

# MERKEL MAIL



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## HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP



Food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine with stores accumulated in the centers of population. Belgium and northern France, as well as Spain, appear on the hunger map as being in a different relation from the other nations to the people of the United States. America has maintained the small ratio of Belgium and northern France and is already making special efforts to care for their increased needs, which, with those of Serbia, must be included in this list of nations in the extreme and need immediate relief. The gratitude of the Belgian nation for the help America has extended to it during the war constitutes the strongest argument for us to continue our efforts to help them. At the present moment the German people are dependent on her soil and she will receive more in her own

seat of government the little nation's first thought was to express her gratitude to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for preserving the lives of millions of her citizens. Germany, on the other hand, need not figure in such a map for Americans because there is no present indication that we shall be called on at all to take thought for the food needs of Germany. Germany probably can care for her own food problem if she is given access to shipping and is enabled to distribute food to the cities with dense populations, which are the trouble centers. England, France, the Netherlands and Portugal, all of which have been maintained from American supplies, have sufficient food to meet immediate needs, but their future presents serious difficulties. The same is true of Spain and the northern neutral countries—Norway, Sweden and Denmark—whose ports have been open and who have been able to draw to some degree upon foreign supplies. Most of Russia is already in the throes of famine, and 40,000,000 people there are beyond the possibility of help. Before another spring thousands of them inevitably must die. This applies as well to Poland and practically throughout the Baltic re-

gions, with conditions most serious in Finland. Bohemia, Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro have already reached the famine point and are suffering a heavy toll of death. The Armenian population is falling each week as hunger takes its toll, and in Greece, Albania and Roumania so serious are the food shortages that famine is near. Although starvation is not yet imminent, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Turkey are in the throes of serious stringencies. In order to fulfill America's pledge in world relief we will have to export every ton of food which can be handled through our ports. This means at the very least a minimum of 20,000,000 tons compared with 6,000,000 tons pre-war exports and 11,820,000 tons exported last year, when we were bound by the ties of war to the European allies. If we fail to lighten the black spots on the hunger map or if we allow any portions to become darker the very peace for which we fought and bled will be threatened. Revolt and anarchy inevitably follow famine. Should this happen we will see in other parts of Europe a repetition of the Russian debacle and our fight for world peace will have been in vain.

## WHY WE ARE POWERLESS THIS WEEK

The only time since we have been connected with The Merkel Mail do we have to go to press late. We are sorry we can not furnish the news this week. Every machine in our plant is run by electricity and the power has been out for two days. That is why we are powerless. If gas would run our machinery, we could have gotten out the best issue ever, for we have plenty of that.

SGT. ROBERT R. ADAMS WRITES

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1918. Dear Parents and The Kids: Today being Saturday and nothing to do in the afternoon, will again try to inform you of my existance. We are still in the same French Rest Camp, now doing something near the same work as we did in Camp Bowie. Signed the payroll and mustered last week, and are expecting a pay day anytime.

The boys have been receiving newspapers clipping taken from various newspapers, and all reports in regard to the work done by the 36th Division are as near correct as I could have told it myself, and I was present all during the entire seige which lasted from Oct. 6 and 7, until Oct. 28 and 28, and covered something near 12 or 15 miles, and only two battles being fought. The battle at St. Etienne, and Mery, Foster Banner and Luther Powers were killed by a shell, making a direct hit in the hole where they lay. They being the only boys from Merkel, whom were wounded in the least. Ben Fuller from Abilene was killed by a shell the first day up; he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fuller of Abilene.

I received a letter from Roy one day last week, and he is also in France, has seen all of this Country he cares to see and is again ready to cross the Atlantic, and back to the States for him, and I'm in the same humor, and have hopes of being back by xmas or a little later. We leave this place tomorrow and go toward the coast, don't know for sure but think we go to Bordeaux, near where Roy is stationed and if we do, then I'll try and look him up.

The weather is growing very cold and certainly does affect me, hope we go to some place where the weather is warm, and weher we can have better billets to occupy.

Give my best wishes to everybody and tell them all, that I'll be home first chance.

