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HAYDAY OF PROSPERITY IS HERE

The hayday of prosperity is here. We feel delighted over the situation, even in spite of the fact of a few oldtimers who try to discourage us. 'Shucks, we are optimists, and they will have to call on reinforcements before they can shake us. They have faces long enough to walk on and when we talk of the possibility of cotton making a bale to the acre, they say well if it rains the worms will eat up the cotton and if it don't the production will be cut short. They think that something is just bound to happen. Well, we have a habit of not crossing a bridge until we get to it, but for the eternal pessimist, if any worms come this way, he ought to have them for he certainly must be looking for them.

As we go to press, the records show 44 cars of wheat shipped from Merkel, with a value of at least \$100,000, and 22 cars of oats. The thrashers are still busy and will be for at least two weeks and possibly longer. There is no doubt but that a quarter of a million dollars will be marketed in Merkel alone, and with Trent and Tye added, the amount will easily reach \$300,000, is our prediction.

So far, this year promises to be a record cotton crop. Heretofore, the record was in excess of 23,000 bales by wagon in Merkel. This record may be exceeded this year. The feed crop will be just what can be saved. No vacation is promised the people until next February. It looks good.

To Visit Market.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, of Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company, will leave in a few days for St. Louis and other points to place their orders for fall merchandise. They expect to spend some time making selections of choice designs in their ready-to-wear department, and in their other various lines. Special attention will be given to the millinery department.

Miss Willie Swann, milliner for this firm, is now in Dallas employed in the trimming department of Higginbotham, getting acquainted with all the latest designs and patterns in millinery. Miss Swann is a home girl and is making a splendid success in her chosen profession. Her firm is highly pleased with the work done in her department the past season, and she is preparing herself to meet any emergency that may arise in her line.

Oil Exchange Moves

The oil exchange of Garrison, Boggs and others has been moved to the Armstrong building, across the street from the Merkel Mail office. The operators of the exchange are fitting the building up in a neat and attractive manner, and give a cordial invitation to their friends to call and visit them.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Visiting at Sears well is discouraged on account of the dangers attending to the further sinking of the well. The 8-inch casing has arrived, and while it is being lowered there will be a great strain on the machinery. The drillers would not be surprised at any time to encounter a blowout. Great danger attends either accident, and the drillers demand that visitors be prohibited to save endangering their own lives. Mr. Houghton says this precaution is made from no standpoint to withhold news about the progress of the well, but to save life and limb in case of accident.

THE BOY PREACHER

Jack, the thirteen year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Lockett Adair, preached to a crowded house at the Methodist church last Tuesday evening. Rom 12th chapter and 1st verse: I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

He entered upon his subject in his boyish manner, but with power. Throughout the discourse his positiveness was always in evidence. In breathless silence the great crowd attended to every word that fell from the young speaker's lips. He spoke of sacrifice and unselfish devotion to duty. He called attention to the great blessings that God had given his people. In closing he made an appeal for the acceptance of Jesus Christ.

NOTICE TO TRUSTEES

The following letter was received at this office from the State Supt., July 28th.—To County and City Superintendents:

You are urged to send in applications for state aid for rural schools and those of small towns as soon as possible. It is hoped that all applications will be in by August 15th. Those sent later than this date will have less chance for success than the earlier ones, as we expect to take up, at this time, the granting of applications.

Annie Webb Blanton, Sate Supt. In complying with this request I have arranged the schedule given below, and it is to be hoped that each and every school board will find it convenient to be here at the appointed time. If school boards find it impossible to be here at the time given below, they are requested not to come until after the fifteenth, as all other periods will be full.

August 4th Hamby, 9: a.m.; Cedar Gap, 10:30 a.m.; Jim Ned 1; Tuscola 2:30 p. m.
August 5th Moro, 9: a.m.
Valley Creek 10:30a.m.; Buffalo Gap 1: a.m.; White Church 2:30.
August 6th, Wylie, 9: a.m.; Salt Branch, 10:30; Bluff Creek, 1: p.m. Cedar Creek, 2:30
August 7th Oak Lawn, 9: a.m.; Ovalo, 10:30 a.m.; Shep, 1: p.m. Guion, 2:30 p. m.; Pleasant Hill, 9:00 a.m.; Bradshaw, 10:30 a.m.; August 8th, L. X. L. 1:00 p.m.; Butman, 2:30 p.m.
August 9th, Elmdale 9:30 a.m.; Lisman, 10:30 a.m.; Blair 1: a. m.; Union Ridge, 2:30 p.m.; August 11th, Cross Roads, 9 a.m.; Iberis, 10:30 a.m.; North Park, 1: p. m.; Mulberry 2:30.
August 12th, Hillside, 9: a.m.; Bethel 10:30, a.m.; Rainy, 1 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant, 2:30 p. m.
August 13th, Neill, 9: a.m. View 10:30 a.m.; New Hope, 1: p.m.; Lawn, 2:30 p. m.
August 14th, Tye, 9: a.m.; Caps, 10:30 a.m.; Potosi, 1: a.m.; Trent, 2:30 p. m.

Trustees should know the number of volumes in their libraries, and will be expected to be present at the appointed time whether they have elected teachers or not.

Respectfully,
C. E. Sims.

J. P. Sharp says it will not rain again in July. He made the prediction about 11 o'clock Thursday morning. We do not know what induced him to make the prediction, and thought maybe the poor fellow became overheated. He seemed, though, to be normal and in his right mind. He really may be a prophet, and we are watching the weather closely. He is an oldtimer and if his prediction comes true, he certainly will have an enviable reputation in this section.

Expecting car of Marchal Neil flour. Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

THE ADAIR MEETING IS GREAT SUCCESS OVER 100 CONVERSIONS ARE RECORDED

The biggest event of recent years in a religious way in Merkel is the Adair meeting, now running in its third week. Large numbers have been converted and reclaimed. The whole community has been stirred with religious conviction. The adjoining neighborhoods have been blessed with an overflow of spiritual blessing.

More than a hundred had made profession up to Thursday morning, and the prospect is fair for the number to be in hundreds before the close next Sunday night. The converts express their aim to join the churches of the town and help keep the religious life of the community up to the level that it has attained during the revival.

The preaching of Evangelist Adair is unique and very convincing. He is a man of thorough practical training, and one of the best judges of human nature to be found. His experience first as a business man, later as a peace officer and secret service man, as well as his sixteen years of active ministry as an evangelist, have acquainted him with his fellow man in a wonderful way. With this extensive and accurate knowledge of men he preaches a direct message that produces deep religious conviction. His converts have been noted for the faithfulness in the years following his meetings.

The workers that assist Evan-

gelist Adair are experts in their lines. They work as men and women who know their line and get results. Mr. Carlton during his stay in the meeting got the folks to sing in a great fashion, and since his going Mr. Hutton has succeeded even better in getting unanimous co-operation in the song periods of the services. Mrs. Hutton is an expert with young people and children and assists Mr. Hutton in his young people's and children's work very helpfully. Her genial ways and winning smile have made her lots of friends among the people. Mr. Sloan is a Sunday school enthusiast of practical methods who "puts it over" in any enterprise that he undertakes. Even "Fatty" and Jack and Mrs. Adair and sweet little "Jennie" have proved to be great assets in the meeting by their personal work with the lost and backsliders. Jack's sermon at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening was a real sermon of high merit and struck a responsive chord in many a human heart. He is but thirteen years old, but can preach equal to a man. There is great possibility for the young David.

