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THE OIL SITUATION AROUND MERKEL

The drouth has prevailed long and severe. Brave hearts have melted before its despairing touch. Some of our good citizens have unwisely got disgusted with the country and left. But all the State, and many other states, with few exceptions, have suffered from drouth. Many of our citizens who are determined to live and die in the great Merkel country, believing it to be the earth's garden spot, have based their hopes on every straw that presented itself to them.

Even now many people are constrained to stay here in view of the oil situation. Very determined efforts have been put forth to bring the oil proposition to a successful termination. Time and money have been put into the proposition. Now it develops that three or four blocks have been completed and all of them are near Merkel. In each one of them is from one to three or four parties who will not lease their lands. The company offers them a drilling contract. They are getting nothing from their oil holdings now. If a well is put down and oil is found they will become fabulously rich. Time is going on and the oil men can do nothing until they are protected. Let these men who will not lease look the matter squarely in the face, place themselves in the position of the oil men, and then say whether they would spend their good money to drill when right in the midst of the block was an opportunity for a big oil concern to jump in and drill wells enough to drain the whole field in a short time.

The County needs something to stimulate industry. If oil is here, there never was a time in this country when it would do more good to find it out. It can be proven that just a little hand full of men are actually standing in the way of development, then they ought to become so alarmed in a short time that they would wake up to the true situation and turn about. What does a little lease money do to compare with actual development. If a wildcat concern will spend \$100,000 in this country in the interest of development, then surely it is not asking too much for our local people to tender them sufficient leases as to give them protection.

If oil is underneath us, and men hold off development, every day they delay drilling means the loss of thousands of dollars to them and millions to the community. Now, honestly, why not lease that land and put it up to the oil men to drill and to drill quick. When the blocks are completed, something is bound to take place. Times are too hard for the people to be dalled with. They are in earnest. Mr. Landowner, if you are blocking the game, reconsider. We ought to have a drill busy now—one just north of town and the other south. We overheard a conversation in which a vitally interested party said that they could do nothing towards drilling until they could complete their blocks. They said that actual development would start just as soon as the blocks were completed. Where is a man profited if he persists in holding off until the interested parties become interested elsewhere and drop their interest here? This is not a proven field. Let's prove it.

John Westenhover, Jr. of Camp Jackson, New Orleans, visited his father, J. M. Westenhover, and sister, Mrs. J. H. McDonald for a few days the past week. He says he is very anxious to go overseas.

THE GOVERNMENT CHANGES METHOD OF ALLOTMENTS

The following letter concerning the governments allotment to the families of men in the service has been received by the local county council of defense. The system of paying these allotments has been changed by the government and this letter explains the new method adopted:

To the Several County Councils of Defense in Texas:

Gentlemen: Your attention is directed to the following matters to which you are urged to give the greatest publicity possible:

Some 250,000 people in the United States will be wondering why their allowances from soldiers in the service are reduced in amount. The War Risk Insurance Board will hereafter issue the checks for the compulsory allotment and all excess amounts, or the difference between that and what has heretofore been received, will be paid by that particular branch of the service in which the soldier or sailor is serving. We desire that you give the greatest possible publicity to this, so that your people will understand the change and that a certain delay in the payment of the excess allowances will be brought about. They will receive in a short while a second check to cover the deficiency. You will get your newspapers to publish this change so that the people may understand and will not be writing letters to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance or other departments in regard to the same.

THE SENSIBLE THING

A short time ago a large number of our industrious citizens left for Arizona where they are at work in the mines at good wages; last week a number left for government work at Nashville, Tenn., where they will be paid good wages; Tuesday morning another body left for Virginia, where they also enter the government work at good wages. All of these men have left their families here. They believe in the country; they know it has made good and feel sure it will make good again. They are an asset to this country. Their wages will come back home and support and help their families, and then when the blessings of rain again favors this section they will return and engage in the prospects of the soil.

A few of our families have left. Most of these had a definite point in view, or in other words, a job at the other end. Crops are short everywhere. There is very little need of cotton pickers anywhere. Isn't it a great deal better for the head of a family to leave and go where he can command good wages, than to drag his family around from one cotton patch to another, undergo hardships that should not be visited upon women and children of tender years, and then perhaps return no better than when they left? The fare will be paid to the place where the work may be had. Sanitary conditions surround the government work. Let our people know where they are going and what they will receive in wages before they leave here. There is nothing in running about hunting a job. The government will favor this dry western section by helping the people to the lucrative jobs where-by they can get a toe-hold to make another crop. The sum of \$5 and \$6 a day for three to six months will afford a nice little bank account for next year's crop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNees received a card this week stating their son, Ulyssus, had arrived safely overseas.

A CALL FOR WORKMEN

Abilene, Texas, August 21. Merkel Mail, Dear Mr. Jackson:—I have another call for workmen of unlimited numbers. The shipment to be made out of Abilene Saturday morning on the Sunshine, but all men must be here and registered not later than 10 o'clock Friday night the 23rd.