To Mr. and Mrs. Banner I extend my heartfelt sympathy during their hour of bereavement.

Foster was liked by everybody in the entire company and I'm sure could have met no gallanter death had he been chooser.

Write real soon and besure to place you return address on your letters, because I may be some where else when they arrive.

Love to all,  
Sgt. Robert Roy Adan  
Headquarters Co. 142 Inf., A.  
F. A. Po., 791

## THEMATIC DEMANDS CAUSE OF INCREASE IN COST IN MERKEL TO BE EXPLAINED

Merkel, Texas, January 1st, 1919.

Mr. W. A. McAdden,  
Manager Merkel Light and Power Co.,  
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Acting from a standpoint of justice for the citizens of Merkel, and as Mayor in a legal capacity, I take this means of notifying you as The Manager of the Merkel Light and Power Co. that on or before March 1st, 1919, and before you seek to raise your rates on lights in the City of Merkel you will submit or cause to be submitted to the City Council of the City of Merkel, a report provided for in Title 22, Chapter 12, Art. 1021, of the General Laws of Texas, under which we as a City are now operating, and at the same time calling your attention to Art. 1022, which relates to the penalty for refusing to make said report.

I further notify you as Manager of said Company that on Monday night, Jan. 6, 1919, the City Council will meet in Regular Session, and will discuss, with a view to the passing of a Resolution, as provided for under Chapter 13, Art. 1025 and 1026, to the end that we shall seek an Injunction, Restraining You and Your Company from Raising the Light Rate in the City of Merkel.

We feel that the rate imposed is extortionate, unlawful, and out of line with other towns. We further recognize that your service has been excellent, for which we are truly grateful, and we hope you may see your way clear to continue the service as you have in the past.



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Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Texas as second class mail matter.

Ralph Bradley, of the U. S. S. Receiving Ship, Brooklyn, N. Y., and a former Merkel boy was visiting his aunt, Mrs. W. A. Bradley and other relatives and friends here the past week. He has lately been transferred from the cruiser Denver. He has made sixteen trips across to France, England and Ireland, besides a number of trips when he met the British Fleet. He expects to return after the holidays.

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Cow feed at G. M. Sharp's. J. M. McDonald spent several days in Abilene the past week. Just received car of flour. Bob Martin.

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### LOCAL NEWS

Arthur Thornton of Burkburnett spent the holidays in Merkel. He says there certainly is oil in Burkburnett.

Three pounds of Breakfast Delight coffee at G. M. Sharp's.

In renewing his subscription to the Mail, F. E. Church, Bells, Texas, writes that it is raining there every day.

E. L. Rogers has plenty of corn chops, oats, barley chops and corn. Figure with him for your feed bill.

Lt. Stegall visited Merkel in his airplane the past week. He was on his way from San Antonio to New Mexico. He says his record height was 26,000 feet.

Plenty of oats and cowfeed at Bob Martin's

Miss Sallie Campbell of Abilene visited W. D. McDonald and family the past week.

Sun dried peaches and apples at G. M. Sharps.

S. A. Freemon of Colton, Cal., sends in his renewal to the Mail, also his New Years greetings to all his Merkel friends, wishing them health, success and prosperity for the New Year.

Rogers has everything you could want, fresh or canned. Come get our prices.

General J. Jones, who has been at work in California for the past few months, has returned. He says the rains here induced him to come back so soon.

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

Miss Gladys Haynes left on Sunshins Special, Friday for Las, where she will visit friends, from there she will go to Milwaukee and Georgetown.

