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YOUNG MEN IN BUSINESS

Remarkable in Merkel is the large number of capable, young business men. It is with great pride that we challenge the entire land for a duplication of efforts in this regard. Wise indeed have been the parents of this young generation, and they are proud of the future of such a tribe. When we behold the wonderful activities of this new generation we are impressed with the words of Franklin, when he said: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings." Veritably these young men, as their fathers before them, shall stand before the great commercial princes of the country, year in the years that wear away before them we expect to see them enthroned at the very head of the country's greatest institutions. Liberal and kind, yet possessing sternness in keeping with good business principles; with broad vision, and yet not too visionary; lovers of the pleasurable things of life, but not at the expense of business; approachable and courteous, it is no wonder that Merkel stands out as the queen cotton shipping station on the T. & P. road, and as the greatest cattle shipping point according to its size in all the State. There is positively no better business city between El Paso and Fort Worth. (no greater population than Merkel. And what has it done so? Ah, it is the vigor and the red-blooded vigor of youth, blended together in harmonious, co-operative helpfulness. Merkel has been called a city of Young Business Men. Not alone to them does the gratitude belong, but back of them we find parents who have trained them "in the ways they should go," and as they grow old we are led to believe they will not depart therefrom. Not only are their progressive parents proud of this, their own royal generation, but this city is proud of them, this great Merkel country is proud of them, and as a result we are insured of a continuance of the greatest trade center in all the land. To the east and to the west and to the north and to the south, we find trade pouring into Merkel. There is a reason. Merkel appreciates the patronage of those in the rural districts and will guard with earnest effort to hold that which rightly belongs to her.

USE OF RICE.

The College of Industrial Arts foods and cookery and dormitory dietetic departments, according to a news note from Denton, have been experimenting with Texas rice the last two weeks and have made some very interesting tests. In order to observe the different results obtained. Of interest, in connection with the Statewide "Buy it made in Texas" movement is the college announcement concerning these observations:

"Miss Ingham, State dormitory dietitian, states that the foreign rice is of a more symmetrical shape, the Texas rice being shorter and slightly more unevenly formed. The home product, however, she states, is of a better flavor. It absorbs more water in the cooking, but this does not seem to effect the dish when prepared."

The announcement adds that served in many savory rice dishes. It is a favorite dish at the dining table, being eaten with a sauce or oftener with a meat sauce. It is a commodity of great value.

students in Turkish Pilaf, made by the following recipe:

"Wash and drain half a cup of rice; brown in a tablespoonful of butter; add a cupful of hot water, and steam until water is absorbed. Then add one and three-fourths cupfuls of hot stewed tomatoes, cooking until the rice is soft. Season with pepper and salt. A bit of onion cooked with it adds to the flavor."

AGAINST SCHOOL LAW

After seeing our friend W.H. Clark's remarks on compulsory school laws, I thought I would have my say. I am against this useless law and have been all the time. It works many a hardship on poor people who are willing to school their children, but owing to distance and bad weather can not attend full time. Then we have to sign some excuse, which is fixed so we will have to sign just to suit the law, regardless of whether it is truth or not. Now let every one show where he stands, or our children soon will be wards of the State and we will be useless as parents and guardians.

MRS. RICKER

Route Three, Box 99, Merkel.

GIVING STATES A CHANCE.

The Supreme Court of the United States by a vote of 7 to 2 has upheld the Webb-Kenyon law, prohibiting the shipment of liquor from wet into dry States. For booze the State line is now the dead line. In rendering this decision the court has cut the control of interstate commerce held helpless the State control of the liquor business. Booze shipments are now subject to State police power and can no longer claim exemption by posing as interstate commerce. According to press reports, Chief Justice White used the following language in announcing the decision:

"The all-reaching power of government over liquor is settled. There was no intention of congress to forbid individual use of liquor. The purpose of this act was to cut out by the roots the practice of permitting violation of State liquor laws. We can have no doubt that congress has complete authority to prevent paralyzing of State authority. Congress exerted a power to co-ordinate the national with the State authority."

No amount of comment can add anything to the clearness and completeness of that summary. The States that mean business are now able to wipe out whisky within their borders. Dry laws can now be made to live to the last letter of the statute instead of being subject to practical nullification by anyone able to read booze advertising and to pay express charges on the original packages thus made available. This is not only a victory for the dry cause, but also for the police authority of the States and for better adjustment of that authority to the powers of the federal government. It is not too much to say that this decision is a landmark in the interpretation of our constitutional law in its relation to the social evolution of the United States.—Collier's.

MR. PARTEN IN MARKET

W. Parten, of the Parten Dry Goods Company, is in the Eastern markets placing orders for a spring line. He expects to be back in a little over a week. He will pay special attention to a full line of ladies ready to wear. Before leaving he stated that he felt that a big trade would follow the opening of spring and that he had decided to place heavy

E. F. Vantrees, one of the most progressive young farmers of the Hawley community, was a visitor at the Mail office a few days since. Mr. Hawley placed subscriptions for a number of the leading publications of the day. He loses no opportunity in keeping abreast of the times, and prosperity is shining beneath his banners. He has just completed a modern five-room residence, and is adding every convenience. He employs up-to-date cultural methods, and is highly pleased with the results. He has promised to tell

us some of his experiences in the near future. He says there are a few cases of measles in his neighborhood, but otherwise the health of the community is fine. Farm work is well up and prospects look good.

Mr. Vantrees laid special stress on the importance of the Sand Burr Literary Society, which meets once a month at the Primitive Baptist Church. He also said that the girls' basketball team of his neighborhood had reached a high state of efficiency, in fact were carrying off honors with competitive teams.

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He is a \$20,000 man, that is he is getting as much, week by week, as the man with \$20,000 who depends solely upon the income from his investments and who does not work for a living. The man who earns \$40 a week has about the same income as the investor with \$40,000 put out at interest at 5 per cent.

So labor is capital. It has a market value. It can be called a commodity because it can be sold by its owner the same as any other possession. He may have

These are simple facts. The demagogue who preaches unreason and unrest and who sows the seeds of discontent and unhappiness among the working masses of the country should now and then be reminded of them.—Leslies.

THE NATION'S NEED

By Hon. Elihu Root

God knows, we need men now! We need men whose trust is not in words, in rhetoric, in fine phrases, or in noble expressions of sentiment, but men, genuine, sincere, devoted; men who do not so much talk about their love of country or their passion for liberty of humanity as men that do love their liberty so much that they are willing to give liberty to others as well as who think not merely of what they can get out of their country, but of what they can give to their country; men who, upon the basis of plain, practical, and sensible hard work in the ordinary affairs of life, carry ever noble idealism and a sincere capacity for self-devotion.

THE NEED OF CO-OPERATION

THE MELTING POT.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma wants a law authorizing the dismissal of judges who nullify statutes passed by congress.