The conditions are a little different from those of the last shipment but not materially changed. Your instructions are as follows, and as this is strictly a Government job, must be closely followed, to wit:

Ablebodied men between the ages of 20 and 55; Wages \$3.50 per day of ten hours; Time and half for over time; Transportation free; Meals enroute \$2.00 to be deducted from wages; Board and lodging can be obtained for \$7.00 per week, payable at end of week.

Tell the men that transportation will be free from here and that meals will be furnished at Fort Worth and beyond there, but they must provide themselves with sufficient cash to pay for their lodging in Abilene Friday night and meals until we reach Fort Worth.

Should anything come up and you desire assistance, please call me by phone here at Abilene. Hoping you will be able to get me a large shipment this time, and thanking you for the valuable assistance you have already rendered, I am,

Very truly yours,
P. M. Travis, District Organizer, P. S. R.

TO MY SUPPORTERS

I would like to urge all my supporters to come out and vote on Saturday, August 24th, there by endorsing the action of the regular primary election. I won the race by even 100 votes.

If elected I promise in the future as I have in the past to at all times render my very best services.

I assure you that your support will be highly appreciated. T. R. Lassiter, candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

NEW MILLINER ARRIVED

Miss Alta Edwards of Dallas has accepted the position as head milliner with Woodroof-Bragg, where she will be pleased to show their new line. She has several years experience and comes highly recommended.

Miss Willie Swann is also connected with this department where she worked so faithfully the past season, and she will be pleased to have her many friend call in and meet Miss Edwards and give her a hearty welcome to our city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White have received word that their son, George, has arrived safely in France.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

LOST—One red cow, with white face, marked half circle over 4HK or QT, range cow, inclined to be wild. Mac Castles, Noodle, Route 1. 9tf

FOR SALE—Second hand furniture. See Miss Genevieve Rust. 26t2c.

WANTED—A woman to do light house keeping for two. Old lady preferred. See A. L. Jobe. 23t2c.

WANTED—Good family to live in house and take care of it and pick cotton. See S. F. Haynes. 15t2c.

LATEST WAR NEWS

Paris, Aug. 21.—The French troops advanced three miles today along the Oise and reached Semigny, a mile from the outskirts of Noyon, according to reports from the battle front.

Sunday School Picnic

The Methodist Sunday School will give a picnic tonight at Warren's Lake. A great time is anticipated.

Baptist Church Social

A delightful social was held at the Baptist church last Friday night. There was a good attendance, a splendid program was given and every one had a delightful time, and felt better for having come together in this fashion.

Record W. S. S. Sales.

Receipts of \$16,431, 933, July 9, from war-savings and thrift-stamp sales were the largest of any single day since these securities were offered to the public. Sales during the first nine days of July totaled \$46, 552, 529.

Chicken Thieves Busy.

Chicken thieves got busy last Friday night and visited the home of J. M. Garrett, removing some choice fowls. Next morning the thieves were tracked to a house some distance away. Further information doubtless would be very embarrassing, but nevertheless it is not nice to steal fowls as hard as times are.

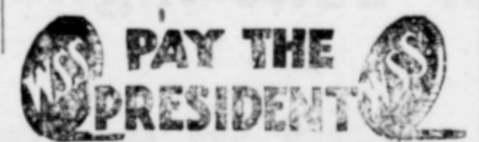
Prof. Arnette to Preach.

Prof. Arnette, who was to have filled the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday, and who was unavoidably detained on account of sickness in his family, will be present Sunday and preach morning and evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Miss Ruth Howard has returned home after a visit with relatives in Stamford.

Miss Eva Williams entertained on Tuesday night with a porch party in honor of Mrs. E. C. Wedemeyer of Meridian. Various games were enjoyed until a late hour, after which sherbet was served to the following parties: Misses Jess Sutphen, Zoe West, Mamie Rister, Genevieve Rust, Mary Reed, Lura and Stacy Adkisson, Elma Sheppard, Ruby Jones, Maude Martin, Ona Hamblett, Mrs. Willie Scarborough, and little Miss Mary Maud Wedemeyer, Messrs Claude Comegys, T. L. and Dee Grimes, E. Warren, Dr. Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, and the hostess. A most enjoyable time was spent in this lovely home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas have moved out on the Baker farm east of town.



TURN RABBIT PESTS INTO PROFITS

Fully 200,000 wild rabbits are killed in the United States every year according to estimates made by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Many of the mare jack rabbits, the majority of which have not been utilized in the past. If all the rabbits killed were consumed, they would represent between 200, 000 and 300,000 tons of valuable food, and if proper measures were taken to insure the collection of skins, these alone would have a value of \$20,000,000. The Biological Survey has frequently been called upon to help western farmers in coping with the rabbit pest. In view of the probable economic value of rabbit meat and fur in the coming few years, the energies of the farmers and ranchmen will be directed to the conservation of this important resource. Already a number of establishments for collecting, dressing, canning, and shipping rabbit meat are in operation in western centers. As in Australia the transition of the wildrabbit in this country from its status as a pest to the source of profit is assured, it is believed.