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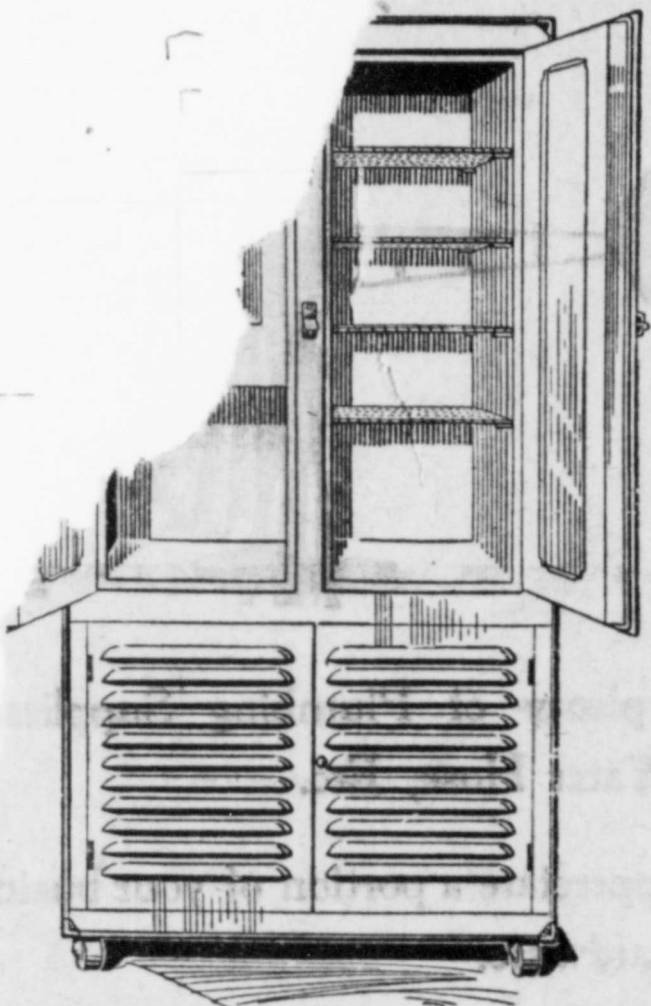
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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis of Fort Worth were Fourth of July guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes, of route three, left this week for an extended trip and visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth, Greenville, Wolf City and other North Texas points.

Marvin Mayfield, who for the past two months has been in charge of the West Texas Utilities Company business at Tuscola, has been transferred to office duty with the company in Merkel.

Mr. W. P. Head, candidate for the Legislature from this county, was mixing with the people of this city and surrounding community yesterday, leaving with this paper his announcement for that office. Mr. Head is a ranchman and farmer, a clear-headed business man, a citizen of the first class, and if elected to represent the citizenship of this county they will have an able and fearless servant. He was reared in north Texas, and the writer has known him and his family for thirty years, and it gives us pleasure to state that no better people are to be found anywhere. Read his announcement in this paper.

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sey pigs. See W. E. Malone, Merkel,  
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**FOR SALE**—Some headed Maize at  
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**WANTED**—Three hustling young  
men to sell the well known Watkins  
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Whiteley, Merkel, Texas. tf

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR )

Whereas, by virtue of authority  
vested in G. C. Cochran as trustee ap-  
pointed in a certain deed of trust re-  
corded in Vol. 68, page 363, Deed of  
Trust Records of Taylor County,  
Texas, executed and delivered to said  
G. C. Cochran on the 31st day of May  
1927, by Gertrude Evans and hus-  
band, T. B. Evans, securing the pay-  
ment of two promissory notes in the  
sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
(\$250.00) each, payable to the order  
of R. A. McClain and Mary Ethel  
McClain, first due in twelve months  
from date and the second due in  
eighteen months from date, bearing  
ten per cent interest, and providing  
that failure to pay either of said  
notes or the interest or any install-  
ment due shall at the option of the  
holder mature said notes and giving  
the holder power to proceed to col-  
lect, and also providing for ten per  
cent additional as attorney's fees if  
placed in the hands of attorneys for  
collection, said notes being given as  
part of the purchase price of Lot  
No. Six of the R. A. McClain Sub-  
division of Lot No. Two of the And-  
erson Addition to the City of Abi-  
lene, Texas;

And whereas, said deed of trust  
provided for the appointment of the  
substitute trustee in the event the  
said G. C. Cochran should remove  
from the county and, whereas, said  
G. C. Cochran has removed from  
Taylor County, Texas, and E. S.  
Cummings has been appointed as sub-  
stitute trustee;

And whereas, R. A. McClain and

Mary Ethel McClain are now the  
holders and owners of said notes,  
and the makers thereof have been  
default in payment of principal, in-  
stallments and interest, causing us to  
declare same past due and unpaid,  
principal, interest and attorney's fees,  
as provided in said deed of trust and  
notes, the said holders and owners  
have declared the whole of said notes,  
interest and attorney's fees immedi-  
ately due and mature and have here-  
before notified T. B. Evans and Ger-  
trude Evans in writing;

And whereas, I, E. S. Cummings,  
substitute trustee, have been request-  
ed by R. A. McClain and Mary Ethel  
McClain to enforce said trust, and I  
will offer for sale between the legal  
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ing well at the Merkel Sanitari-  
following a successful operation  
appendicitis.