A banker who began as a bookkeeper recently died in Chicago leaving \$11,000,000.

In spite of the remarkable prosperity, in New York, families receiving aid from charity organizations are only 200 less than in the latest period of depression.

The sheriff of Gerard, Ala., discovered that 500 gallons of whisky, seized in "blind pigs," had been siphoned out of the warehouse through a hole in the wall.

Gasoline users of Oregon paid one cent a gallon extra last year. The regulating law set the standard so high that it made the gasoline poorer, yet it sold at a higher price.

A Texas farmer was fined \$50 for talking about a murder case on which he had been summoned for jury duty. A few days afterward, he was sent to an insane asylum.

Last year there were fifty-four lynchings in this country, including fifty negroes. Nine only were for assaults on women. One was for slapping a boy, and another for brushing aside a girl on the street.

The Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor in New York says that illness causes 94 per cent of the cases of poverty and only 4 per cent are due to drunkenness, old age and non-employment.

A good carpenter received 12 cents for twelve hours' work a day. With 12 cents he could buy necessities that now cost \$2.60. Today a carpenter receives \$4.50 for eight hours' work.

John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s bureau of social hygiene, which has been laboring to suppress commercialized vice in New York, reports a decided diminution in evil resorts, due to effective co-operation from Police Commissioner Wood.

TAX ASSESSORS

IN THE FIELD

Tax Assessor J. H. Vance began the work of assessing the taxes in earnest last Monday morning, the following deputies beginning work in their respective precincts:

Henry Hick, Merkel; C. T. Beckham, Trent; J. L. Kincaid, Buffalo Gap; A. D. Jones, Bradshaw; Jesse Pollock, Moro. The work in the Abilene precinct will be started next week, when Deputy J. M. Miller will make the rounds with the city assessor, Henry Balch.

About \$2,500,000 in taxes has already been assessed, Mr. Vance stated.

MR. ROSE VISITS MARKET

A. C. Rose, of the Anchor Mercantile Company, left last Sunday for the Eastern markets. He expects to be gone about a week or ten days, and will place orders for a general supply of goods, for all departments of the business.

R. E. Windham, who lives on the C. M. Largent ranch, in the Kale community, called and looked over the new lino-type machine at the Mail office a few days ago. While in he took advantage of our special subscription offer and will receive the Mail for two years. He said it looked like everybody had the measles in his vicinity.

Miss Emma Mae Washburn has returned home from spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Evans and other relatives at Anson.

The one great solid fact needful in the development of a city is that co-operation freely abound. It is needful that every man in all this great Merkel County do what he can to help his neighbor. It is the duty of the merchants to assist their customers in every legitimate way, and it is the duty of the customers to return in like manner with all the patronage they can consistently give.

It sometimes falls out that a customer gets the idea he can place his orders with a catalog house to better advantage. We think if he will give the matter a little serious thought he will readily change his mind. We almost offer the assertion that every merchant in Merkel can equal in price, and exceed in quality anything sent out by any catalog house. We further know that it is the policy of every catalog house to carry inferior or second-class goods, while every merchant, of necessity, feels inclined to carry first-class goods. All the merchants' goods bear the name of the manufacturers, but on the goods of the catalog house we have failed to discover the name of the real maker. You who patronize catalog houses think over this feature: The next time you want an article, suppose you send your money and your order to the local merchant, but be sure you don't go along and see the goods. We are sure he can sell you the same article and save you money. If our merchant handled catalog class goods, he would soon go out of business.

Mr. Customer, our merchants appreciate your trade. Your co-operation adds to their prosperity; enlarges their activities and enables them to do a better part by you. Send your orders away and you cripple your trade center, enrich the coffers of those who never gave a dollar to your community, and buy from parties who rob you consistently by giving you inferior goods. If you did not have a good trade center your land values would decrease, your produce markets would not exist, your roads would be worse and you would not have this highly developed land in which to live.

Why is it that catalog houses seek out systematically the most out-of-the-way places, places where the greatest ignorance prevails, to send tons and tons of their extensive catalogs? If they give bargains, why don't they appeal to intelligence, why don't they clamor for the trade of our cities, why don't they replace the retail stores entirely? Naturally the people everywhere want the most for their money, and if the catalog house don't make them believe this, they can not sell them. If a customer will find the legitimate manufacturer's name on a single catalog article, it will be more than the writer has ever been able to do. Our merchants stand behind their goods. They give you value received. They sell you good stuff, or are ready to make it good. They buy from choice markets. They do not sell you unseen packages. They want to co-operate with you and you will gain immeasurably by co-operating with them.

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Mesdames H. M. Rainbolt, E. A. Hargrove, H. N. Newsom and Miss Bernice Rainbolt, were called to the bedside of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Joe Glover at Baird last Monday, who was not expected to live. Mrs. Glover died Tuesday morning and was buried at the Baird Cemetery.

Mrs. J. L. Browning is still down with pneumonia, though she is much improved.

Our fellow townsman, E. P. Beene, was called to Gatesville the past week on account of the death of his uncle, John Beene, who died from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased had several acquaintances here, being visited in the city some time ago.

Drives On The Old

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in the retrospective part of their anatomy, and they departed for home. Mr. Edgar Grayson reports a most pleasant time at the lovely home of Capt. J. E. Jones, near Anson last week. Auto rides and 42 games were some of the pleasant youthful diversions. Mr. Long, a prominent farmer, entertained the gleeful youths several times. The basket ball game last Saturday between Merkel and

Mesdames H. M. Rainbolt, E. A. Hargrove, H. N. Newsom and Miss Bernice Rainbolt, were called to the bedside of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Joe Glover at Baird last Monday, who was not expected to live. Mrs. Glover died Tuesday morning and was buried at the Baird Cemetery.

Our fellow townsman, E. P. Beene, was called to Gatesville the past week on account of the death of his uncle, John Beene, who died from an attack of pneumonia. The deceased had several acquaintances here, being visited in the city some time ago. Mrs. J. L. Browning is still down with pneumonia, though she is much improved.

P-E-A-C-E

We earnestly hope for continued peace in this great land of ours. And while our Great Statesmen are striving to maintain the pleasant peaceful conditions, we want to assist you in brightening the faces and gladdening the hearts of those in your home by offering you the best for the least.

GROCERY SPECIALS

One 3-pound can best steel cut coffee.....	90c
One 3-pound can with China Cup & Saucer.....	85c
One 1-pound can best Steel cut coffee, 35c val.....	30c
Five 1-pound packages Coffee.....	\$1.00
Four packages best Cocoa-nut.....	25c
One No. 3 can Kraut.....	10c
One No. 3 can Pie peaches.....	10c
One No. 3 can Hominy.....	10c
One No. 10 can Hand packed apples.....	40c
One Gallon onionsets, Red or White.....	60c

We are making a special price on many articles. Visit our store, ask the price and be convinced, that The Star Store struggles for low price and High-quality.