The crowds have been enormous. The tabernacle has been well overflowed almost every night. The expectation is to bring the meeting to a close on Sunday night, though conditions might justify its continuing longer.

MY FIRST TRIP IN AN AIRPLANE, OR HOW QUICK BUSINESS IS DONE THROUGH AIR

I admit that it was with some fear and trembling that I contemplated rising 5000 feet in the air in a heavier than air machine. I was urged to take some short flights but decided that my first trip should be a business trip.

Saturday afternoon, July 26th, with my pilot, my head securely bound in a helmet and well equipped to withstand the strong winds, I clamored into the airship and waited for the signal to move. The terrific running of the engine when first started which gets up to a speed of 13000 revolutions a minute, my first feeling was, how can I ever stand this terrific noise when I get into the air, but when you rise into the air that does not bother any one, nor do you mind the wind, which is very strong. As we ran over the ground I began to fear that we would not be able to rise into the air and too wished that I was safely out of it, but as the earth fell from under our feet it was a most beautiful and pleasing sensation to gracefully glide over fields and treetops and beautiful land scapes. The scenery is wonderful, no one can ever forget how beautiful the trees, meadows, fields and little towns look from an airship.

We kept going higher and higher until we rose to a height of 5000 feet. At that height little clouds were meeting us and racing past us. The air was very cold, so much so that I shivered with the cold. The day was a very hot day down on the earth. The air was pure and soothing. I was about to fall asleep several times when my pilot hit me to attract my attention to something.

Town after town glided past us until we had gone 150 miles

in two hours time. I was very much afraid that I would not like the sensation of landing. However, the most pleasing part of the trip was the gliding down to the earth, the noise of the motor stopped, it was quite a restful and gentle and certainly was a great surprise to me.

I am looking forward to many trips of that kind. Chambers of Commerce in the different towns are fitting up landing fields and making them so that Aviators can find plenty of safe landing places. The latter part of this week I will make another flight to Merkel and on the way will stop at the Throp well, the Sears well and the Bland well.

H. L. Houghton

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE

Under the efficient direction of Mr. Sloan, who is the Sunday school man with Evangelist Lockett Adair, the three schools of Merkel marched through the business district last Saturday afternoon about 400 strong. It was an impressive sight to see the people line up in strength for the Sunday school cause. Great efforts are being made to make Merkel one of the greatest Sunday school towns in Texas.

The attendance of the different schools for Sunday showed a splendid increase. The members of the different churches and church sympathizers are urged to attend the Sunday schools of their choice next Sunday. Fully half the population of Merkel ought to be out. It will be a great Sunday school day and all the churches are expected out in full strength.

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

A BLIND EDITOR

Word comes to us that M. J. Cox, one of the state's oldest editors, both in years and in period of service, is totally blind. What a cruel dispensation of fate! Mr. Cox is known as "Mary Jane" to his fraters, a nickname given him on account of his initials. He is that type of man that craves to give much and cares little about what is given in return. A lover of Nature, he gave beautiful pen pictures of Nature's glories. A man with a great big sympathetic heart that is anxious to bleed for the woes of others, he counted it a great triumph when he could write something that would steal into a suffering heart with healing sympathy and build a smile upon a face that was warped with sorrow and care. But Mary Jane is blind now, blind in his old age, and we fear that he, like others of his type, has little of the world's goods to sustain him in his declining days. He can't look on the pretty things of earth, the things he loved so much and that helped him to weave beautiful pictures of rhetoric. He can't look into the faces of those who loved him, and their name is legion, for Jane is a man who loves and is loved. Sightless, and in poverty no doubt, he must spend his remaining days. Jane strewed without gathering, and has only the love of the people he served to show that he toiled; but he has the sweet and blessed consciousness that he toiled not for himself, but for the good that he might do. When the old blind editor's eyes open again they will behold the transcendent glories of the New Jerusalem. We do not know whether he was Protestant or Catholic, neither do we know what particular views he held of the ordinances or the tenets over which men dispute, but this we know, he is noble and he is good, and "What e'er it be, it seems to me, 'Tis only noble to be good; Kind hearts are more than coronets.

And simple faith than Norman blood."—Honey Grove Signal.

The about beautiful tribute to a good man comes close home to us. Mary Jane founded the Merkel Mail when Merkel was young and though he has been gone a long, long time, his memory still lives and old timers speak lovingly of him. It has never been our good pleasure to grasp his hands in ours and feel his heart throb, but a man who has traveled this way and left behind footprints in the sands of time that lives after him fills our heart with joy and we doff our hat to him in honor. Though aged and blind, the sweetness of his life has not been lost on the desert air. He lived for others and the richness of a life of service is always young, living after the flower has withered and dropped and shedding rays of hope into lives cast down in sorrow and perturbed by declining hope. His sightless eyes now span the chasm into eternity, where the ideals of his splendid life in transcendent beauty shines and there is a welcome to the wayfarer who had a heart with which to love his fellowmen. Mary Jane, you have not lived in vain. Your life is a blessed benediction to us for as we go on day by day we are gratified to know that another went on before us, doing the work that we are doing in a noble way, and it is our desire to follow in his footsteps.

Mrs. L. B. Scott returned Wednesday from an extended visit to Arlington. Mr. Scott left last Sunday for that place and accompanied Mrs. Scott and son home.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell were called out of town Wednesday on account of the illness of their grandchild.

CASING ARRIVED FOR SEARS WELL

The 8-inch casing arrived and is being hauled to the Sears well. It is now being placed and drilling is expected to start within a day or two. Salt water is still flowing over the casing from gas pressure. They are now over 2000 feet. The drillers are confident that only a few days drilling will bring in a well. Every indication points to a paying sand. The gas pressure has not weakened and is still in sufficient quantity to burn when it is separated from the water. Very little acreage is changing hands and leases are on the increase in value.

Drilling is in progress on the Bland well. Operations were held up most of the week waiting for tools, etc., but the well is down about 100 feet and the drillers think little time will be lost in future, unless some accident happens.

No new developments have taken place on the other holdings but it is reported that some deals are on foot that look good.

ARRIVES IN AIRPLANE.

The airplane, owned by, H. L. Houghton, President of the Security Investment Company of Fort Worth, landed in Merkel Saturday evening. On account of his head swimming, Mr. Houghton abandoned the machine beyond Abilene and finished the trip on the train. The pilot brought the machine on, where a safe landing was made. The pilot intended to return with the machine Sunday evening, but in starting, the weeds caught the machine, causing it to run against a telephone pole breaking a propeller and otherwise damaging the machine.

Mr Rose Visits Market.

A. C. Rose, manager of the Merkel Dry Goods Company, left last Friday for market. He will be gone about ten days, visiting St. Louis and other points. He is confidently looking for a demand. Mr Rose is highly optimistic of the future for the Merkel country.

Revival To Start At Stith

The Baptist revival will begin at Stith Friday night, August 1. The services will be conducted by Rev. Bishop of Anson. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

Negro Lynched By Mob.

Gilmer, July 24.—Chilton Jennings, a negro, was taken from jail here this afternoon and hanged in the courtyard square by a mob of about 500 men. The negro was arrested charged with assaulting a woman here yesterday. The mob worked quietly and dispersed after the negro was pronounced dead at 1:55.

