFORD

"We have had a million dollar rain and it is still raining," so says S. H. L. Swafford of Merkel, Route 1. Hereafter we are going to charge extra for all want ads this party uses unless he eliminates the third initial, but it passes when he goes to boosting the country like he did Thursday morning when he called the Mail office by telephone.

Mr. Swafford reports his grain crop coming out fine with excellent prospects. The 3 and 3-4 inch rain of last Friday and Saturday saved much small grain as well as some few lives, which followed by the rain of Thursday of this week, places the very best spring season in west Texas that has ever been seen by even old timers.

### Chiropractic

If sick try chiropractic and get well. Call on me, consultation and analysis given free. Mrs. W. U. Battendorf, graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Deavenport, Iowa. You will find me at Mrs. Alic Rose 7t1pd

### Here from Sweetwater

Dr. J. T. Pue of Sweetwater has established temporary practice here, with the expectation of making Merkel his permanent location.

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### Whenever You Need a General Tonic

Take Grove's  
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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### For Misses and Ladies

Trimmed and Tailored Hats in a far more complete stock than we have ever shown before and at exceedingly reasonable prices. Do not fail to visit our parlors upstairs, rear of Star Store, and view the full showing we are now making.

## MISSES STANLEYS

## PERSONAL

Effective midnight April 15, 1916, prices of the 3400 r. p.m. Chalmers models will be as follows:

Touring Car,	\$1090	Detroit
Cabriolet,	\$1440	Detroit
Roadster,	\$1070	Detroit

The present prices on these models are as follows:

Touring Car,	\$1050	Detroit
Cabriolet,	\$1400	Detroit
Roadster,	\$1050	Detroit

Anyone desiring to purchase any of these models before April 15 will save a good sum of money.

Chalmers Motor Car Company

## BREEDERS NOTICE "DAN"

The Thoroughbred Kentucky Trotter stallion will make the season at Trent this year \$10 to insure living colt. Will use every precaution but will not be responsible for any accidents.  
CAL. HAMNER

The U. S. Model E Standard Star and Leader Mills, the very latest models ask to see them. H. M. Rose.

The oil stove season is here. See the Quick Meal at the Anchor Mercantile Co.

Hot days call for cool oil stoves. Get the Quick Meal from Anchor Mercantile Co.

We appreciate your patronage. You will appreciate our service if your tailoring work is done by Owen. Phone 194. 10tf

**SHILOH**  
Everyone are rejoicing over the fine rains of last week. Farmers will go to work in earnest now. Sunday school and prayer meeting were well attended Sunday considering the blustery weather.

Miss Stella Goodé of Noodle visited Miss Lettye Jones Monday.

Jess Tabor has been visiting friends in Haskell.

County Superintendent Pritchard of Anson visited the school here one day last week.

Mrs. Smith of Stanton is here visiting Mr. Hail and family.

The Misses Hail's were Merkel visitors Thursday.

Edgar Grayson and Miss Lettye Jones attended services at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mae Seago was shopping in Merkel Tuesday.

There was a song service at the church Tuesday night, conducted by Prof. Vernon of Comanche.

Miss Gladys Reeves is suffering severe pain caused from a nail wound.

Misses Vennie Grayson and Myrtle McDonald spent Sunday with Miss Nina Beavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were Merkel visitors Monday.

There was a party at Frank Hail's Monday night.

They have organized a Teachers' and Sunday School Workers Meeting which meets at the church house on Friday night before the second Sunday in each month.

W. B. Beavers made a business trip to his farm on Sweetwater Creek Monday.

Prof. and Mrs. Thompson motored to Noodle Monday afternoon.

## NUBIA

April Fool.

The belated rains have come and in their coming they were timely and opportune, not only that, but adequate to the needs, for about four inches accompanied the precipitation. It was 48 hours falling and one hundred per cent of it was absorbed in the fields. Of course, in the pastures and on hard, slick hillsides and slopes, the water ran off and put stock water in the tanks. It is not believed, however, that it came in time to save the wheat and oats, at least all of it, for the long dry spell had caused most of it to die. We are almost entirely positive in asserting that it was a contributing influence in expelling from our midst the ugly wrinkled-faced imps of ultra pessimism.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Crow, who has been sick with fever for several weeks, is reported no better.

There was singing at Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turners's Sunday night.

The entertainment at Mr. Anderson's Thursday night was enjoyed by many.

Several from here expect to attend the singing convention exercises to be held at Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

The entertainment at Mr. Wood Turner's last Tuesday night week was an enjoyable occasion to all present.

Mrs. G. L. Anderson and daughter, Jewel, visited relatives in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

John Sowel is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. Latimer.

### Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies dont fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Try the famous Wamba coffee that made Houston, Texas, famous. G. M. Sharp. 17tf

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## GROGAN MINERAL WELLS OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

We have established an office in Merkel in charge of Dr. J. T. Pue, who is prepared to give you the same treatments we give at Sweetwater. Consultation and examination free. Take advantage of this opportunity. Phone or call on

**Dr. PUE, at Collins Hotel**

## REGULAR DINNERS

EVERY DAY AT

### The Busy Bee Cafe FOR 25 CENTS

Between the hours of 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Visit us in our newly furnished home on Front Street, first door east of Mrs. E. M. Rust's Drug Store

Special tables for Families

TURKEY DINNERS EVERY SUNDAY  
50 Cents---Special Course

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## EASTER Millinery

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IT is time to buy an Easter bonnet! Don't be the last, and then wish you had attended to it when you could have gotten just the hat you wanted. NOW is the time. TODAY we will commence to feature EASTER Millinery and will have special models constantly on sale.

WOODROOF'S

Miss Smith is charge

## ROUTE 3

Everybody is wearing bright smiles now on account of the good rain that has just fallen. The farmers will be busy planting for the next few weeks.

H. H. Toombs and family of Nubia visited A. R. Toombs and family Sunday.

E. B. Barnes' hand is improving rapidly. We hope it will soon be well.

The literary society at Castle Peak was put off another week on account of rainy weather. Everybody is invited to come back next Friday night. There will be a good program rendered.

There will be preaching at Castle Peak school house the third Sunday of this month. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

We hope all the farmers are pleased with the rain.

### WANTED

We will appreciate anyone that will notify us that the street lights are out. This will assist us in giving you better service, in which we are glad to give you the best possible service. Merkel Power Company, Phone No. 202.

### Notice

The Colorado Steam Laundry is making many well-pleased customers. Why not give it a trial and be well pleased too? Call Owen. Phone 194. 10 tf

Plenty of bran and cowfeed at G. M. Shaps.