We Want Enough Eggs To Load A U-Boat

THE STAR STORE

Dave and Bob Beasley, who operate a large plantation on the river, shipped their large Case tractor to Tulia last week. They have been using the machine in connection with their thrasher, but will use it in breaking ground at Tulia. Dave will go to Tulia with the outfit but it is the intention of Bob to remain on the property here, it is stated.

STILL IN BUSINESS

At The Same Old Stand

In December I advertised a cost sale to go out of business but failed to sell out, so am stocking up again. Although I would like to have gone out of business I am still in. I run my stock so low at that time our stock is almost all new, for we have been getting in new Shoes, Bleaching, Chevoits, Gingham, White Goods, Clothing, Dress Shirts and Collars---all bought at old prices. Come price with us.

AS A SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

I will make Bleaching at.....	12½c
which today would cost at the factory.....	12¾c
\$2.75 Work Shoes at.....	\$2.25
\$4.75 Work Shoes at.....	\$4.00
\$17.50 new all-wool men's suits.....	\$15.00
\$15.00 new all-wool men's suits.....	\$12.50

Come let's renew our business relations

J. P. SHARP

Merkel, Texas

LOCAL NEWS

Little Jack Merritt, who has been right sick with pneumonia, is about well again.

Service Car day or night—Marvin Boney. Phone 263, Busy Bee Cafe. Night phone No. 9.

Miss Mossie Sears is in Chillicothe, where she is visiting her sister, Mrs. Virgil Touchstone, for some time.

Pure Mebane cotton seed \$2 per bu., if taken at once. Inquire at Farmers' State Bank.

Rev. W. A. Scott of Trent was in Merkel last Friday attending and assisting in the funeral of Mrs. Hand.

Pure east Texas Ribbon Cane syrup. Made by a farmer. In gallon buckets at Bob Martin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Owen are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born last Sunday noon. All parties are reported doing well.

For high grade coffee call for National White House. For sale by W. F. Hamblet.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Melton, of Blair, died on the 9th and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery on the 10th.

Ring 286 for pure groceries fresh vegetables, eggs, butter and bread. Will appreciate your trade. W. F. Hamblet.

Mrs. L. R. Cypert, head of the millinery department of Parthen Dry Goods Company, is in the Eastern markets buying a choice line of millinery.

Plenty bran, oats, chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

Dan R. Chancey, a farmer, near here, died of heart failure, last Saturday, and was buried in Midway Cemetery on Sunday following. Dr. Hendrix officiated at the funeral.

NOTICE

Dr. Daly is coming prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and fit glasses. Don't forget the dates—in Merkel, March 14, office at the Commercial Hotel.

W. M. Hays, of the Salt Branch community, four miles northeast of the city, reports that the farmers are well up with their plowing and are ranging to go to planting. He stated that the health of the community was good.

Everybody is invited to come and eat dinner with the ladies February 17, North Front St., at W. F. Hamblet's store.

E. N. Brown, of Brown Dry Goods Company, has returned from the Eastern markets, where he has placed orders for a large line of attractive dress goods, ladies ready to wear, shoes, etc. Mr. Brown stayed a few days longer than he expected in order that he might go into all the market details.

Pure alfalfa honey at \$1.25 a bucket at Bob Martin Grocery Company. 2t16

Dr. P. T. Hale, endowment representative of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky spoke at the Baptist church last Sunday morning to an appreciative audience.

A. L. Jobe's Store on Kent St., Crenshaw Building, is the Merkel Bargain House. 16t2

D. N. Matthews, of Nubia, dropped into the Mail office the past week. He said that everything was looking fine in his vicinity. Everybody is up with their plowing and ready to go to planting. He reports a few cases of measles, otherwise the health of the community is good.

Both banks will be closed on February 22d, account of holiday. Patrons will please be governed accordingly.

The F. & M. Natl. Bank
The Farmers State Bank



SPRING

will soon begin to "peep" thru at us

Dress Up

Be ready and enjoy the season in all its glory and brightness

We are
HEADQUARTERS
for
MEN'S DUDS

Kahn Tailored Clothes
\$15 to \$50

HANAN & HOWARD and FOSTER Shoes. Also strong line of work shoes in ALL-LEATHER, which insures SERVICE. \$3.50 to \$8.50 the pair. Come to see us

MINGUS & WOODROOF CO. Abilene, Texas
Men's Quality Outfitters

LOCAL NEWS

A. J. (Jack) and J. P. Canon, of the Stith community, visited the Mail office the past week. They report several cases of measles in their neighborhood. Every one is well up with his farm work. J. P.'s wife is visiting in Grayson County, where she has been right sick for some time, but is now much improved.

Pure east Texas Ribbon Cane syrup. Made by a farmer. In gallon buckets at Bob Martin's.

M. H. Clark and daughters, Cleo and Nora, and Miss Essie Hale, a neighbor, Route 2, Merkel, visited the Mail office a few days since and inspected our new machine. We have known Mr. Clark in other parts and were glad to find him located in such a splendid country and doing well.

Money saved! Money made! A. L. Jobe's Store on Kent St. is the place. 16t2

C. T. Derrick, of Noodle, visited the Mail office a few days ago and placed a subscription with the publication for two years. He said that most every one was up with his plowing. Mr. Derrick is raising the Hereford cattle and is of the opinion that they are the best stock on the market.

READ THIS
Same goods for less money! More goods for same money! at Kent Street Bargain House. A. L. Jobe, proprietor. 16t2

According to records kept by Mayor Stallings, the rain Tuesday night amounted to .60 of an inch. While we would like to see more rain, we are not kicking by any means. The ground generally is in good shape.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grider, of Kentucky, reached the city on the 8th, visiting their kin-folks, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leech. They left for their home on the 10th. They came here directly from El Paso.

FREE-FREE-FREE
Rent your house and rooms. If wired for electric service, we will list them on our rental board, in our show window free of charge. We will not act as your agent, only assist in renting your vacant property.
Merkel Power Company.

6½ Per Cent Money—Quick Service

By dealing direct with borrowers, I can make loans on land at the rate above mentioned, and can give you the best service ever offered in the West. Abilene inspector, Abilene attorneys, Abilene MONEY, no red tape, no frills, no delays. Terms, brokerage and expenses reasonable. Write me for full particulars.

E. B. Bynum,
No. 5, Radford Building, Abilene, Texas. 16t2

FRESH HOME-BAKED BREAD

10 Cents a Loaf

Hot Rolls—Cinnamon and Plain

Baked Under Most Sanitary Conditions
Customers invited to visit Plant

We will appreciate your trade and show you every courtesy

The Merkel Bakery
Opposite Postoffice
N. HANCOCK, Prop.