Jennings was arrested early today after an all-night search by officers and was placed in jail at 11 o'clock this morning. Crowds had been gathering from the surrounding district all night after news of Jennings' alleged crime was spread. Officers and cool headed citizens pleaded with the mob to let the law take its course but the jail was attacked shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TWO FARMS SOLD

Through the Merkel Realty Company J. C. Mason purchased from J. H. McDonald the latter's farm of 160 acres three miles north of Trent.

Also through the Merkel Realty Company Dallas Scarborough sold 160 acres of land lying 1½ miles west of Trent.

MERKEL'S LARGEST BANK

STATEMENT Farmers State Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business June 30, 1919

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$278,893.24
Banking House	8,150.00
Other Real Estate	1,242.80
Furniture and Fixtures	3,850.00
Stocks, Bonds and W. S. S.	704.04
Assessment & Int. Guaranty Fund	3,494.89
CASH AND EXCHANGE	74,028.01
	\$370,362.98
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	31,668.65
DEPOSITS	193,111.67
Rediscounts	20,582.66
Bills Payable	90,000.00
	\$370,362.98

The above statement is correct.

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Note our increase in Deposits—Ask our customers—There's a Reason

GERMANS IN NEED OF COTTON

Americans May Send Staple To Holland And Denmark For Resale To Germany

Washington, July 23.—German cotton mills, with 10,000,000 spindles estimated as still suitable for operation, can consume about 1,000,000 bales of cotton during the next year if means are found to finance the movement of the commodity from the United States, said a report by Erwin W. Thompson commercial attache of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, made public tonight.

Mr. Thompson outlined a plan by which Danish and Dutch traders may be furnished cotton for resale to Germany, and allowed to assume a part of the credit risk. Out of 4,067, 018 bales of cotton in storage in the United States on June 30, he estimated a very large proportion was classified in the lower grades, which are especially suitable for German mills.

"At this time the German mills would be eager buyers for the lowest grades," Mr. Thompson's report said, pointing out that during the war they have been operating on wastes, shoddies, nettle fiber and paper, owing to the pressure of the blockade.

"Cotton experts are agreed that cotton in public store in the United States is nearly all of grades below those most desired

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, 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 \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

by domestic mills."

Declaring that the problem of the American producers and holders of cotton was to find a way to offer large assorted stocks of cotton to the German spinner, and at the same time be secured for the value of their property Mr. Thompson said that warehouses and exchange facilities in Rotterdam, Holland, now were available for handling such a trade.

"Several strong trading companies in Rotterdam are in a position to handle and finance cotton into Germany as fast as they can consume it," he said. "Matters can be so arranged with them that American bankers can finance the cotton in any amount into safe warehouses in Holland. The Hollanders can arrange their own credits for delivery to German spinners in lots to suit their weekly or monthly requirements.

"Owing to great labor troubles at the moment it would be hard to start up spinning at full capacity, even if the cotton were on the spot. But it is estimated that within a few months after cotton begins to arrive the mills could use 40,000 bales a month."

Danish traders are also willing, Mr. Thompson reported, to resume handling cotton into Russia, and would also stand willing to join in supplying Germany.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp

Miss Laura Cary of Dallas is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Ellis and family. She will leave Saturday for her home.

\$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 catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh 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 Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

You Can Begin Earning That Hand-Grenade Savings Bank Now



- BOYS and GIRLS may obtain one of those War Relics by Earning and Saving money and buying at least One War Savings Stamp.
- ADULTS may obtain one of these Souvenirs by saving and buying Three or more War Savings Stamps.
- War Savings Stamps already bought will not be counted toward getting the Grenade—only those War Savings Stamps bought from now on.
- These unique "Weapons of Peace" will soon be ready for distribution. Those who earn them FIRST will get them. The number is Limited.
- For information call at

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. R. T. Pence and three children, of Marshal, Mo., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams.

If you are going to want a loan on that farm you had better see W. O. Bonev at once.

Mrs. M. M. Mayberry left this Thursday morning for Fort Worth where she will visit her sister and other relatives for a few days.

Fresh candy, cake and bread at the Metropolitan Bakery and Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunning and children of Abilene are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Craig.

Bring your clothes here to be cleaned and pressed. Will give you quick and good service. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180

Homer Jobe and family of Thurber and Brittain and Cecil Jobe of Cisco visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe this week. Tuesday they celebrated Mr. Jobe's birthday.

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. 30c.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams returned Tuesday night from Dalls, where Mr. Williams underwent an operation. He is much improved and his many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

A Traveling Man's Experience.
You may learn something from the following by W. H. Ireland, a traveling salesman of Louisville, Ky., "In the summer of 1888 I had a severe attack of cholera morbus. I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and to take no substitute. I took a double dose of it according to the directions and went to sleep. At five o'clock and took a train for my next stopping place a well man."

FALL IN

We have many dollars worth of mid-summer apparel for men, women and children extremely low priced, quality considered. Our variety is complete in silks, organdies, voiles, both in plain and fancy. Crepes, suitings, tissues, colored wash fabrics, batiste, curtain scrims, table damasks, etc. In fact, everything that is needed

Come Here to do Your Shopping
No matter how small your wants may be, it will be a pleasure for us to show you.

"Home of Good Merchandise"

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of Stith a fine girl.

I have a nice variety of second hand furniture on hand. If you want to buy or exchange, see me. J. T. Darsey.

Mrs. A. L. Jobe happened to a very painful accident a few days ago by spraining her ankle.

Guaranteed corn and wart remedy at A. L. Jobes.

D. O. Huddleston returned a few days from a trip to California.

There's a "V" in every War Saving Stamp. If you don't believe it, look again. Or hold W. S. S. until maturity and be shown.

Earl King of Thurber having just received his discharge from the navy, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe this week.

Claude Riney left Tuesday for Eastland, where he is still employed with Elrod Engineering Company.

Miss Naomi Brown of Truscott, who has been visiting her uncle, Q. Brown, returned home Sunday, accompanied by Viola Brown.

NOTICE

I have several thousand feet of second hand lumber for sale cheap. Also windows and doors and frames for same. Call 63 or see Brooks Browning. 1tf

A Great Remedy
The merits of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy are well known and appreciated, but there is occasionally a man who had no acquaintance with them and should read the following by F. H. Dear, a hotel man at Dupuyer, Mont. "Four years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy with such wonderful results that I have since recommended it to my friends."

ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

There is in sight in Texas, for the construction of roads in the near future, a fund of approximately \$200,000,000, according to information compiled by Curtis Hancock, good roads enthusiast and former chairman of the State Highway Commission. At a cost of \$10,000 per mile for permanent road construction, the fund will build 20,000 miles of roads; at a cost of \$5,000 per mile for roads of a substantial though not permanent type, it will build 40,000 miles of the State highway designated by the State Highway Commission is not more than 18,000 miles.

Mr. Hancock said approximately \$9,000,000 of road bonds which had been previously voted were on hand Jan. 1, and that sum is now being expended in road construction. Since Jan. 1, and up to July 1, county and district bonds to the extent of \$53,213,000 had been voted. The State Highway fund shows more than \$1,600,000, all of which has been paid out of the fund up to the last report.

Adding to these figures, the Federal aid granted to Texas, amounting to more than \$16,000,000, a total of nearly \$80,000,000 is actually in sight now for road work, Mr. Hancock said.