Miss Lorinda Webb of Borger was  
a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Robt. N.  
Campbell, this week.

Rotan... week-end. They  
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy  
while in Rotan.  
adpa Lackey, and Mr. and Mrs.  
Lackey of Merkel visited rela-  
es here Sunday.

Vernon Melton, who has had his  
tonsils removed, is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell and son,  
Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcina  
Doan visited Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott  
of Rotan recently.

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beautiful color scheme of pink  
and green was employed in all party  
features, huge floor baskets of flow-  
ers and dainty containers of sweet  
peas helped to make the lovely en-  
tertaining suite especially pretty. In  
keeping with the "shower" motif, the  
honoree's chair at head table was de-  
corated with a huge umbrella while  
miniature kewpies carrying pink um-  
brellas centered each table. At the  
culmination of the games little Miss  
Elma Maye Gamble gracefully pre-  
sented Mrs. McCrary with a wonder-  
ful assortment of pretty and useful  
gifts. The presentation was made in a  
large pink umbrella and the refresh-  
ment plate contained creams mould-  
ed into pink kewpies carrying pink  
crepe paper umbrellas, angel food  
squares iced in green, olives and  
dainty bunches of sweet peas as plate  
favors. The guest list includes Mrs.  
Edward McCrary, Misses Tommye  
Durham, Francis Anderson, Mary  
Cleo Booth, Johnnie Sears, Doris  
Durham, Lola Dennis, Mona Mar-  
garet Jones, Sue Craven, Maurine,  
Tipton, Althea Boden, Melba West,  
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Gamble, James West and H. C. West.

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eon. Games of Auction Bridge were  
enjoyed during the cool morning  
hours in a setting of gorgeous sum-  
mer blossoms with color scheme of  
yellow and white predominate. Game  
accessories and dainty candied al-  
monds in colors of yellow and white  
made the tables attractive. Promptly  
at high noon a sumptuous luncheon  
delectable and complete in smallest  
detail was served from a table cen-  
tered with shasta daisies to Mrs. Ed-  
ward McCrary, Jack Anderson, Tom  
Price, Misses Boog Sears, Mary Cleo  
Booth, Mary Comegys, Mary Eula  
Sears, Althea Boden, Mona Margaret  
Jones, Doris Durham, Melba West,  
Tommye Durham, Francis Anderson,  
Maurine Tipton and Elizabeth Hark-  
rider.

Mrs. C. E. Jacobs is visiting rela-  
tives in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Miss Virginia Potts of Hillsboro is  
the guest of Misses Iva Bragg and  
Christine Collins this week.

Mrs. J. Doss Sheppard and daugh-  
ter, of Dallas, are here for a visit  
with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Hester Smith of Grandbury,  
Texas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs.  
J. B. Parrack, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCrary  
visited friends and relatives in Spurr  
this week.

Mr. Joe Fields, of Robert Lee, was  
here last week for a visit with his  
brother, Mr. R. P. Fields.