Specialty in Farm Loans

Inspector on the ground—Quick Service

Real Estate and Fire Insurance

C. E. WHITAKER

W. O. BONEY

Office over Crown Hardware Co.

PRIZES

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PRIZES



1st GRAND PRIZE
Bungalow Player Piano and 12 Rolls Music



2nd Grand Prize
Late Model TALKING MACHINE and 10
Selections of Late Double-Disc Records



3rd Grand Prize
Ladies' Gold Watch



4th Grand Prize
Gentleman's Gold Watch



5th Grand Prize

26-PIECE SET OF
Wm. Rogers & Son
Silverware

BUNGALOW PLAYER

The Greatest Profit-Sharing Campaign in Which Citizens of the Merkel Country Have Ever Participated

Is now open to everybody. You are invited to come in at any time and register and get the full benefit of this opportunity. These prizes will positively be awarded on **JULY 4th** according to the following Rules and Regulations

1. Each candidate will be given a number, and will be known by number instead of name, when lists are posted or published.
2. On entering the great Profit-Sharing Prize Campaign, each candidate will be given free one certificate good for 2,000 votes, and all certificates will have to be used and conform with instructions in this announcement.
3. The standing of candidates will be posted on Monday evening of each week, using the number of each candidate only.
4. All certificates for votes are to be brought in and recorded.
5. The certificates in packages with the number of your favorite candidate and the amount of total votes written on the top certificate only.
6. Certificates for votes are transferable only before being recorded.
7. Candidates will be given credit for their total votes weekly.
8. No employee of the firm, members of the firm's families or relatives of the members of the firm will be permitted to enter the campaign.
9. The persons or organizations having deposited the largest number of votes on the closing date of this Profit-Sharing Prize Campaign will be awarded the gifts given away in this great Profit-Sharing Campaign.
10. At the close of the campaign the votes will be counted by a committee of three disinterested persons and the awards of the prizes

made according to the plan as announced, and according to the finding of this committee, in total votes.

11. The campaign manager reserves the right to reject any nomination.
12. In case any question may arise it will be determined by the campaign manager, and his decision will be final and conclusive.
13. Any boy or girl is eligible to compete providing consent of parents is obtained.
14. All certificates or tickets for votes shall be issued in roll ticket form, and are numbered consecutively from the opening number to the closing number on each roll of tickets.
15. Candidates' certificates (roll-ticket form) are not transferable after they have been cast in the ballot box and recorded.
16. You can nominate yourself or some friend as a candidate.
17. In case of a tie, a prize identical with that tied for will be given to each tying candidate.
18. This campaign positively closes on the closing date announced in this announcement.
19. The beginning and closing dates of this campaign, as announced in this announcement, will be the authorized dates that shall govern all matters pertaining to dates during the operation of this campaign.
20. This campaign is open for individuals, lodges, schools, societies and organizations.

DO NOT SOLICIT VOTES IN OR ABOUT STORE. THIS RULE MUST BE STRICTLY OBSERVED

We personally guarantee that this campaign shall be conducted with absolute fairness and impartiality, and that these prizes are **TO BE AWARDED ABSOLUTELY FREE**

Whether you are a participant in this campaign or not, when contemplating making a purchase of any kind, in our line, please bear in mind that we have been serving the Merkel public for the last twenty-five years, and that our large experience in this line places us in a position to give you the very best that is to be had, for the same money that you pay for the ordinary kind; also these votes are given extra and without one cent of cost. We are anxiously awaiting the opportunity of serving you. From the house of "BETTER SERVICE"

G. F. WEST COMPANY

WHY NOT?

Buy Your Spring Suit from Sharp & Haynes

BEST QUALITY

BEST PRICES

BEST SAMPLES to select from

A Perfect Fit Guaranteed

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Blair Hotel :: Merkel, Texas

Calls answered Day or Night

O. S. BURNS, Merkel

Dodge Service Car

Goes Day or Night—Anywhere

Phone 6, Elite Confectionery—Nite Phone 136

BONEY'S AUTO SERVICE

Phone 263 Merkel Cafe

Goes Anywhere at Any Time

I'll Take You and Bring You Back. Night Phone No. 9

Marvin Boney

The Quinine That Does Not Cause Nervousness or Ringing in Head

Because of its Tonic and Laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. It removes the cause of Colds, Grip and Headache. Used whenever Quinine is needed.

—but remember there is Only One

"Bromo Quinine"

That is the Original

Laxative Bromo Quinine

This Signature on Every Box

E. W. Grove
Used the World Over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Maker also of the Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

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WHITE
TAN

SHOE
POLISHES

2 IN 1

10c

The Merkel Mail

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Cotton and cattle are twins that make for independence; but separated by work hardships upon the great producers of this country.

The human species is a queer animal. We heard a man complaining about dry goods and groceries being high, after he had just disposed of several dozen eggs at thirty five cents per dozen.

Civic righteousness in a city is best obtained by every man, woman and child vying with his neighbor in friendly manner to excel in those things that make beautiful our physical surroundings.

One business house in Merkel bought over \$200 worth of eggs and butter last Saturday. Eggs have been bringing 35 cents a dozen. If old spec keeps up her present activities, it is likely that the price soon will decrease.

Plant gardens. Living expenses have mounted on the plumed pinions of the eagles whose tireless flight long has been upward and ever upward. In self defense we must endeavor to make our living at home.

Trees are temples of the gods. He who plants a tree not only serves himself, but his city, his community and his country. Wouldn't it be fine if every property owner in Merkel would follow the example of the many and put out a row of trees along the edge of his respective walks? The expense would not be great, and in the future years one would not regret the deed. A lovelier city would grace this unique location.

The past office was closed the greater part of last Monday in honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, that matchless American whom both the North and the South delight to honor. Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Ky., and was shot in Ford's Theater in Washington, April 14, 1865, dying the following day.

We revere Lincoln's name because of what he was. He has shown us that poverty and misfortune are no barrier to the attainment of life's noblest achievements. His biography should be read by every American youth.

DAINTY THINGS SOIL EASILY

But why should you care?

Dry cleaning now and then will keep the daintiest dress or waist always like new.

We are masters in the art of perfect dry cleaning.

Entrust your garments to our hands. We charge no more.

MRS. C. L. CASH
At Star Store,
Merkel, Tex.

Miss Bess Touchstone, who teaches at Noodle, was a visitor at home Sunday.

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.

G. W. Wood, while in taking advantage of our special subscription offer, stated that the farm work in the Nubia community was well in hand. He reported several cases of measles in his vicinity.

SPECIAL Announcement

You are invited to call and inspect our
New
Ready-to-Wear
and get
a
Free Ticket
to
Matinee Wednesday
3 to 5 o'clock
and Picture Show
Wednesday Night

The
"Walkover" Shoe People
will bring to you
interesting
footwear ideas

JUST RECEIVED

Coat Suits, Skirts, Dresses
Waists, Etc.