It is not supposed that all of this money will be expended this year," said Mr. Hancock. "There are not enough contractors or engineers and not sufficient material or labor to take care of the enormous amount of construction involved.

"A number of counties and good roads districts have already ordered bond elections, and many more are agitating the question. It is reasonable to conclude that at least \$25,000,000 more in road bonds will be voted before the end of the year.

May Get More Federal Aid

"There is now pending before the voters, to be passed upon on Nov. 4, a State-wide bond issue of \$75,000,000. There are also pending in Congress several bills seeking to appropriate for additional Federal aid \$500,000,000. If Congress should make this appropriation, on a basis of distribution to the States of former Federal aid, Texas will receive \$30,000,000 as her share.

"With the aid actually in sight and the financing that has already been done, added to that of reasonable prospect for future State and Federal aid and county financing, \$200,000,000 will be available in Texas in the near future for road construction. Road builders and men who follow closely the road construction movement are surprised at the amount of work now in progress and in contemplation if Texas carries to completion this enormous program, this State will become as well known for its highways as has California.

The Best Physic

When you want a pleasant physic try Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. They are highly prized by people who have become acquainted with their good qualities. They only cost a quarter.

COMPERE NEWS

There was no Sunday School last Sunday on account of the rain. The maize and cane was badly blown down by the wind. Mr. G. E. Ellington of Ranger, is here visiting his family. . . . Roman Moore and family of Denton are visiting relatives and friends.

The cream supper at the home of Mr and Mrs. V. E. Spurgin Saturday night was very much enjoyed by a large crowd. . . . Mrs. Barnie Berry is visiting her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Buzbee.

The meeting was postponed on account of there being so much work to do in the community.

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The Most Perfect Window Shades

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Kirsch Rods Can't Sag—Never Tarnish

☐ The Kirsch Curtain Rod is the only curtain rod on the market that is guaranteed not to sag or tarnish. If you are in need of curtain rods, let us show you the Kirsch before you buy.

☐ Why not figure on that bill of furniture now? The sooner you buy the better. Prices are advancing every day. We have some real bargains in every department, and can save you money if you will come in and let us show you what we have. We have protected ourselves against the recent price advances by buying our stocks early, and are going to give our customers the advantage of the big savings we have made.

☐ Come in and give us a chance to show you that we are right about it.

Barrow Furniture Co.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. — had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

Small Town Parks.

The following extracts from the Bogata News shows what the people of a little town can do for themselves and their communities if they have enterprise and local pride:

P. W. McCain, active vice president of the Bogata National Bank, spent the noon hour Monday down at the park, where the ladies of the Civic League were at work cleaning off the rubbish and making that lovely piece of woodland presentable as a public playground for children, a resting place for grown-ups. Mr. McCain is enthusiastic over the possibilities of that location as a public park, and sees visions of beauty to grow out of the work being done there by the Civic League. Dinner was served on the ground, and several business men were there to wish the women godspeed in their labor of love and to encourage them by their presence in their active efforts to bring about civic improvement in Bogata. S. S. Keeling, who owns a plot of woodland just across the creek from the plat being cleared and cleaned up by the ladies, happened along and so pleased will the appearance of things that he offered to donate additional grounds, enlarging the park place by an acre or more, giving additional playgrounds across the creek, and enabling the ladies to improve and beautify either bank of the stream which lazily winds its way around the woodland, reflecting the light and shadows cast upon its surface by the dense foliage overhanging its bank. And this creek is going to be one of the greatest assets in the beautification of that natural paradise. Stone pyramids, with flowers growing out of the crevices, are easily and cheaply arranged, and in time we are sure these will play no insignificant part in the attractiveness of the spot. Swings are already placed and seats will be scattered throughout the grove to accommodate those who go there to rest, drink deep from the fountain of beauty surrounding them, and

dream the hot summer evenings away.

Of course there may be some in the Bogata vicinity, or in Sulphur bottoms, or on the lower reaches of Cuthand Creek, who will take the position that the ladies or the Civic League of Bogata had better stay at home with their cooking and nursing than to venture out of their own dooryards with intent to promote a public park and recreation ground. There are always some individuals opposed to improvements, either public or private, and these individuals take temperamental buck argue when they see intelligent and progressive women manifesting activity in and "mixing" with community affairs. And so the ladies of Bogata may meet with some discouragements in their effort to provide a recreation center for their town, but if P. W. McCain and S. S. Keeling don't weaken the ladies can always count on two staunch allies. And it is at Bogata as elsewhere—much that should be done can be done if somebody will go ahead with it. —Dallas News.

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CONVICTS WILLING TO OBEY RULES

Leavenworth, Kan., July 28.—Ready after a week's confinement in hot cells on a restricted diet, to submit to the orders of an armed guard numbering 1,300 troops from three nearby camps, a part of the 2,500 prisoners at the military barracks at Fort Leavenworth resumed work this morning without any demonstration such as precipitated the strike last Tuesday, according to Colonel Sedgewick Rice, commandant of the prison.

Their cells for weapons, and a number of hidden blackjacks removed, according to prison officials, the men were taken by small detachments from the barracks today and put to work inside the walls of the prison. So thoroughly are the men under control, Colonel Rice declared, that normal prison work, including a resumption of labor on the prison farm will be effected tomorrow morning.

Last Tuesday morning the men refused to leave their cells when ordered to work. Representatives among the prisoners, in a conference later with Colonel Rice, demanding better sanitary conditions, the right to submit to President Wilson, a plea for amnesty and the return of two men recently transferred from the military barracks to another federal prison. Upon receipt of the demands at the war department, Secretary Baker is said to have stated that the government would assert its authority at the barracks. Troops were dispatched from Fort Riley, Kans., Camp Dodge, Iowa, and Camp Grant, Ill., and it the meantime the prisoners remained in their cells under heavy guard, on a general restricted diet.

An order for a general court-martial at Fort Leavenworth was signed by Secretary Baker following the inception of the strike but it has not been learned whether the scope of the hearing will include an investigation of the strike situation.

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The City Council is to be commended in conducting a weed cutting campaign for some days. Geo. Boyce, chairman of the street committee, had the weeds cut from the ditch that drains most of the city, and is now having weeds cut from the streets. Hurrah for this much needed work.

Merkel needs an airplane landing. If we had such a place we could be counted on the route that will be used in this section. Had we such a landing, the mishap to H. L. Houghton's machine last Sunday would have been avoided. All that is needed is about an acre of land free from weeds, and a fifteen foot pole at the top of which flies a white flag so the airplanes can find the landing and also tell which way the wind is from as an airplane is compelled to land against the wind.

Evidently the white people of Chicago do not like the negroes, from the muss that is going on up there. We bet they will be wanting to send them down South before long. They have been thinking that the South treated the negro mighty bad, but it looks like the South seldom has trouble that will equal the Chicago mess, and the South has forty times the number to deal with.

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 Mr. H. M. Rainbolt, Delegate; Mr. G. W. Boyce, Alternate, Merkel, Texas.
 Dear Sirs:—The handling, pricing, and marketing of cotton is attracting the attention of farmers, bankers, merchants, buyers, speculators, and spinners of the world as never before in the history of cotton.
 The determination of the producers to have a voice in the price has, no doubt, had more to do with this upheaval of public interest than anything else. Still, there are other economic conditions which are exerting themselves, such as feeding the supply to the demand as it can be shipped and paid for. The ability of foreign mills to buy their supplies and of the consuming public to buy and pay for their needs.