UNIT OF STENOGRAPHERS TO GO TO FRANCE

A unite of twenty-five expert women stenographers, who will wear a distinctive uniform, is now being recruited for overseas service. This group will be assigned to the Quartermaster Corps of the American Expeditionary forces and to the headquarters of the staff of General Pershing. Each applicant for service must be an experienced stenographer. She will be required to own in her equipment four uniforms (two for winter and two for summer service). She must pass a physical examination, and will be engaged for the period of the war. The salary is \$1,000 a year with the additional allowance of \$4 a day for the first month and \$2 a day for the remainder of the time.

SUNDAY ICE

Unless you bring your coupons or cash on Sunday morning, we can't let you have your ICE. Merkel Ice Company

DERRICK STARTED

Timbers have been placed on site and work will be started on derrick at once for a 4000 foot well on the Billberry ranch about 20 miles south of Merkel. It is on the road south of John Dew's place.

If you are going to want a loan on your land, from The Federal Land Bank, at any time from now until next January, you should make your application now. See W. W. Wheeler of Merkel or R. E. L. Norwood of Abilene, or W. C. Lasley of Buffalo Gap. 23t2c

Mrs. Cotton has returned home after a months visit with relatives in Mineral Wells.

DENTAL NOTICE

This is to inform the public that I make a specialty in the treatment of Pyorrhea (which is diseased gums). If the gums are properly cared for, there is no occasion for false teeth.

I have had three years of successful practice and have been thoroughly convinced that bad gums are the direct cause of numerous systemic ailments, such as stomach trouble, rheumatism, etc.

I will be glad to consult with any one at any time on any subject pertaining to the oral cavity. Office over Woodroof-Bragg Company.

Yours very truly,
F. N. REYNOLDS, D.D.S.

A GREAT DETECTIVE WORK IS DONE

Almost without a moment's delay, after the robbery at the Anchor took place last Wednesday night, word was telephoned to all nearby towns, laying suspicion upon an Overland car, with three young men. When Snyder was called, the officers stated that such a car had just gone through there. Immediately W. H. Laney and H. L. Propst jumped in the latter's Buick and were speeding in that direction. They had no trouble following the trail, and we'll bet they never looked at the speedometer for fear they would have to arrest each other. They stopped along to be sure that the car in question had passed that way, and finally drove into Lubbock just one hour and a half after the Overland reached there. It happened that two of the boys resided in Lubbock and the other near there and that they all belonged to prominent families. The boys got wind of their coming, or else got suspicious, and slipped out and destroyed a portion of the goods. A large part of the spoils were found and were brought back by Mr. Propst. All three of the boys were arrested, but it developed that they had made a big steal in Lubbock and the local officers got in ahead of Messrs. Propst and Laney and ordered them held there. At a later date they will doubtless be carried to Abilene to stand trial for the Merkel theft. The parties here did not get the cooperation of the officers there that they had a right to expect. At any rate a bunch of young thieves is broken up temporarily. All the boys were below the draft age, and evidently had decided that it was easier to steal than to work. Mr. Rose joined the parties at Lubbock and returned with them.

This ought to prove a lesson to every boy who thinks the world owes him a living. "Be sure your sin will find you out," is a splendid motto. One of the boys recently had a good job in Lubbock and could have made good. He stole from his company, but they never suspected him. He thought he was getting by easy. From the nature of the goods taken, we would judge the boys wanted to be sports. Evidently they took the goods for their own use, as they took only such as would be suitable for a well dressed sport. Even if they could have gotten by, would it have been worth the price? We suspect that for the next few years they will hardly be so choic about their wearing apparel. It is a mighty good thing for a boy to be caught in his early criminal career. He may reform. To get off easy now would be their utter undoing. Somebody must suffer always for broken law. Sometimes it is the victim, sometimes a broken hearted father and mother, and sometimes it is the culprits. It ought always to be the culprits. Such outlaws are undeserving of the society of humankind, and Messrs. Laney, Propst and Rose did the right thing, even if they had not recovered one cent's worth of the spoils, they rid society of an eminent danger.

Captain Eugene DeBogory Promoted To Be Major.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 16.—Captain Eugene DeBogory was today promoted to a Major of cavalry and assigned to the Second Brigade at Dallas. Major DeBogory probably will command the Third Squadron of the Sixth Regiment of Cavalry. Major DeBogory was a member of the last Legislature from Abilene.

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BRITAIN JOBE WRITES

The following is a letter, in part, from Britain Jobe to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe: Stopped in Buffalo 10 days, was on duty most of the time, but got to go out to the Niagara Falls, only 20 miles from Buffalo. You can not imagine what a grand sight it is. I sure wish you had an opportunity to see it. I saw many of the old historical buildings there and in New York City.

Don't think I will go across for some time yet, maybe not until spring. Am getting along nicely, eating enough for any two men and am picking up rapidly. Was so sorry I did not get to come and see you all before I left, but I got out of the hospital on Thursday and left on Saturday, so you see it was not possible for me to come.