We are really prepared to show you a good line of the correct things in spring
Ready-to-wear
Come look them over by Wednesday and while here ask for Free Ticket to the
afternoon and night
Picture Show

THE
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DRY GOODS CO.

P.S.—New Goods are Arriving Daily

LOCAL NEWS

Garden hose and rakes, 25 and 30 cents. J. A. Duckett's.

Miss Jess Suthpen was a visitor last Saturday and Sunday with Abilene friends.

Remember the 10th. Don't forget to pay your electric bill.

Fresh candy of all sorts, 15c lb. at J. A. Duckett's.

Emzy E. Burroughs left Tuesday night for El Paso, where he has a position in the Elite confectionary of that city.

Well Drilling—See R. D. Tyler, or M. D. Daniel. 22tf

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Woodruff were visitors in Merkel Saturday.

Phone Busy Bee Cafe No. 263 for service car—Marvin Boney.

D. L. Wilson, of the Merkel Drug Company, is visiting in Dallas a few days.

Plenty bran, oats chops and cow feed, shorts. Bob Martin Grocery Co.

The children of Dr. H. C. Floyd are down with measles.

Prompt service always rendered by Sublett, the jeweler, at the Merkel Drug Co. 16tf

Miss Clea Duff of Ferris is a guest at present of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff.

See Sublett, the jeweler, for your clock and watch repairing.

Miss Johnnie Warren left Friday night for Waco and other nearby points where she will visit relatives for several days.

10 inch Disk Phonograph records while they last for 25c. J. A. Duckett's.

Miss Elma Sheppard left Saturday night for Dallas to spend a few days in the wholesale markets there buying for the dry goods department of the Star Store at this place.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

OLD SOLDIER DIES

As a reminder of the days of San Jacinto, so long ago as almost to be classed as ancient history, on account of the wonderful strides made in Texas since that great event, we are brought face to face with its comparative recentness, by hereby recording the death of Dr. John C. Pickering, of Zavalla, that memorable fight, which so gloriously honored the heroes of young Texas. The venerable old man has now gone to join his comrades on the other side. He was ninety-nine years of age, and many and interesting are the various experiences of early Texas, which he always delighted to relate.

Reason Enthroned.

Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Murtice Huffaker has returned to her home in Greenville after an extended visit with Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Jr. Miss Huffaker made stops in Fort Worth and Dallas en route.

Get your household paint for 15c can at J. A. Duckett's.

HAVE
Your

Cleaning & Pressing

DONE
by

Yarborough

At City
Barber Shop



MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

The following article was crowded out last week:

Several friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Jr. by coming in for the evening with them Tuesday. Candy making was the first thing enjoyed, after which five hundred and other games were played throughout the evening.

"The Common Law," as seen in the movies, drew quite a number of Merkel people to Abilene, where it was given on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. Of those going down were Messrs. and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, H. C. Burroughs Jr., H. L. Rudmose and John Sears; Misses Lou Sears and Emma Sheppard, and Messrs. E. L. Burroughs, Claude Comegys and Frank Hart.

The Twentieth Century Club was entertained last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. B. C. Moore. The club was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. B. Foster. No business of particular importance was transacted and the lesson for the afternoon was the first of a series on Tennis. Prologue and Part I of "The Princess" was read by the club.

Visitors for the afternoon were Mesdames O. D. Mims, L. P. Jones, T. A. Johnson and Misses Burns and Lewis.

A delicious salad course was served during the social half hour.

The Merkel Choral Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Methodist church on Thursday night. Interest in this club is increasing as was shown by the new members present. Plans were discussed and practice was begun for a program to be rendered at one of the churches within the next few weeks.

A Chicken Fry

On last Saturday evening from six to ten, the members of Misses Lasseter and Wright's Sunday School classes were entertained with a chicken fry out on Mulberry. Despite the fact that chickens were somewhat scarce, all seemed to have a very good time.

SKATING PARTY.

The skating rink, which is opened now only on certain nights by request, was opened Monday night for special skating.

The party, of whom there were about twelve couples present, first enjoyed the picture program at the Cozy and afterward the skating.

WITH MRS. WARREN

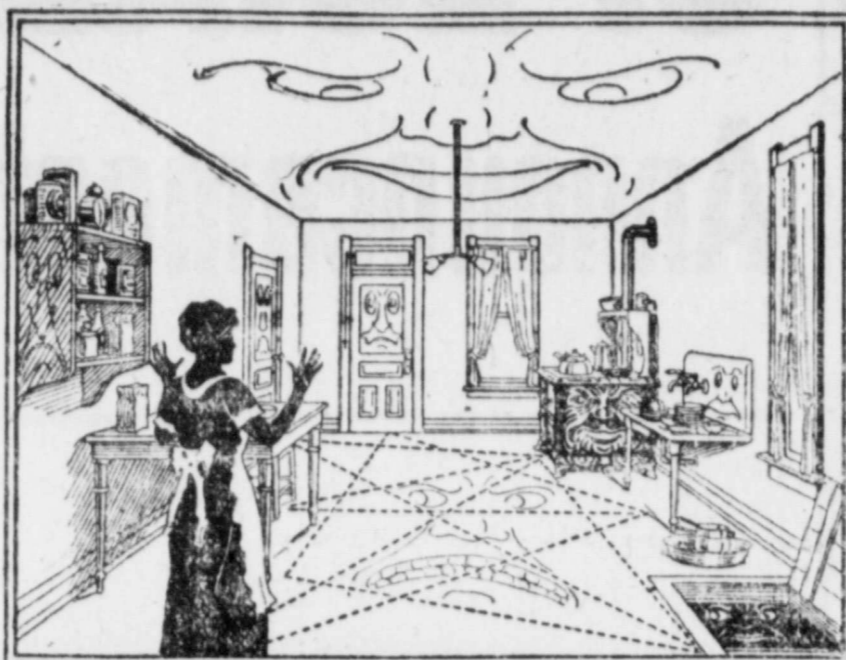
The following friends were entertained at dinner Wednesday by Miss Winnie Warren: Messrs. and Mesdames L. B. Howard, Robert Hicks, H. C. Burroughs Jr. and Jack Graves. The entire personnel of the party were members of the Merry Wives Club, this being their regular meeting day.

In the afternoon the ladies enjoyed forty-two.