To meet and solve the many vexing problems there has been a "World Cotton Conference" called to be held in New Orleans, October 13th to 16th.

The spinners appear to be taking the lead in calling the meeting, though from indications speculators are doing their share. Several congressmen who are leaders for cotton will be in attendance and guard the interest of the producers. It is hoped many members of the Legislatures of the cotton producing states will attend and it is very important that enough farmers and country bankers and merchants be present to uphold the efforts of the leaders for the producers in meeting the adjustment of old conditions to the new as they are presented.

The meeting will be a great educational school for those who attend and will fit them to meet future issues concerning cotton.

To meet the important issues I have given considerable effort to the selection of delegates and alternates, each of whom are well suited to represent the farming interest on this occasion. I hope that since your name has been furnished us as a delegate or alternate by your friends and neighbors that you will make the necessary sacrifice to attend either yourself or the alternate whose name also appears at the head of this letter. Please notify me if you can accept.

Your respectfully,
 Fred W. Davis, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Installing Public Scales
 J. M. Garrett, public weigher, is installing modern scales. Team or wagon may be weighed at the choice of the patron. Special permit has been granted for installation of scales between Burton-Lingo and Boyce building. They are a great improvement over the old scales.

Lieut. B. B. McGee and family spent Wednesday with Mrs. McGee's brother, Rev. E. E. Dawson and family. Lieut. McGee has received his discharge and they are on their way to Mexico.

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PROPAGANDIST TAKES STAND

Says Ford Told Him World War Was Started By Bankers and That He Knew Who They Were.

Wood Becomes Caustic.

From the testimony of Mexican border residents who told of the bandit raids in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The Tribune has turned to witnesses who talked with Mr. Ford both before and after the United States entered the war. Henry A. Wise Wood, a preparedness propagandist from New York, was called to the stand to testify to Mr. Ford's attitude previous to 1917. He said he found the manufacturer a "rotten American." On the other hand Willis J. Abbott, a New York Journalist, testified that after the United States entered the war he visited Mr. Ford and went through the great Ford factories which were turning out enormous quantities of war material without profit to their principal owner. "I thought him one of the most militant Americans I had ever met," said the witness.

Claim Ford Was "Converted."

The evident intention of The Tribune is to contrast these apparently conflicting attitudes and to claim that Mr. Ford was brought to a sense of his duty by the criticism of The Tribune. The remark of Tribune counsel that "Henry Ford is not the only man who has changed his course as a result of criticism," is significant in this connection.

A definite ruling from the court on the extent to which evidence of the unpreparedness of the United States for war is material, has cleared away the doubts of past weeks and has made the path for the remainder of the trial fairly clear.

"I am of the opinion," the court ruled, "that the amount of preparedness Henry Ford believed is not material. Whether Henry Ford sought to interfere with or nullify the efforts of the government to prepare to the extent it conceived necessary, whether that preparedness was much or little, adequate or inadequate, is I think, irrelevant."

Must Prove Ford Un-American.

In other words, the defense must show that Mr. Ford attempted to embarrass the government in what it conceived to be necessary steps for the protection of this country. The mere fact that he opposed militarism and fought it to the limit of his strength, before the adoption of armed force for the purpose of national defense became the settled policy of the government, will not be material.

The testimony of Mr. Wise Wood, who as a strong advocate of preparedness was naturally bitterly opposed to Mr. Ford's policies, contained so much animus that Judge Tucker called a halt in the recital to warn the witness that his line of comments were out of place and must be discontinued.

Mr. Wood, it developed, had visited Mr. Ford while on a speaking tour. It evidently was his intention to attempt to convert the manufacturer to a belief in a great army and navy. He informed Mr. Ford, so the testimony ran, that Germany was likely to invade the United States and that Japan menaced us from the west.

Mr. Ford's comment, said Mr. Wood, was "Oh, you're full of Eastern scare gas."

Bankers Blamed For War.

Mr. Ford declared also, the witness testified, that the world war was started by two great bankers, that he knew who they were and that he intended to draw their teeth before he finished with them. Speaking along the same line, Mr. Ford was said to have made the declaration that the revolution in Mexico, which resulted in raids into the United States, was staged by financial interests who hoped to bring about intervention.

"I know who they are too," Mr. Ford is said to have stated.

Mr. Wood, it appears, pleaded earnestly with Mr. Ford in an endeavor to persuade him that the United States was exceedingly vulnerable and that there was immediate danger that some nation would step in and conquer us. But the only satisfaction he got was Mr. Ford's laughing retort, "Oh, you're full of scare gas."

Under cross-examination Mr. Wood admitted that he was not aware that a number of men who were associated with him in his preparedness propaganda were making great sums of money out of the European war.

The probabilities are that the defense will consume at least another week and that the trial will last until the end of July.

TRIBUNE EDITOR GOT HIS SALARY

ORDERED NONE PAID TO EMPLOYEES WHO ENTERED SERVICE BUT TOOK HIS OWN

AGAINST WAR WITH GERMANY

Joseph Medill Patterson and Writer of "Million Dollar Editorial" Testify in Defense of Paper in the Ford Case.

Arrested in Belgium

Counsel for Mr. Ford asked Mr. Patterson if it was not true that he had gone to Germany during the early days of the world war for the purpose of writing the German side of the controversy. Mr. Patterson denied this and counsel then introduced a copy of The Tribunes in which the announcement was made that Mr. Patterson was being sent to Germany to get the German point of view. The witness admitted having been arrested in Belgium, on leaving Germany, on a charge that he had written pro-German articles.

"In The Tribune you opposed and denounced war with Germany, didn't you?" asked Ford counsel.

"We did not oppose war, we discouraged it," answered Mr. Patterson. "We had been at close quarters and we knew what an awful thing it was." "But you advocated war with Mexico?"

"We advocated intervention."

"Well, doesn't intervention mean war?"

"Usually."

Advocated Taking Mexico

"You advocated the taking of Mexico too, didn't you?" The witness was inclined to deny this until shown a copy of The Tribunes in which the seizure of Mexico was urged editorially and then answered "Yes."

Mr. Raymond, when asked by counsel on cross-examination why The Tribune excoriated Theodore Roosevelt because of his utterances following the sinking of the Lusitania, said he believed such talk was not helpful to the government in reaching a decision, and that calmness was desirable.

"Did you ever argue for calmness when a border difficulty arose?" asked Ford counsel.

"I think not," answered the witness. "You used some pretty violent language yourself, didn't you?"

"I believe we did."

Upon direct examination Mr. Raymond denied knowledge of the International Harvester Co. and Standard Oil Co. stocks held by relatives of the editors and publishers of The Tribune and also denied interference with his editorial utterances.

Mr. Patterson likewise denied that Standard Oil or the International Harvester have had any effect on The Tribune's editorial policies.

Mr. Patterson admitted having once been a member of the socialist party. Ford counsel offered in evidence Mr. Patterson's book, "A Little Brother of the Rich" in an effort to prove that Mr. Patterson once held views similar to those attributed to Henry Ford. It was not admitted.