JAMES R. BARNETT DEAD

The whole community was shocked last Monday when the sudden death of James Robert Barnett was announced. On Sunday he seemed to be in the best of health and spirits, and Monday morning was down town meeting his friends in his usual pleasant manner. He made a trip to his farm, a few miles northwest of town and returned about two o'clock, telling his wife that he was suffering with a pain in his chest. She left the room to obtain a hot poultice, when he fell, and rushing to him found him in a dying condition. Help was summoned but nothing could be done to resuscitate him.

Mr. Barnett was born July 18, 1864, in Johnson county, Texas. He was married to Miss Lily Lou Wilson on September 22, 1889, in Tarrant county, Texas. He came to Fisher county in 1889, and next year to Taylor county, moving to Merkel in

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

1907. He was converted in 1889 and joined the Baptist church at Afton, Fisher county, in 1889. He was ordained a deacon by the Shiloh Baptist church in Jones county several years ago and filled the office until the day of his death.

He is survived by his widow, three sisters and four brothers, Mrs. O. C. Embry of Sweetwater, Mrs. Stephenson of Fort Worth and G. L. Barnett of Hamlin, were present at the funeral, which was conducted by Rev. E. E. Dawson at the Baptist church Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. The pallbearers consisted of his brother deacons.

In his going the community has lost a splendid citizen, his church a stalwart consistent member and his wife a loving, devoted husband. To the widow is extended our most heart felt sympathy. She has been in ill health a long time, and he has ever watched so tenderly by her side, and now he has gone and the burden of sorrow falls so heavily upon her as to call forth God's blessed benediction upon her to sustain her in this trying hour.

RED CROSS

STONE ROOT AND BUCHU COMPOUND Of unexcelled value for the treatment of kidney diseases. Pains in the back and burning sensations are symptoms of kidney troubles, which are quickly overcome by use of this remedy. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

Woodroof-Bragg invites the ladies to visit this store and meet Miss Edwards, who will take pleasure in showing the newest things in fall Millinery.

Mrs. Chas. Allison, after a months visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Guthrie, has returned to her home near Whitewright.

For Indigestion, Constipation or Biliousness

Just try one 50-cent bottle of LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

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The election run-off is Saturday. Every one should vote. Several state officers are involved, as well as the commissioner of this precinct. It will not take long, and it is our duty to do so, whether or not we think much of the second primary.

Cure for Dysentery

"While I was in Ashland, Kansas, a gentleman overheard me speaking of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes William Whitelaw, of Des Moines, Iowa. "He told me in detail of what it had done for his family, but more especially his daughter who was lying at the point of death with a violent attack of dysentery, and had been given up by the family physician. Some of his neighbors advised him to give Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, which he did, and fully believes that by doing so saved the life of his child. He stated that he had also used this remedy himself with equally gratifying results."

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton of Stamford, Mrs. R. W. Grisham and daughter of Hillsboro, are visiting their father J. T. Howard, and family for a few days.

Miss Dixie Howard returned Sunday after an extended visit with relatives in Dallas and Hillsboro. She report the time of her life.

J. Ben Campbell and family returned a few days since from an extended visit to Bonham and Honey Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson's son and wife of Dallas and also, a daughter and son-in-law were visitors in their home last week.

NEW GOODS ROLLING IN

Most all our goods were bought last December, February, March, April and May.

The same goods are selling on today's market at 20 to 40 per cent higher.

Get in early on your buying, as you will pay bigger prices in November and December.

The Brown D. G. Company

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. M. A. Dandy of Fort Worth spent two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Matthews.

Miss Tennie Florey of Midland, who has been visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, left Tuesday for Dallas where she will visit relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker of Canyon, Texas, a 9½ pound girl. The young lady arrived Saturday, Aug. 17 at 10:10 p. m. Mr. Baker immediately phoned H. T. Merritt, her grandfather, that he had the finest girl baby in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stone and children spent last week in the Lamesa country visiting relatives. They made the trip in their car. For some distance they traveled in mud. Mr. Stone says they will make lots of feed there, and says the cattle are fat and in good shape.

Mrs. Ergan Meadows entertained the following parties a few evenings ago: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mrs. Luther Swafford, Kan. City Misses Mirtice Saffle and Genieva Brown, the hostess and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown. A general good time was reported.

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.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter entertained Monday night in honor of Miss Tennie Florey of Midland. Those enjoying the occasion were: Misses Tennie Florey, Maude Martin, Mirtice Safel, Ova Hurst, Dovie Teaff and Mrs. Thomas Bearden, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and the host and hostess. A most enjoyable time was spent.

IN HONOR OF MC-MASTER'S

A week ago last Thursday evening about fifty people gathered at the Methodist church and drove out to the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster, to honor these good people, who have been so much help in building up the Methodist S. S. at this place. On arriving we were greeted by our genial host and hostess and her mother, and given the glad hand of welcome, as it has ever been extended to the people of Merkel by these good people.