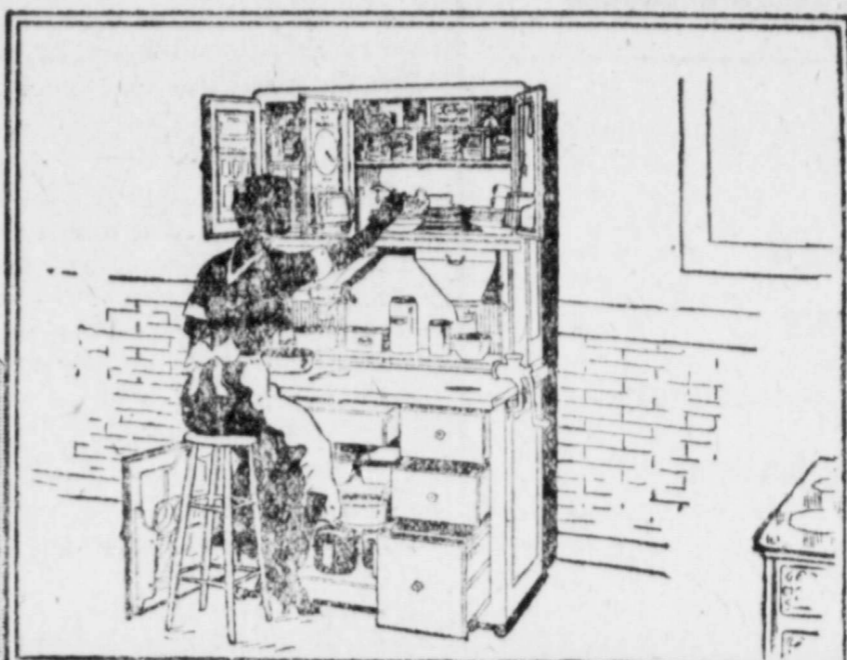
Arbor Day Proclamation

The 22d day of February is observed all over the nation as a tree planting day, and in the interest of tree planting in Merkel, I have been requested, as Mayor of your City, to issue a proclamation calling upon every one that can do so to plant a tree or trees on that day. Therefore, I wish to call your attention to the fact that Thursday, February 22, is tree planting day, and I trust that all of our people who can, will join hands and help make this day a memorable tree planting day for Merkel.

(Signed) J. J. Stallings, Mayor.



TODAY—A Kitchen Nightmare



TOMORROW—A Dream of Delight

Practical Test of The Hoosier STANDS EVERY TEST OF THE MOST CRITICAL

Used in the cooking demonstration from Tuesday to Friday evening of this week by Mrs. Fine. She claims the Hoosier to be the most labor-saving piece of kitchen furniture on the market, having one in her own home.

"I have a Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet in my own kitchen at home and have had it for a long time. It is the best cabinet I know of."
Mrs. U. M. Fine, Domestic Science Teacher.

COOKING SCHOOL GREAT SUCCESS Hoosier Makes It So

Linoleum demonstrates worth in kitchen. Prices from 50 cents square yard up. Full line always on hand. Call and look over our select stock. Quality unexcelled.

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SUCCESSFUL COOKING SCHOOL.

The cooking school conducted by Mrs. Fine, in the business building of Behrens-McMillan Furniture Company for the past four days proved a great success. The first day was a little disappointing, but for the rest of the time large crowds were in attendance and splendid interest was manifested. Mr. McMillan, the popular manager of the furniture company, is of the opinion that this school will

serve as a splendid precedent to future efforts of this kind. He had the arrangements as tasey as it was possible to make them, with the modern equipment he always has in stock. Another feature that lent no small degree of interest was the use of an electric range, furnished by The Merkel Power Company.

While Mrs. Fine demonstrated expert cooking and proper food preparation, the facilities provided showed how the good housewife could save thousands of steps in the pursuit of her

routine duties. Those who came seemed highly pleased with the demonstration, and the good lessons taught will doubtless be utilized in the most practical manner. It is believed that if the demonstration could have remained in force a day longer, that even the spacious room provided would not have accommodated the crowds. The school opened last Tuesday and closes Friday evening.

Ed. Burks of Trent visited in Abilene Monday.

SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

The Baptists and their pastor are pleased to announce that the local fire company will be with them in the service next Sunday. We shall be glad to have them, and take this method of inviting all who are in sympathy with our fire boys to be with us. We shall endeavor to have some good music, and a service suited to the occasion. Come and worship with us.

L. B. OWEN, Pastor.



Do it Electrically

Proof of the pudding is eating it. When you see the delightful dishes made and served by Mrs. Fine, who is lecturing and demonstrating cooking this week, you can appreciate what the Electric Range will do. As the hot summer is coming, we are making special inducements to take care of that hot kitchen for you.

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DENTIST
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of each month.

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S. Hamilton, Clerk

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sale. Cash or good notes. See us if
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glasses in one, and no one
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lines of separation and no
cemented pieces.
Come in and see these
wonderful bifocals which
look like ordinary glasses.

H. C. FLOYD, Optician
Office at Merkel Drug Company
Merkel, Texas

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BETWEEN

TEXAS, ST. LOUIS
Memphis and East

Saves Half a Day



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The State of Texas—To the Sheriff of Taylor County, Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon R. S. Snell, and the unknown heirs of R. S. Snell deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert T. Walker, deceased, L. M. Snell and the unknown heirs of L. M. Snell, Fannie Nail and the unknown heirs of Fannie Nail, S. A. Nail and the unknown heirs of S. A. Nail, Laura M. Cadwell, and the unknown heirs of Laura M. Cadwell, H. M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of H. M. Cadwell, Mary E. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of Mary E. Cadwell, J. A. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of J. A. Cadwell, Carrie Snell and the unknown heirs of Carrie Snell, Rosella Doggett, and the unknown heirs of Rosella Doggett, James Doggett and the unknown heirs of James Doggett, T. S. Doggett and the unknown heirs of T. S. Doggett, Clara W. Cantrell and the unknown heirs of Clara W. Cantrell, J. R. Lawrence and the unknown heirs of J. R. Lawrence, Mary O. Eads and the unknown heirs of Mary O. Eads, Eliza Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Eliza Ewing Brownrigg, Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg, B. F. Eads and the unknown heirs of B. F. Eads, J. R. Stuart and the unknown heirs of J. R. Stuart, A. J. Stuart and the unknown heirs of A. J. Stuart, R. A. Ellis and the unknown heirs of R. A. Ellis, D. B. Corley and the unknown heirs of D. B. Corley, H. K. Martin and the unknown heirs of H. K. Martin, Joel A. Corley and the unknown heirs of Joel A. Corley, Bettie Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Bettie Brownrigg, Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Ewing Brownrigg, and W. H. Woodman and the heirs of W. H. Woodman, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 42nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 42nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term to the District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the 4th Monday in February A. D. 1917, the same being the 25th day of February A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of December A. D. 1916, in suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3743, wherein D. McMahon is Plaintiff, and R. S. Snell, and the unknown heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert T. Walker, deceased, L. M. Snell and the unknown heirs of L. M. Snell, Fannie Nail and the unknown heirs of Fannie Nail, S. A. Nail and the unknown heirs of S. A. Nail, Laura M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of Laura M. Cadwell, H. M. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of H. M. Cadwell, Mary E. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of Mary E. Cadwell, J. A. Cadwell and the unknown heirs of J. A. Cadwell, Carrie Snell and the unknown heirs of Carrie Snell, Rosella Doggett and the unknown heirs of Rosella Doggett, James Doggett and the unknown heirs of James Doggett, T. S. Doggett and the unknown heirs of T. S. Doggett, Lana & Lane, a firm composed of C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane, Clara W. Cantrell and the unknown heirs of Clara W. Cantrell, J. R. Lawrence and the unknown heirs of J. R. Lawrence, Mary O. Eads and the unknown heirs of Mary O. Eads, Eliza Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Eliza Ewing Brownrigg, Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Blount Brownrigg, B. F. Eads and the unknown heirs of B. F. Eads, J. R. Stuart and the unknown heirs of J. R. Stuart, A. J. Stuart and the unknown heirs of A. J. Stuart, R. A. Ellis and the unknown heirs of R. A. Ellis, D. B. Corley and the unknown heirs of D. B. Corley, H. K. Martin and the unknown heirs of H. K. Martin, Joel A. Corley and the unknown heirs of Joel A. Corley, Bettie Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Bettie Brownrigg, Ewing Brownrigg and the unknown heirs of Ewing Brownrigg, and W. H. Woodman and the unknown heirs of W. H. Woodman, are Defendants, and said petition alleging