Writer Too "Pro-British"

The witness admitted having discharged Frederick Wm. Well. The Tribune's London correspondent, before the United States entered the war. Counsel for Ford asked if Well was told that his articles were too pro-Ally.

"Too pro-British is what I probably said," returned the editor.

Col. Henry J. Reilly, commander of the famous artillery regiment from Chicago, known as "Reilly's Bucks" took the stand and testified as a military expert to the necessity for intervention in Mexico. A long deposition was also read from James W. Gerard, former U. S. Ambassador to Germany, placing the blame for Mexican troubles at Germany's door.

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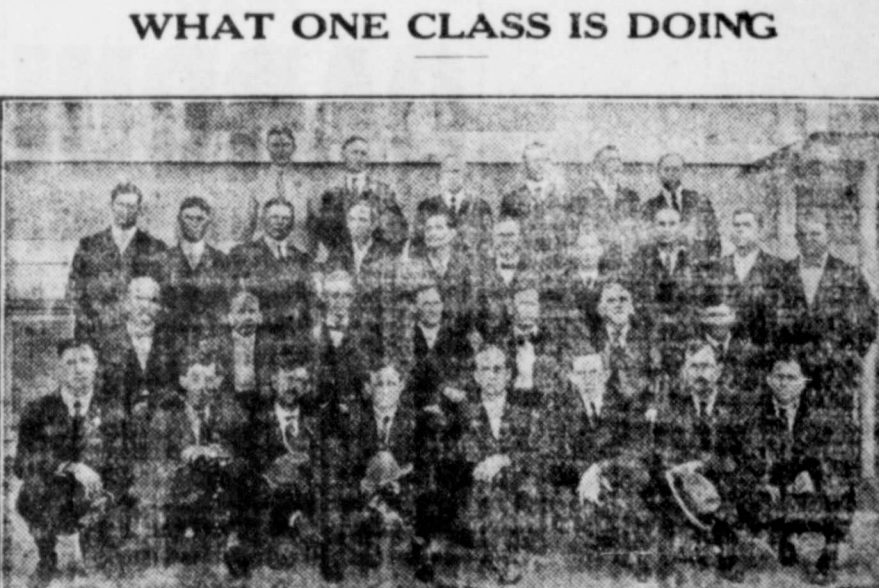
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The Class has an active War Savings Society and meets every other Tuesday night. The Class also pays a regular amount toward the support of a Home for Aged Persons and is active in all lines of church work.

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The Music Of The Revival

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Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

CHICKEN THIEVES BUSY

Thieves made a raid on the hen house of J. S. Thomas one night last week. This is the first offense of this kind in some time Prosperity doubtless is bringing back some of the ilk that this country could well do without. Other raids will be made, so we advise those who have chickens to either lock them up or keep a good shotgun ready for action.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Mr and Mrs. Buckingham of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Stanton are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. West.

Those people who are ashamed of where they are from were smoked out last Friday night when Evangelist Adair asked them to wear badges showing the State they were from.

Mr and Mrs. Holdridge is in Merkel for a few days. Mr. Holdridge was at one time manager of the Merkel Telephone Exchange. Their many friends give them at hearty welcome back in Merkel.

Mrs. Bessie Emmons of Honey Grove, Mrs. Ed. Garrison of Hamby, Mr and Mrs. J. W. McGee of Abilene spent last Sunday with Mr and Mrs. J. B. Campbell and family.

Westly Edwards, Will and Dewy Brown and Walter Boden left Monday for Jin Ned where they did some fishing, and really brought back some fish weighing as much as five pounds. They returned Wednesday and report a great time and most of them have blister to prove their statements.

Little Howard Baby Dead

The six months old son of Mr and Mrs. W. A. Howard of Noodle died Saturday night. Burial took place at the Shiloh cemetery Sunday afternoon, Rev. Harrison officiating. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr and Mrs. C. M. Largent returned Monday evening from Dallas where they have been for several days. Mrs. Largent underwent medical treatment and returns much improved in health

Miss Charlie Belle Thomas returned to Dalls Sunday night, accompanied by her sister, Miss Murphy. Miss Charlie Belle has been visiting homefolks and friends for several days. She said her vacation was entirely too short.

Mr. A. G. Cobb of Hern, Texas spent the past week with his son and family, Mr. N. D. Cobb.

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In This Paper

NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are about through laying by their crops. Mrs. W. V. Beene left Friday night to visit her daughter, Mrs F. E. Church of Sherman. Mrs. J. E. Jones returned to her home at Bailey, Friday after a two weeks visit with relatives and friends here.

Several from Noodle attended services at Horn Sunday.

Mrs. Rabie Hayhars and son, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wheeler.

Carl Childress of Abilene is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R W Green.

Selma Hendrix spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ely and children are visiting the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ely.

There will be Sunday School at the Methodist church. Do you want to have a good Sunday School in your community? If so come out Sunday and help make it a good one. God has been very good to us and we should be thankful for the many blessings received.

Mrs. Williams of Merkel spent the week end at the home of Mr Parker Hendrix.

In every home where there is a baby there should also be a bottle of Mc.GEE'S BABY ELIXIR. It may be needed at any time to correct sour stomach, win colic, diarrhoea or summer complaint. It is a wholesome remedy, contains no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

A BEET STORY

We had a beet story in the Mail a few weeks ago that we would hardly have believed had not the beet been given to us in evidence. Now comes one, G. H. Tucker, of French Pasture, who deposes and says that he has a sugar beet that weighed 6 1/2 pounds. We have no reason to deny the story for he gave us the beet, which is now on display to be viewed by any skeptic that doubts the story. It is a big beet all right.

Card Of Thanks

In the ripeness of his years our father has been called to his reward. His life has been a blessed benediction to us, and in the hour of sadness at his going we were helped to bear the burden through the tenderness of loving friends. We are profoundly thankful for the kindness shown to him and to us. May the blessings of heaven rest upon each and every one of you.

J. C. Dennis
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T. S. Dennis.

Clyde Foster has quit the truck business and opened up a bicycle and motorcycle sales room on front street. He will also do repair work and tube vulcanizing. Clyde is an enterprising young fellow and a competent mechanic and we freely predict that he will make a success of the business.

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Negro Writes Threatening Letters

Washington, July 29.—Two threatening letters, one addressed to the Governor of Georgia and the other to the Governor of Mississippi, were taken by the police from Willie Laney, negro, alleged slayer of a 17-year old white boy during the riots of last week. The negro denied authorship of the letters, and claims he found them.

The writer of the letters refer to himself as the "S. S. of the United States," taken by the police to mean "Sharpshooter." The letter to the Governor of Georgia reads:

"Dear Sir—You are the Governor of the State of Georgia, and I want you to consider that the negro was drafted during the world war to fight for this country as well as the white man, and I want you to understand that this thing of lynching in the State of Georgia must be cut out.

"We went and killed Germans for your rights, and we can also kill Americans for our rights, and if I hear any more lynching in the State of Georgia I will come quickly, and the people will weep after I leave, because I sweep from the cradle up. I will remember you this time. Why did you let this man be lynched in May?"

In the letter to the Governor of Mississippi, the writer repeats the part the negroes played in the war, and what they will do for their rights and concludes:

"Sir, this thing of lynching negroes in the State of Mississippi must be cut out. I am the negroes' S. S."

In the opening of the message to the Governor of Georgia the writer wrote:

"From the S. S. of the negro race."