We were soon seated on the lawn talking of days gone by, but we could not be kept still very long and soon we were on our feet engaging in the merry games of childhood. We soon forgot we were "grown-ups" and young and old chased each other around the ring in the merry old game of "drop the handkerchief". Mrs. Hale, Mrs. John Briggs, Seth Hamilton, E. W. Perminter, Judd Sheppard, L. P. Jones and others had been fed on the old time dish "mush" until they could eat no more, so we were again seated on the grass to listen to the children sing in appreciation of the work done by Dr. and Mrs. McMaster for them in the S. S. and especially for Mrs. McMasters work in the Primary department. Several large water melons were then carved, eaten and enjoyed by all. We still lingered regretting we must say good bye to these good people. Our good bye's said each one expressing themselves as having had a most enjoyable time, but regretting that we were to lose these estimable people from our town. It has indeed been a pleasure to have known them and many will long remember the good work done by them. The writer will long remember the cordial welcome given by the Dr. at church to the strangers. He was always ready with a smile and a welcome for every one. When you went into the auditorium you felt better and more at home because you had been welcomed by this kindly gentleman. Few have worked as hard and none have suffered more than have this family, in trying to build up the work of the church. We believe in giving flowers to the living as well as placing them on the graves of the dead. We bespeak for these good folks a hearty welcome wherever they may go and wish for them prosperity and many joys in the years to come. We very earnestly hope they will be with us again in the near future filling their rightful places in the church and S. S. We believe in justice and right and brotherly love as all Christians do.

with much pleasure that I transmit the message which your brave soldier boy trusted me with and I am sure it will make your lonely heart glad to know that he was thinking of his dear mother while passing through our city. Father and mother usually take sister, who is 17, and myself, nearly 15, down to wave them on with a cheerful word and a pleasant smile. One soldier handed me a little note folded up and ask me not to read it until the train pulled out and to be sure and do what it said to do. So I waited until the train was gone and then read it. This is what it said:

"Write to Mrs. S. F. Haynes at Merkel, Texas, (she is my mother) and tell her you saw me go through. She will appreciate it. Thanks, Roger."

The balance of the letter was in the nature of encouragement to the mother, full of the spirit of true Americanism, and a full appreciation of the boys who are going to save the country from the awful Hun.

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me. . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

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The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

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CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report.

Table with 3 columns: Attendance, Baptist (175), Methodist (165), and Total (\$3.61, 3.74)

Thanks for that splendid congregation last Sunday at the Methodist church, it was fine.

The pastor is out at Stith this week holding a meeting, but will be in his place next Sunday at home. Let all our people come to church.

Our Sunday School was fine last Sunday, let us men up a little. Our attendance was 165, let us make it 200 next Sunday. C. S. Cameron.

The September 8 Conferences

We want the whole citizenship to keep in mind the Conference of Fathers at the M. E. Church on the evening of September 8, and the Conference of Mothers at the Presbyterian Church at the same hour. The programs are being arranged and the speakers will be announced at an early date. It is going to be worth while for all the community to attend these meetings. E. E. Dawson, Secretary Pastors' Association.

Over At The Baptist Church

Preaching at both morning and evening hours. Cordial invitation is given everybody to attend. The pastor is away in an evangelist meeting, but no break is in the regular Sunday and week-day services.

A good showing was had in all departments of the Sunday School last Sunday. The Young Married Folks Class made a fine showing. So did the Young Women's Class.

Newcomers to the community who are Baptist will find a welcome to make our church your church home.

Visitors to town will be always cordially welcome in the services.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

Epworth League Program.

Topic, The Power of the Cross in the Open Country.

Leader, Wallace Bragg. Scripture, Ps. cv1133-43. Song, Prayer. Thoughts on the Topic, Mamie McNeas.

Opening the Way, Claude Riney.

Duet, Misses Lorena Dry and Virginia Cameron.

Questions for the Meeting? What opportunities have we in Opening the Way?

How May We Reach the Young People of Our Community?

Is the Christian Religion a pioneering Religion?

How Far is the Pioneer spirit Necessary for Christian Achievements today?

Where is the Epworth League? Does One Have the Chance to be a Pioneer?

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN? By Quanticus

He is always hard on folks that break "the rules of the church," but he has never seen what a commandment-breaker he is. In spite of the fact that God has said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," he refuses to keep it at all, but may be seen lazing around home or standing on the streets talking drouth, war and politics all day Sunday.

How can one keep the sabbath holy? By attending upon a public service where the God of the sabbath is worshipped. The man or woman who is in normal health and stays at home on Sunday is just a plain sabbath breaker.

Jesus laid down the principle that one guilty of breaking one commandment is guilty of violating the whole law. Jesus placed all sins in the same category as being transgressions of God's prohibitions and commandments and equal guilt attaching to them all. Thus would sabbath desecration be of the same character of sin as violation of the sixth and seventh and eighth commandments.