FIRST
That the respective residences of each and all of the defendants hereinabove named are to this plaintiff unknown, except the residences of the defendants, C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane; That the residence of C. E. Lane is Galveston County, Texas, and the residence of T. W. Lane is Fayette County, Texas.

SECOND
That on or about December 1st, 1916, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit:
54 acre of land more or less, out of J. Butts survey No. 60, docketed in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, beginning at the N. E. corner of said tract of land by George Lane, and by deed

dated July 13th, 1885, and recorded in the Deeds Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. M, page 563, to which reference is made, said beginning point being on the bank of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River; THENCE West with the South line of said Strickland tract, 1137 vrs to the West line of said Butts survey; THENCE South with the West line of said Butts survey to the S. W. corner of a tract of land sold by C. P. Gamble to George Ridenour, by deed dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; THENCE with the Buffalo Gap and Mount Moro public road N. 89 E. 45 vrs; S. 82 E. 32 vrs; S. 81 E. 118 vrs; N. 71 E. 409 vrs to the bank of the Clear Fork of the Brazos river; THENCE down the river with its meanders to the place of beginning.

THIRD
That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage \$5000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said land and premises is \$500.00.

FOURTH
That plaintiff purchased said premises from R. O. Proctor et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated November 16th, 1916, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. —, page —; That said R. O. Proctor et al, from whom plaintiff purchased said property, were the heirs and all of the heirs of George Ridenour, deceased, and his deceased wife, Nancy P. Ridenour. That the said George Ridenour purchased from C. P. Gamble said premises by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated May 7th, 1885, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. K, page 449, to which reference is made; that the said C. P. Gamble purchased said premises from B. F. Eads and wife, Mary O. Eads et al, by good and sufficient general warranty deed, dated June 15th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 191, to which reference is made. That said C. P. Gamble also purchased said property from J. A. Corley by quit-claim deed dated December 11th 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 307, to which reference is made. That said J. A. Corley purchased said property from Henry K. Martin, by quit-claim deed dated September 5th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 276, to which reference is made, and by quit-claim deed dated August 17th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 290, to which reference is made. That the said Henry K. Martin purchased said property from H. S. Schmick, Sheriff of Eastland County, Texas, by sheriff's deed dated August 7th, 1878, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. A, page 258, to which reference is made; that said sheriff's deed purported to sell all of the right, title and interest in said premises belonging to the defendants Mary O. Eads, B. F. Eads, Eliza E. Brownrigg, Elizabeth B. Brownrigg, Mrs. L. M. Snell, Carrie Snell and Rosella Snell. That said sheriff's deed was executed in accordance with a certain judgment and order of sale in cause No. 2690, in the District Court of Fayette County, Texas, styled Mary O. Eads, et al vs. L. M. Snell et al, a certified copy of which judgment is of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 303, to which reference is made, and said order of sale and sheriff's return thereon being recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. A, page 253, to which reference is made.

FIFTH
That the claims of the defendants to said title, as far as to this plaintiff is known, is as follows: Patent No. 506, Vol. No. 12, from the State of Texas, to R. S. Snell, and the heirs of Robert T. Walker, assignees of B. H. H. Butts, conveying the entire B. H. H. Butts survey, of which the property hereinabove described is a part; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from certain parties purporting to be the heirs of R. S. Snell, deceased, to C. E. Lane and T. W. Lane, composing the law firm of Lane & Lane, of LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, said power of attorney being dated February 13th, 1896, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, in Vol. 12, page 214, to which reference is made; power of attorney, coupled with an interest, from Clara W. Cantrell, representing herself to be an heir of Robert T. Walker, to J. R. Lawrence, dated January 20th, 1891, and recorded in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, Vol. Z, page 161, to which reference is made.

SIXTH
That plaintiff and his grantors claiming under the deeds and chain of title hereinabove set forth, all of which is duly registered as above set forth, have been peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of the lands and tenements hereinabove described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes due thereon for an uninterrupted period of thirty-five years immediately preceding the filing of

SEVENTH
Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays for citation in accordance with law upon each and all of said defendants, that a guardian ad litem be appointed as provided by law, and upon final hearing, that he have judgment against each and all of said defendants for the title and possession of said premises, for his damages, and for such other and further relief in law or in equity, general or special, to which he may show himself justly entitled.
Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene this 20th day of December A. D. 1916.
[SEAL] J. N. ROUTH, Clerk
St District Court Taylor County.

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To the American People:
The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidders.
We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.
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Program for Week of February 19-24
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Monday, February 19
"The Ne'er-Do-Well"
at 8:30 sharp
Tuesday, February 20
"The Ne'er-Do-Well"
at 4:15 and 8:30 sharp
Wednesday, February 21
Universal Program
Matinee and Night
5 and 10c
Free Tickets at Brown Dry Goods Co.
Thursday, February 22
Helen Holmes in the
"Lass of The Lumberlands"—Chapter 3
5 and 10c
Friday, February 23
Universal Program
5 and 10c
Saturday, February 24
"Redemption of Dave Darcy"
5-Part Vitagraph
Two 1-Part Comedies with Frank Daniels
10 and 20c
(Matinee 3 to 5:30—Universal Program 5 & 10c)
COMING Tuesday, February 27th
Hero of Submarine D-2

Mrs. L. R. Cypert who has been visiting relatives in Annona and Monette, Mo., is now in St. Louis, buying the spring military stock for Parton Dry Goods Company.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. H. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 35c.