Roy Adams, of O'Donnell, was here  
first of the week on business. Mr.  
Adams is farming on the Plains this  
year, and reports crops looking very  
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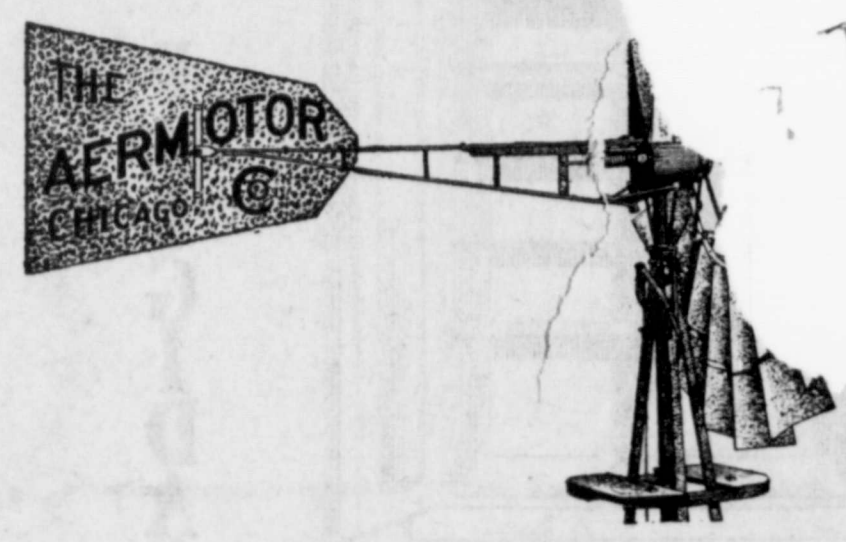
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R. A. Walker, Pastor.

L. B. Scott and family left first of  
the week for a vacation trip to the  
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ico points, expecting to return the  
last of this week.

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Wednesday to spend the Fourth w  
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IT is characteristic of folks after they pass the allotted "three score years and ten," to look back over the days that are gone and thoughtfully live them over.

I find myself, at seventy-one, frequently drifting back a quarter of a century, when I see myself in the little drug store I owned at Bolivar, Mo., making and selling a vegetable compound to my friends and customers—what was then known only as Dr. Lewis' Medicine for Stomach, Liver and Bowel Complaints.

For many years while I was perfecting my formula I studied and investigated the laxatives and cathartics on the market and became convinced that their main fault was not that they did not act on the bowels, but that their action was too violent and drastic, and upset the system of the user; which was due to the fact that they were not thorough enough in their action, some simply acting on the upper or small intestines, while others would act only on the lower or large intestines, and that they almost invariably produced a habit requiring augmented doses.

I believed that a preparation to produce the best effect must first tone the liver, then act on the stomach and entire alimentary system. If this was accomplished, the medicine would produce a mild, but thorough elimination of the waste without the usual straining sensations, and make the user feel better at once.

After experimenting with hundreds of different compounds, I at last perfected the formula that is now known as Nature's Remedy, which I truly believe goes further

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My knowledge of medicine and the results of its use in my own family and among my friends, before I ever offered it for sale, caused me to have great faith in Nature's Remedy from the very first. And now as I find myself nearing the age when I must bow to the inevitable and go to another life, my greatest pleasure is to sit each day and read the letters that each mail brings from people as old or older than I, who tell of having used Nature's Remedy for ten, fifteen and twenty years, and how they and their children and grandchildren have been benefited by it.

It is a consoling thought, my friends, for a man at my age to feel that aside from his own success, one has done something for his fellow man. My greatest satisfaction, my greatest happiness today, is the knowledge that tonight more than one million people will take a Nature's Remedy (NR Tablet) and will be better, healthier, happier people for it. I hope you will be one of them.

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The people do not visit much outside of their own little village. When some of us boys were staying in a home with some old people, they said they had not been away from their village since they married and that was when they took their honeymoon trip to Paris. They have been married forty years, and he still has some of the wine that was made on his wedding day, which he says is very fine. A friend and myself decided to purchase two bottles of it, at two and a half France per bottle, which is about 54 cents in gold. We drank our wine at noon and when we awoke at eight in the evening, he was lying in the

pig pen and I was down in the garden. We never bought any more of the old man's wine.

When we arrive in a little French town the first thing to be done was to clean the streets for they were in such bad conditions. The people could not understand the idea of us cleaning their towns and throwing away the rubbish that had been laying around for many months, but when a person enters a French home they will see a very beautiful home, with every thing kept so nice and clean, beautiful, pictures and nice furniture, with the finest feather beds to sleep on and feathers to cover with.