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, of the 17th day of June, 1919, by J. N. Routh, clerk of said court, for the sum of Thirty-one Hundred Nine & 32-100 Dollars and cost

of suit, under a judgment in favor of J. M. Radford Grocery Co., in a certain cause in said court, No. 4104, and styled J. M. Radford Company vs. M. A. Pierce et al, placed in my hands for service, I, John S. Bond, as sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 7th day of July, 1919, levy on certain real estate and personal property situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 3 in block No. 5 of the town of Merkel, and lots Nos. 7 and 8 in block "J" of the G. W. Boyce addition to the town of Merkel, together with all improvements thereon.

Also the following personal property:

One note for \$640.00 executed by W. E. Ray to S. J. Pierce, together with any and all renewals thereof.

One judgment in favor of S. J. Pearce and against J. D. Perkins for \$507.40, with interest thereon from June 18, 1918, at 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit, rendered in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, in Cause No. 4332.

One Judgment in favor of S. J. Pierce and against W. J. Brown, for \$591.55 together with interest thereon from December 17, 1918 at 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit, rendered in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, in Cause No. 4407.

One judgment in favor of S. J. Pierce and against J. M. Watson, for \$217.80 together with interest thereon from May 13, 1918 at 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit, rendered in the Justice of the Peace Court of Precinct No. 1, Taylor County, Texas, on May 13, 1918, and levied upon as the property of S. J. and M. A. Pierce, and that on the first Tuesday in August, 1919, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Taylor county, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate and personal property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said S. J. and M. A. Pierce, and in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of July, 1919.

John S. Bond,
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.
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NO SWIVEL CHAIR FOR FORD'S SON

STAYED AT HOME DURING WAR TO HELP IN PLANT—REFUSED TO TAKE UNIFORM.

FATHER WAS RESPONSIBLE

Declares He Told Edsel That War Work in Factory Needed Him— Would Not Accept Safety First Commission.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Henry Ford, during the last hour of his seven days on the witness stand, took occasion to claim full responsibility for his son, Edsel Ford's, claim for exemption from the selective draft. "I wanted to enlist," said Mr. Ford, "but I told him that he could do more good where he was. He was offered several commissions which would have permitted him to wear a uniform and stay right in the factory, but he would not accept them."

Having made their decision, it was shown, both Mr. Ford and his son refused to compromise it behind a swivel chair commission carrying boots and spurs.

This subject, the introduction of which has been awaited ever since the trial opened, did not develop along the lines which had been generally expected. Mr. Ford's inclination to shoulder full responsibility, his statement that his son was absolutely essential to the war work being done in the factory and his revelation of the fact that Edsel Ford turned down several offers of a commission, disarmed criticism. The charges, spread during a political campaign, and recently repeated on the floor of the United States senate, to the effect that the young president of the Ford Motor company had shirked his duty were so fully refuted that Tribune counsel did not pursue the point.

It was the first time that a full explanation of the facts in connection with Edsel Ford's war work has been made public and it was easily the feature of the eleventh week of the trial.

Henry Ford spent seven days on the witness stand and of this time he gave less than two hours to his own lawyers. As long as counsel for The Tribune was hammering him Mr. Ford sat quietly in the witness chair answering the constant fire of questions with great patience. But the instant his own lawyers took him in hand his attitude changed. He became self-conscious and diffident. He would not accept the efforts of his counsel to reveal the full extent of his patriotic work during the war, his humanitarian views, or his advanced ideas of the relations which should exist between capital and labor.

"It is all in the records," said Mr. Ford. "I have told it all here once." He avoided, with care, anything that verged on boasting. He would not even describe the extent of the war work which his factories did and when record breaking performances in the production of munitions was mentioned he declared, "we did all we could, let it go at that. I want to forget all about it. I feel just as the soldiers feel. I don't want to talk about my war work."

The witness did, however, after being pressed, explain that his son had bought out the minority stockholders of the Ford Motor company because these interests had insisted on Mr. Ford squeezing the last dollar out of the public, the government, the workers and the product. He wanted to cut loose from his associates, he said, so that he could carry out his ideas of the distribution of profits to employees through increased wages and to the public through lower prices. It was either buy or sell and Mr. Ford had considered selling and organizing a new company. His son, however, took up the task of buying out the minority stockholders and succeeded, despite the general belief in the financial world that this stock could not be purchased.

One of the most interesting developments of Mr. Ford's testimony came out when it was testified that the only legislation he has ever sought was that for the protection of birds. Other men of millions, it was shown, keep lobbyists in the national and state capitol to urge and work for special privileges, but the one favor that Mr. Ford has ever asked from the lawmakers had nothing to do with his own interests. It was a curious bit of testimony and left a deep impression on the audience in the court chamber.

The subject was a result of questions concerning Mr. Ford's list of friends. He named Thomas Edison and John Burroughs, the naturalist, as his best friends outside of his immediate associates.

Litigation in which Mr. Ford has been interested was another subject of interest. It was shown that when the automobile business was in the first years of its growth all manufacturers of motor cars were compelled to pay tribute to what was known as the Selden patent on internal combustion engines. Mr. Ford fought this patent for seven years and won and by his victory freed the entire industry from its shackles and made possible the wonderful growth which has marked the last few years.

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SHORT COTTON CROP

It is generally conceded that the 1919 cotton crop will be a short one, and possibly shorter than either of the four preceding it. Considering the expense of producing it the short yield and the conceded large demand for cotton, a much higher price than has been paid during the past two seasons are naturally anticipated. But the South has had experience enough in the past to know it will not do to depend upon what conditions of supply and demand would justify. The past four crops have been very short and the past two have been very expensive to make. The demand has exceeded the production of the four crops and reserves have been used to keep such mills running as were permitted to have cotton until the reserve of spinable cotton is about exhausted. The expense of production, the supply and demand, and the value of cotton as compared to its competitors, silk, wool, and flax, have fully justified the highest prices it has sold for. Still, strenuous efforts by combinations of manipulators were made to force these crops to sell for 15 cents, and but for the strong organization of the farmers by the departments of agriculture of the cotton producing states to name a price and hold for it, it is conceded by cotton experts, spinners, and brokers that 15 cents would have been about the price which the two crops would have sold for.

So it will not do for farmers, merchants, or banks who depend upon cotton as their money crop to relax their efforts and depend upon favorable supply and demand conditions to maintain profitable prices. We must remember there is at the other end an ever awake enemy to profitable prices and to the producers controlling the price. They are studying every scheme conceivable to reduce the price and prevent the producers having a voice in it. Controlling spot cotton is the only weapon that will win.

Financing schemes and new cotton associations, world cotton conferences and other movements, originated and fostered by spinners and cotton gamblers, should not be considered as efforts to aid the producers to maintain profitable prices. If any of these should develop aid to the producers a monkey wrench is sure to be thrown in the main driving wheel and its work stopped. Now is the time for friends of cotton to keep wide-awake; hold public meetings, discuss conditions and be prepared to handle the crop to the best advantage. This should include means of meeting obligations of the farmers without selling enough to over-supply the demands of the spinners, and being prepared to stop selling at once if a slump occurs. Present financing conditions, negotiable warehouse receipts, the Reserve Banks and other available helps make it easily possible to maintain prices without injury to business.