Mrs. J. A. Willis returned Tuesday night from visiting her daughters in Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City, Okla.

Bill Sheppard, who has been holding down a position in Amarillo for some time, has returned to his old place with the Elite here.

The Railroad Station
is usually on the edge of town. To reach it means a trip across the city.
If you are taking the train, or meeting travelers, a telephone inquiry to the station agent about the movement of trains will save you a second trip to the station or a tiresome wait there when the train is late.
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Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
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Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday evening.

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Sunday School every Sunday, 10 a. m.

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R. L. Bland Clerk of Session
H. C. West Supt. of S. S.
Mrs. E. P. McMillen Sec. S.S.
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Mrs. J. S. Saddle Pres. Ladies Aid and Missionary Society
Mrs. R. L. Bland Sec. L.A.M.S.
E. P. McMillan Supt. Gym.
Boys Department
Mrs. E. P. McMillen Supt. Girls Department
Preaching 11 a. m.—7:30 p. m.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Prayer Meet. Wed. 7:30 p. m.
Choir Practice Fri. 7:30 p. m.
Girls Gym. Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Boys Gym. Fri. 7:30 p. m.

TRAIN SCHEDULE
Westbound
NO. 5 Through Train 5:55 a. m.
NO. 3 Sweetwater 5:38 p. m.
NO. 1 Sunshine Spec. 8:30 p. m.
Eastbound
NO. 2 Sunshine Spec. 8:44 a. m.
NO. 4 Through Train 10:18 a. m.
NO. 6 Through Train 10:00 p. m.
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News from H. M. Rainbolt, who has been in Mineral Wells the past three weeks for his health, states that he is improving and will probably be home in a few days.

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New goods are coming every day and we are now able to show you Spring Merchandise from every department of the store. Join the throng of early buyers and make your purchases before the hot summer months



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We announce a complete showing of early Spring Millinery. We now have on display a beautiful selection of the new SAILORS that are being featured so strong for spring. Many other pretty models.

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EXTRA SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY ONLY

A good Extra Heavy blue work shirt for men, regular price 65c, Saturday special, 2 for **\$1.00**

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TO KEEP BOYS ON FARMS.

(By C. E. McClure, Western Oklahoma.)

We hear and read much these days about the "lure of the city" and "how to keep the boys and girls on the farm." And some of the boys and girls have parents, too.

Some go to the city because the work they like and are best adapted to leads in that direction. Let them go. They simply are going to where they belong. But to the majority of farmer folk, the lure of the city is either education or entertainment, and it would seem best to bring these to them on the farm as far as possible.

To give his children advantages of the city schools, a farmer will tear up a good home and a business he understands and has spent the best years of his life learning, and leave a community where he is a respected and useful citizen. He moves to town and becomes a "round peg in a square hole," fitting in nowhere, spending his time loafing, day labor, or else risking and perhaps losing his hard earned accumulations in a business venture his business training has not fitted him for. He leaves his farm to deteriorate in the hands of a tenant, and helps swell the tenant problem.

School the Only Thing.

A consolidated rural school, the equal of the city schools, is the only thing that will keep such men on the farm.

Children frequently are sent to town to board while going to school. This is quite expensive and the parents lose the work of the children out of a good place for a young person with idle time on his hands, away from the restraints and influence of home.

A good rural school would make sending the children away unnecessary, and would give the hundreds of ambitious country children, who work their way through the city schools, a chance to get their education

while staying at home working for their parents. Also the country schools should offer a course that would give a more practical education for life on the farm than do the city schools, which educate away from the farm rather than for it.

Studies Useless to Farmers.


Most of the studies taught up to the eighth grade are really necessary and probably should not be discarded to make way for classes in agriculture, but more attention could be given to it than is usually done. Some of the studies taught in the high schools and colleges are nearly useless to farmers, except that the study of them develops the mind, and surely it could be developed as well by acquiring useful information, as by learning something that will be discarded or forgotten in a few years.

I wonder how many farmers who studied Latin and Greek in their youth have found practicable use for it on the farm, or if any of them have ever run across a mathematical problem in their daily lives that could not be solved by one who had mastered thoroughly arithmetic as taught in the common schools.

Do not understand me to mean that I do not believe in higher education, because I do. It is better to give a child education than land or money, but it should be directed along more useful lines.

The part of the rural graded school above the eighth grade, that corresponds to city high schools, should be to the farmers of the future what the medical school is to the future doctors or the law school to the lawyers. It should fit them for their life work. At the very least, agriculture should be given equal importance with the less necessary studies.

Of course consolidation is hardly possible in some localities, where the settlement is so scattering that it would take such a large area to get the pupils, and the necessary amount of taxable property, and transportation would



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be too expensive and unhandy. The roads, too, are usually bad in a thinly settled country.

The teachers of the one-room schools, teaching scholars of all ages and having so many different recitations every day, can not find much extra time to give to agriculture. But they can do their best to give the children the right viewpoint about farm life, and to give them the desire to learn more about farming if they are going to be farmers. There is a saying that "it is not where you are but which way are you going that counts."

The Old Idea of Things.

It used to be the general opinion that people of brains and ambition naturally went to the city to carve out their career. It was drilled into the public that the farm was a good place to be born and start from, but a poor place to stay. The lives of men of fame or fortune who were born on the farm were held up as examples of what a poor boy could do if he had the courage to strike out.

Happily that day is passing and it is being recognized that the farm offers an opportunity for the exercise of all the brains and ambition that any man possesses, provided he likes work, is adapted to it, and educated. Many young people and some older folks leave the farm and go to town for entertainment, as many possibly as go there for education. They want to get away from the monotony of life in a place where there is nothing going on. But life in the country is not monotonous if the people wake up and start something. Unfortunately the most of us are not gifted with the ability to lead out in social affairs, and we are too much inclined to criticize and discourage those who do, sometimes accusing them of trying to run things, when we should give them all the help and encouragement possible. A willing, competent leader is a big asset to a community and the school teachers can greatly increase their value and the influence of their schools by getting up en-

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tertainments of some kind in which their pupils take an active part, with any others that will do so.

The old-fashioned literary, with its program and debate is instructive to the audience as well as to those who take part. It teaches the speakers and debaters to face an audience and think and speak on their feet; quite as important as some of the lessons learned in school. If the right kind of a subject is chosen for debate, very few will leave without some addition to their store of knowledge. Ciphering matches and spelling bees, too, are good. Box or pie suppers with a program offer a good way to raise money for a few little things that will help the school, and have a good social time besides. Perhaps moving pictures or lectures could be arranged. Any sort of entertainment or gathering that brings teacher and pupils and school patrons together and allows them to get acquainted is worth while. Many patrons never visit the schools and would scarcely recognize the teacher if they met him or her in the road.

Severe Cold Quickly Cured.

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the very best I know what another cold, where.

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