There needs to be a general awakening of men's consciences on the matter of giving God the service that is due Him. There is no wonder attached to

Advertisement for Swift & Company featuring 'Packers' Profits Are Regulated'. Includes a circular logo and text explaining profit regulations for various products like beef, pork, and fertilizer.

WOUNDED AT THE FRONT

A letter has just been received by Miss Stacy Adkisson from Lieut. Roy F. Sharp, who was wounded at the front and is now in the base hospital. He says in part:

Am sure you have seen in the papers how we have been up against the Bavarian and Prussian guards. It was while leading my platoon across one of those wheat fields that I received a machine gun bullet in my right thigh and left instep. They were simply plowing the ground with bullets, but we beat them at their own game, and soon took the fight out of them. All the prisoners say if the German people only knew what was in store for them they would stop themselves. The trouble is that they are such thick-headed fools they will never find out until we whip them and kill them.

On July 15 they started an offensive and their first two days objective was 20 kilometers behind our lines. Their officers told them they would meet with no resistance. The blooming idiots just started over to our line with their guns slung over their shoulders. Our men, together with the French, just killed them and piled them up, leaving so many dead, they had not enough left to hold our front trench. Then our artillery opened up and killed so many more that they had to move a mile back of their trenches.

I am supremely happy for I have been afraid I would get bumped off by some big shell fired ten or twelve miles and I have always said that I would die happy if I could only be leading my men when it happened. Believe me, they are going to have to try harder than they did if they get me for two little machine gun bullets will not keep me out very long.

The Red Cross is great business and we have every care.

Advertised Letters.

These can be redeemed upon payment of one cent.

- Gambill, M. D. Kennard, John Mewhourn, Mrs. O. Mitchell, Ada Morand, V. H.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on September 4th.

H. C. Williams, Postmaster, Merkel, Texas.

FROM COAST TO COAST

A Remarkable Chain of Home Testimony. And Merkel Adds Its Voice to the Grand Chorus of Local Praise

From north to south, from east to West.

In every city, every community;

In every state in the Union Rings out the grateful praise for Doan's Kidney Pills.

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Publicly testify to quick relief and lasting results.

And it's all for the benefit of fellow sufferers.

In this grand chorus of local praise Merkel is well represented

Well known Merkel people Tell of personal experiences.

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E. W. Dennis, retired merchant, N. Main St., Merkel, says "My kidneys annoyed me, due to their being congested. The kidney secretions were scanty and painful in passage and my back ached. Doan's Kidney Pills corrected those ailments and I used them until I was quite free from the complaint."

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

Mrs. G. H. Johnson and little daughter, Eva Mae, of Roscoe are visiting Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, accompanied by Miss Annie Mae Costephens, they spent several days with Mrs. J. H. Morrison and Mrs. Andrew Hill and other relatives in Abilene. They witnessed the airplane flight Monday.

RED CROSS FAMILY REMEDIES

Many able Chemists and Doctors were called into service in perfecting this line of Red Cross Remedies. This is an age of Specialists, and while one may have distinguished achievements to his credit in one particular line, another is excelling in something else. That very thing makes it possible for us to have a Red Cross Remedy for each ailment, and enables us to give the consumer more than we promise or charge for. Each formula is compounded with as much care and precision as if our entire success depended upon that one Remedy. That's why NEUROTONE repairs shattered nerves, and Red Cross STONE ROOT and BUCHU puts your kidneys in a normal and healthy condition. Red Cross Remedies are not Patent Medicines. The formula is printed on each carton in plain English, so you know what they are composed of and what you are taking. More than one hundred Red Cross Remedies and Toilet Preparations are sold and guaranteed only by

Grimes Drug Store

drouth and famine when we consider the guiltiness of the whole bunch of us. There is not likely to be relief from the chastening hand of our God until the people at large shall repent and turn to God in genuine earnestness.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

has been a household remedy all over the civilized world for more than half a century for constipation, intestinal troubles, torpid liver and the generally depressed feeling that accompanies such disorders. It is a most valuable remedy for indigestion or nervous dyspepsia and liver trouble, bringing on headache, coming up of food, palpitation of heart, and many other symptoms. A few doses of August Flower will relieve you. It is a gentle laxative. Sold by Grimes Drug Store. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

I. W. W. MEN CONVICTED

Chicago, Aug. 17.—One hundred members of the I. W. W. on trial in the Federal Court before Judge Kensaw Mountain Landis, were found guilty by a jury of obstructing the draft and conspiracy to hinder the govern-

ment in the conduct of the war. The charge was brought under the espionage act and carries with it a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison.

CARD OF THANKS.

It is from the depth of my heart that I wish to thank my many friends who have so faithfully helped and stood by me in the trying ordeal of the sudden death of my beloved husband. Language will not suffice for a full expression of my deepest thoughts.

I further wish to thank our friends for their kindly administration to Mr. Barnett during the many times when he was ill for the past twenty years. Grateful indeed am I for their great kindnesses, always so freely tendered.

You have helped graciously to sustain me in these trying hours, and may God's richest benediction remain ever with you.

Mrs. J. R. Barnett.