(Continued next week)

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League Program—Jan 5  
 Subject, The New Year and  
 its Principal Business.  
 Scripture, Phil 3:12-16.  
 Leader Velma Hill.  
 For a Motto, Willie Stevens.  
 What is Your Motto for the  
 New Year, Zella Avery.  
 The Value of an Aim, Roy  
 Moore.  
 The New Leaf, Vivian Hutche-  
 son.  
 Prayer, Song, Benediction.

**Methodist Church**  
 Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.  
 Preaching at 11 o'clock. Subject  
 Taking Stock, or A Spiritual In-  
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 Let us start the year right by  
 everybody going to church. At  
 the evening hour there will be a  
 public installation of the officers  
 of the Woman's Missionary So-  
 ciety, to which you are cordially  
 invited.

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**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days**  
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 restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

John Lewis Adams of the  
 camp in California, spent the  
 holidays with his parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. W. E. Adams.

## To Our Patrons

☞ We regret very much that we are  
 unable to supply you with Electric cur-  
 rent. Many rumors are out that we  
 are not going to operate any longer.

☞ These reports are false and absurd,  
 and nothing to them.

The cause is, we are out of fuel at  
 power plant at Abilene. They have  
 several cars of Fuel Oil in transit  
 several days.

They have in this plant two 200-  
 horsepower Diesel Engines that they  
 are burning kerosine in. These engines  
 they will run will only pull a  
 portion of the load and the only  
 way for us are when we get Fuel Oil  
 and the large steam Turbines back

we have been operating in Merkel  
 for years, and this is the first real  
 winter we have had.

Assuring you that this is beyond  
 doubt, and regretted by us more  
 than you.

Respectfully

Power Co.

# Thank you for Your Patronage in the Past

Hope we can serve you even more  
 acceptably during 1919

## The Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe

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On account of machine trouble,  
 we were unable to get the fol-  
 lowing item in type for our last  
 issue:

On December 12th the friends  
 and acquaintances of Mr. and  
 Mrs. W. C. Matthews were sad-  
 dened beyond measure to learn  
 of the death of their little son,  
 Floyd, one of the twins, and a  
 fine, robust little fellow.

Mr. Matthews had been away  
 in California and only reached  
 home a day or so before death  
 relieved the sufferings of the lit-  
 tle fellow. The family has under-  
 gone a siege of sickness recently,  
 while he was away, and he, too,  
 was down in California for some-  
 time.

The little fellow has gone to  
 his reward, and we can only offer  
 our sympathy to the broken  
 hearted parents. We can not un-  
 derstand why death comes in  
 and robs us of the bright little  
 youngsters when they are such

## It Takes the Cash



☞ The government still sets  
 the price of coal. We have very  
 little margin of profit.

☞ We positively can not deliv-  
 er coal without the cash. We  
 appreciate your patronage. We  
 feel thankful for your help in  
 the past, and feel sure of your  
 very best co-operation in the  
 future.

☞ We will at all times do our  
 dead level best to serve you  
 quickly and satisfactorily.

A Happy New Year  
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a pleasure, but we know that it  
 is the divine will and the justice  
 thereof is unquestioned. We can  
 but drop a tear beside those of  
 the parents and look forward to  
 the reuniting of the ties on that  
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 nish myself. G. W. Bishop, Mer-  
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FOR SALE—Work Stock, Doub-  
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 Plows for Sale.—M. Armstrong

LOST—Crank for Paige Automi-  
 bile the past week.—Tom Largent.  
 3t1c.

FOR RENT—Two good farms.  
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 Healdy, Texas, Dec. 20.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:  
 This is some wet country now,  
 been raining a week besides the  
 big snow we had. We have mis-  
 sed the "Flu" so far, but there is  
 lost of it and many are dying.

Mr. Leerstang happened to a  
 very painful accident last Thurs-  
 day, falling and cutting a gash  
 one and a half inches long on his  
 forehead, but is getting along  
 very well. Ernest was jumping  
 over a rope four feet high on a  
 six foot pole, which caught and  
 threw his on his neck, and came  
 very near breaking it, was un-  
 conscious all night, but at present  
 is doing nicely.

All public places are closed  
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Mr. Leerstang will go to work  
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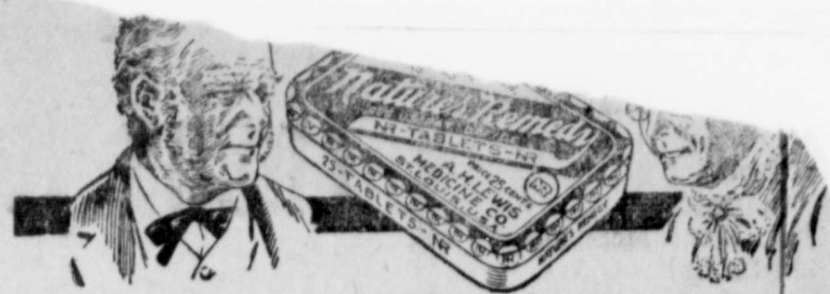
is the name of a Reliable and Perfect Laxative which soon relieves Sick Headache, Dizziness, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, Gas and Piles caused by a Torpid Liver and Constipation. Always use a Reliable Laxative in the treatment of Colds, Grip and Influenza.

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## Their Medicine Chest For 20 Years

It is characteristic of folks after they pass the allotted "three score years and ten," to look back over the days that are gone and thoughtfully live them over.

I find myself, at seventy-one, frequently drifting back a quarter of a century, when I see myself in the little drug store I owned at Bolivar, Mo., making and selling a vegetable compound to my friends and customers—what was then known only as Dr. Lewis' Medicine for Stomach, Liver and Bowel Complaints.

For many years while I was perfecting my formula I studied and investigated the laxatives and cathartics on the market and became convinced that their main fault was not that they did not act on the bowels, but that their action was too violent and drastic, and upset the system of the user; which was due to the fact that they were not thorough enough in their action, some simply acting on the upper or small intestines, while others would act only on the lower or large intestines, and that they almost invariably produced a habit requiring augmented doses.

I believed that a preparation to produce the best effect must first tone the liver, then act on the stomach and entire alimentary system. If this was accomplished, the medicine would produce a mild, but thorough elimination of the waste without the usual sickening sensations, and make the user feel better at once.

After experimenting with hundreds of different compounds, I at last perfected the formula that is now known as Nature's Remedy, which I truly believe goes further

and does more than any laxative on the market today. The thousands of letters from users have convinced me I was right, and that the user of Nature's Remedy as a family medicine, even though he may have used it for twenty-five years, never has to increase the dose.

My knowledge of medicine and the results of its use in my own family and among my friends, before I ever offered it for sale, caused me to have great faith in Nature's Remedy from the very first.

And now as I find myself nearing the age when I must bow to the inevitable and go to another life, my greatest pleasure is to sit each day and read the letters that each mail brings from people as old or older than I, who tell of having used Nature's Remedy for ten, fifteen and twenty years, and how they and their children and grandchildren have been benefited by it.

It is a consoling thought, my friends, for a man at my age to feel that aside from his own success, one has done something for his fellow man. My greatest satisfaction, my greatest happiness today, is the knowledge that tonight more than one million people will take a Nature's Remedy (NE Tablet) and will be better, healthier, happier people for it. I hope you will be one of them.

A. H. Lewis, Pres.

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The people do not visit much outside of their own little village. When some of us boys were staying in a home with some old people, they said they had not been away from their village since once since they married and that was when they took their honeymoon trip to Paris. They have been married forty years, and he still has some of the wine that was made on his wedding day, which he says is very fine. A friend and myself decided to purchase two bottles of it, at two and a half France per bottle, which is about 54 cents in gold. We drank our wine at noon and when we awoke at eight in the evening, he was lying in the

pig pen and I was down in the garden. We never bought any more of the old man's wine.

When we arrive in a little French town the first thing to be done was to clean the streets for they were in such bad conditions. The people could not understand the idea of us cleaning their towns and throwing away the rubbish that had been laying around for many months, but when a person enters a French home they will see a very beautiful home, with every thing kept so nice and clean, beautiful, pictures and nice furniture, with the finest feather beds to sleep on and feathers to cover with.

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