Woodroof-Bragg have received and have on display a nice assortment of early fall Millinery.

NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT IN MERKEL

There has never been anything in Merkel with the instant action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. One spoonful flushes the entire bowel tract so completely it relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The instant, pleasant action of Adler-ka surprises both doctors and patients. Sanders Drug Store. adv.1.

AN APPRECIATED LETTER

As an indication of those who desire to do kindness to the soldier boys on their way to the front, we have as an example a letter from a young lady in Bonham to Mrs. S. F. Haynes, referring to the latter's son, Roger. In part the letter states: "It is

FOR SALE—Typewriter ribbons at the Merkel Mail office.

Rheumatism Arrested

If you suffer with lame muscles or stiffened joints look out for impurities in the blood, because each attack gets more acute and stubborn. To arrest rheumatism you must improve your general health and purify your blood; the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is Nature's great blood-maker while it also strengthens the organs to expel the impurities. Scott's is helping thousands who could not find other relief. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

LOCAL NEWS

S. G. Houston, and son, Sam, of Abilene, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker received a card Monday stating that their son had arrived safely overseas.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

Mrs. Minton of Ada, Okla., who has been visiting Mrs. S.W. Sheppard, left the past week for her home.

Stope and think. Do you believe in low taxation? If you do, vote for DEE COATS. That's what he advocates.

Mrs. E. V. White and little girl of Denton, left a few days ago for California. Mrs. White has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Take your clothes to Mrs. C.L. Cash and have them cleaned and pressed.

Mrs. W. C. Cameron whose husband is now in France, is a visitor with her husband's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Cameron, for a month or more.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and children, who have been spending the summer in Colorado, returned a few days ago. They report a delightful time.

Any one wanting to buy Mesquite beans. Call on W. P. Duckett.

Mrs. Mac Angus and daughter, Maurine, returned from an extended visit to California a few days ago.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cameron, and three children, Stewart, Harold and little Mary, of Sweet water, were visitors at the home of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Cameron last week.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

H. R. Hicks left a few days ago for Hurley, New Mexico, where he will be employed for some time. His family are planning to join him in a few weeks.

Economize now while everybody is doing it by digging up those old clothes and having them cleaned and pressed by Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryar, of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of H. N. Rainbolt. They came down in their touring car.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. Instantly relieves itching piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

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A. L. Bishop of Floydada, an old resident of Merkel, passed through Merkel a few days ago on his way home, from a trip to Camp Travis. He has two boys in the army.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Harry Barnett came home from the sanitarium in Abilene a few days ago, where he underwent a very severe operation for appendicitis. He is rapidly on the mend and we hope to see him fully recovered in a few weeks.

Granulated Sore Eyes Cured.
"For twenty years I suffered from a bad case of granulated sore eyes, says Martin Boyd of Henretta, Ky. "In February, 1903, a gentleman asked me to try Chamberlain's Salve. I bought one box and used about two-thirds of it and my eyes have not given me any trouble since." This salve is for sale by all dealers.

NEW REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

☛ Wish to announce that I have opened up an office in the Commercial Club rooms and am listing all kinds of property, especially farm lands and city property. ☛ Am also prepared to handle oil leases and royalties. ☛ Am arranging connections to make Farm Loans.

☛ Those who list their property with me will receive a square deal and I assure them that no labor nor expense will be spared to turn their property.

T. E. RAGAN MERKEL, TEXAS

WILL MERRITT WRITES

San Diego, Calif., Thursday, Aug. 15.—The sun is just now coming up. I don't know how long I shall get to write before having to quit for breakfast.

This is the best life in the world. We couldn't take the blues if we wanted to. We are too busy all the time, and you can't imagine how well the boys get along. They are just like brothers. We have to take care of ourselves, alright. We have to be quiet and in our beds by 9:00, and lights out. We get up at 5:30. You know that changes my ways considerably, but it makes me feel lots better.

We will have to remain in the "detention" camps for 21 days before we can get out to go to town or anything else, or before we get to our main drilling. There are eight tents in this "paddock" side by side with a big high fence around it. The smallest tents have six to eight and the largest ones have about 12. The cots are arranged side by side, so that each person's head will be to the others feet, so we wont breathe in each others faces. The curtains are rolled up high and the air not close in them. My, talk about eats! We haven't had two meals alike since I've been here, and we have the best and most substantial eats in the world and all we can eat. Just came from breakfast.

One reason it seems so much like home here is because so many of the boys are from Texas. I guess 75 per cent are from Texas, or Texas and Oklahoma.

We got our uniform yesterday, about one hundred or one hundred and fifty of us. There were seventy-five boys in the bunch with me from Dallas that came on out here. We caught up with a bunch of boys at El Paso that left Dallas on Thursday and went around by San Antonio. You know we left Dallas on Friday. One car of drafted boys that left Dallas with us were stopped at Camp Cady, New Mexico. Oh, I got off of the uniform description. We got three suits of white, two suits of blue, three suits of underwear, one good heavy blue sweater, one heavy overcoat, six pairs of socks, two good pairs of shoes, one pair little pants like a bathing suit, two white caps, two bars of laundry soap, 2X2 1/2 inches, (some bunch of soap) two or three towels, and I don't know what all I did get. I got a little cap-of-a-thing, called "toboggan." —we received lots of necessities, hair brush, scrub brush, clothes brush, comb, all kinds of buttons, 6 handkerchiefs, and other things I can't think of now. I got a small cot, feather bed, with a detachable slip on it, made from a sheet, "also" they gave us two warm blankets, one hammock, and a "sea-bag" to carry everything in. I'm sure there are several other things that I left out, but this gives you a pretty good idea of what I have to comfort me.

Well we are getting a good rain now, and looks like it might rain a thousand years, but I don't imagine it will, or it would interfere with the war.

They say we will begin to drill without guns tomorrow.

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This is the best climate in the world. It is never hot or cold now. Sometimes when you are out of the wind and the sun is shining pretty freely it burns a little on our necks, but right now, just since it quit raining a minute ago, it is pretty cool. Some of the boys, or all of the boys from Texas, have on their coats. I wouldn't wear mine if I had it though. It doesn't seem to bother me, though it is cool enough to feel it. We won't wear our new clothes until tomorrow because we have to have our names put on all of our clothes. They call it stenciling them. They do it free. Our clothes, bedding and everything have to be done that way, or we can't wear them.

The recruiting station at Dallas, one day after we reported, and the officers here say that they have closed all volunteering, in army and navy. Surely glad I'm in. Would not be out for anything.

Wm. S. Merritt, Paddock, 2, U. S. N. Station, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif.

SUNDAY ICE

Unless you bring your coupons or cash on Sunday morning, we can't let you have your ICE. Merkel Ice Company

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Government Says Buy Coal Now

A coal famine will follow this fall. Our ships are to be supplied at any cost. You save money and insure your coal supply by buying now.

WARREN BROS. All Orders C.O.D.

MR BARROW DIES.

Word came to D. G. Barrow last Sunday that his father was very low at Hico, and he and family left immediately for that place. His father grew worse and passed away early Tuesday morning. He had been in ill health some time. Honored age had amply crowned his forehead, and a rich life and a big family are a credit to his years. To his son, who is one of our foremost young business men, and his family goes out utmost sympathy, in this their irreparable loss.

What is Best for Indigestion?

Mr. A. Robinson of Drumquin, Ontario, has been troubled for years with indigestion, and recommends Chamberlain's Tablets as "the best medicine I ever used." If troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They are certain to prove beneficial. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Designer of Confederate Flag Passed Away

Mrs. Rebecca Winborne, aged 87, the woman who designed the Confederate flag, passed away at her home at Wilson, N. C., recently.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff, except Miss Ruby, visited relatives in Midland several days the past week. They returned Saturday, accompanied by Miss Tennie Florey. They reported a great time, and also abig rain.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is cataract. Cataract being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Cataract Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Cataract Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

E. L. Bankhead and family left Saturday for Justin, in Denton County, where they will make their home. We bet they come back when it rains. He thinks that may be a long time however.

A Billious Attack.

When you have a billious attack your liver fails to perform its functions. You become constipated. The food you eat ferments in your stomach instead of digesting. This inflames the stomach and causes nausea, vomiting and a terrible headache. Take three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They will tone up your liver, clean out your stomach and you will soon be as well as ever. They only cost a quarter.

Dr. George W. Truett, prominent Baptist minister of Dallas, Texas, and one of the foremost Baptists of the country, sailed for France the first week in August for service as an Army Y. M. C. A. worker, according to telegraphic advice received at San Antonio, Texas, August 20, 1918.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on over the seat of pain is often more effectual for a lame back than a plaster and does not cost anything like as much.

Mrs. E. R. Holloway received a letter from her son, Floyd, which was written, July 29, saying he had arrived safely overseas, and had a most delightful trip, seeing many sights. He said he has a fine kitchen to work in and likes everything just fine.

To Improve Your Digestion
"For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them did I find the right treatment. Since taking them my digestion is fine."— Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa.

Mrs. D. M. Brock and son, Morrice, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Stanford, left the past week for her home in Memphis, Tenn. She formerly lived here and is well known as (Miss Corine Miller). Miss May Miller will remain a while yet.

LOCAL NEWS

J. M. Dry is courting this week—a lovely job to be sure, especially when one gets tied up on the jury.

Cotton seed meal at G. M. Sharp's.

Parker Sharp, commonly known as Tommy Tucker, among his close friends, of Camp McArthur has been made a corporal.

Stope and think. Do you believe in low taxation? If you do, vote for DEE COATS. That's what he advocates.

Lieuts. Frank and George Smith visited their parents the past week. Both are in fine health and are enjoying the service.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

Misses Bertha Alexander, Ada Bradshaw, Dr. Eva Teague, and Miss Heartfield all of Dallas, spend Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson. The young ladies made the trip through in Dr. Teague's car.



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