The Legislature of Texas has adjourned after finishing the appropriation bills. In this respect it will be interesting to farmers to know that the Bureau of Markets and that of the Institutes both of the Department of Agriculture, the channels through which aids in marketing cotton pass, fared better than they have great improvements toward stabilization of prices are anticipated the next two years.

Extreme activity towards strong co-operation between bankers merchants, and farmers from now until the crop is disposed of should be the uppermost thought. To dispose of the crop as fast as gathered should not be dreamed of. Foreign nations cannot buy it so fast, neither are there ships enough to haul it as fast. To attempt to sell it faster than it can be paid for and shipped, simply invites a slump and plays into the hands of the enemy.

All of these questions will be discussed at the annual meeting of the State Farmer's Institute to be held in Austin, August 6,

7 and 8. All friends of cotton are invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

Several members of the Legislature who have made cotton farming a study have tendered their services, and help from this Department may be depended upon at public gathering if requests are made for them when not engaged.

W. B. YEARS, Cotton Specialist, State Department of Agriculture.

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Mrs. M. P. Latimer and daughter, Mrs. Sam Butman returned from a two weeks visit to Johnson county. Misses Viola, Virdie and Vera Turner of Egan returned with them and will remain here some time. Mrs. Latimer says Johnson country crops this year are nothing to compare with good old Taylor county.

If you sit in a cool draft when you are heated and get a stiff neck or lame back, you will be looking for something that will ease the pain. Fix your mind on BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT and don't be talked out of it because it is the best pain relieving liniment you can get anywhere. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Confesses to Murder of Girl

Chicago, July 28—A formal charge of murder was filed today against Thomas Fitzgerald, who yesterday confessed that he killed Janett Wilkinson 6 years old, who has been missing since Tuesday.

After singing the confession Fitzgerald took the police to his home, where the child's body was found under a pile of coal in the basement.

After enticing the little girl

to his room Fitzgerald told the police he strangled her to stop her cries.

The friends of Mrs. Addington formerly Mrs. Willie Scarborough, are greatly pained to learn of the death of her husband, which occurred at their home in Dallas last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lassiter are the happy parents of a fine boy, who came to their home last Saturday night, July 26th.

Family Dr. says:
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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Sophie Howard returned home from an extended trip to relatives at Dallas and Hillsboro.

Prices right on all goods at A. L. Jobes.

Otis Burns wired his parents Tuesday that he had arrived at Norfolk and would get his discharge at once. He is expected home in a week or two.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Some people habitually go to church late. We don't know whether it is just a habit or just to miss the collection plate.

Screen against the flies. We have the wire. Crown Hardware Company.

J. W. Teaff marketed his wheat, raised on his farm south of Tye, netting him \$41.50 an acre. That shows that land values are entirely reasonable in this section.

Miss Maude Martin has accepted a position with Titcher-Goettinger Dry Goods Company of Dallas and left for that place a few days ago.

FOR SALE—Few five gallon kegs. Just the thing for pickles. Also several five gallon cans for putting away your winter syrup. At Holland's Drug Store.

Miss Mary Campbell has finished her summer course at Simmons College and returned home Saturday. She is highly pleased with Simmons. She will likely teach this fall.

Car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G. M. Sharps.

A family re-union was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Merritt and baby of Handley, Will of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker and children, and the three children that are home were all present. The grandparents had kodak pictures taken of them and their grandchildren. The day was a very enjoyable one for all. Mr. Baker arrived from Canyon a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Merritt left Wednesday for their home at Handley.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Sheppard and their little son, and Mr. and Mrs. Grafford, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Grafford, Jr., expect to leave Merkel early next week, the Sheppards going to Dallas, for the present, and the Graffords going to San Benito, where they will reside. We very much dislike to record the going of these splendid citizens. They have long been among our most enterprising business people. The society of the town will greatly miss them. The best wishes of their friends follow them to their new homes.

GOOD PASTURE—For 15 head horses or mules. Mile south town. 10 cents a day. See Chas. Mershon or Pat Jones. 184c

Miss Ada Woodrum has been real sick this week, but is much improved and her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

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TRENT NEWS

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday night. The Christian meeting will begin Friday night. Elder Kearby Bentley will do the preaching. Eld. Bentley has been here before so he needs no recommendation. Every body has a cordial invitation to attend each service.

The dry weather is being greatly enjoyed by the farmers, as it is just what the cotton needs. Prospects are that we will make a bumper cotton crop if the worms do not strike it. Feed is fine and most all the cane has been cut. The maize will be ready to head in about two more weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell returned to their home at Fort Worth Friday night after visiting friends and relatives here for a week.

Miss Myrtle Randle of Gold-waithe is here visiting Mrs. Alva Lee Estep.

Mrs. Hugh Cryer returned Saturday night from a visit to Vernon. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Tom Hardison who will visit relatives here.

Lee Pribble, who has been singing for a meeting at Hamlin, returned home Sunday night. He reports better crops here than at Hamlin.

Mr and Mrs. Bruce Cole have moved back here from Phoenix Ariz. They seem glad to be back at Trent again.

Mr and Mrs. John Archer left last week for a visit to Robertson county. They are making the trip in their car.

Mr and Mrs. George Burkett had a reunion at their home Sunday. A daughter from Baird and one from Lockney were visiting here. Their son, John Burkett was also present. This is the first time Mr. Burkett's children have all been at home together in quite a while.

Mrs. Will Jordan and children of Carlsbad New Mexico are here visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Trixie Elliott of Arlington with the Misses Hales. the Misses Hales.

Sunday is the regular singing day at Trent. A new set of books has been purchased and we invite the Merkel Class out to help learn the new songs. People from all parts of the country also have a special invitation.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms. A remedy for these parasites will be found in WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only clears out the worms, but it restores health and cheerfulness. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs Hatley Dead

Death came at the end of a long life to Mrs. Cynthia N. Hatley, mother of Mrs. Laura Bond, last Thursday morning. Mrs. Hatley was 79 years, 9 months and 13 days old at the time of her death. She had long been a member of the Christian church. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Cypert, burial taking place in Rose Hill cemetery.

She lived beyond the allotted time for man, honored in age, and passing on to those about her the memory of a life well lived, a Christian influence that goes on until time shall cease and eternity has begun. To the bereaved ones go our utmost sympathy.

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E. W. Dennis Dead

E. W. Dennis died at 10:30 last Thursday night, burial taking place the following afternoon in Rose Hill cemetery, Rev. E. E. Dawson officiating. At the day of his death Mr. Dennis was 83 years, 3 months and 27 days old. He was born in West Tennessee in 1836, and was married to Miss Nancy E. Argo, who preceded him to the grave about six years. This couple came to Lamar County, Texas, in 1886, three years later moving to Merkel where they remained until their deaths. To this couple were born four girls and four boys, only the four boys surviving, they being, J. C., J. T., F. H. and T. S. The latter resides at Coleman, all the rest live here. Mr. Dennis was a retired farmer. Early in the year he had a spell of the "Flu," from which he never fully recovered.

Mr Dennis became a Christian in early life, joining the Baptist church, and was always a consistent member, loved his church and up until disease placed him on his bed, he rarely failed to attend the services.

The wealth of years crowned his life with glory. He has gone in the fullness of hope to join that enumerable caravan of the honored dead. His influence he left behind as a guidepost to correct living, as the years to his credit amply proves. To the bereaved is extended our full sympathy.

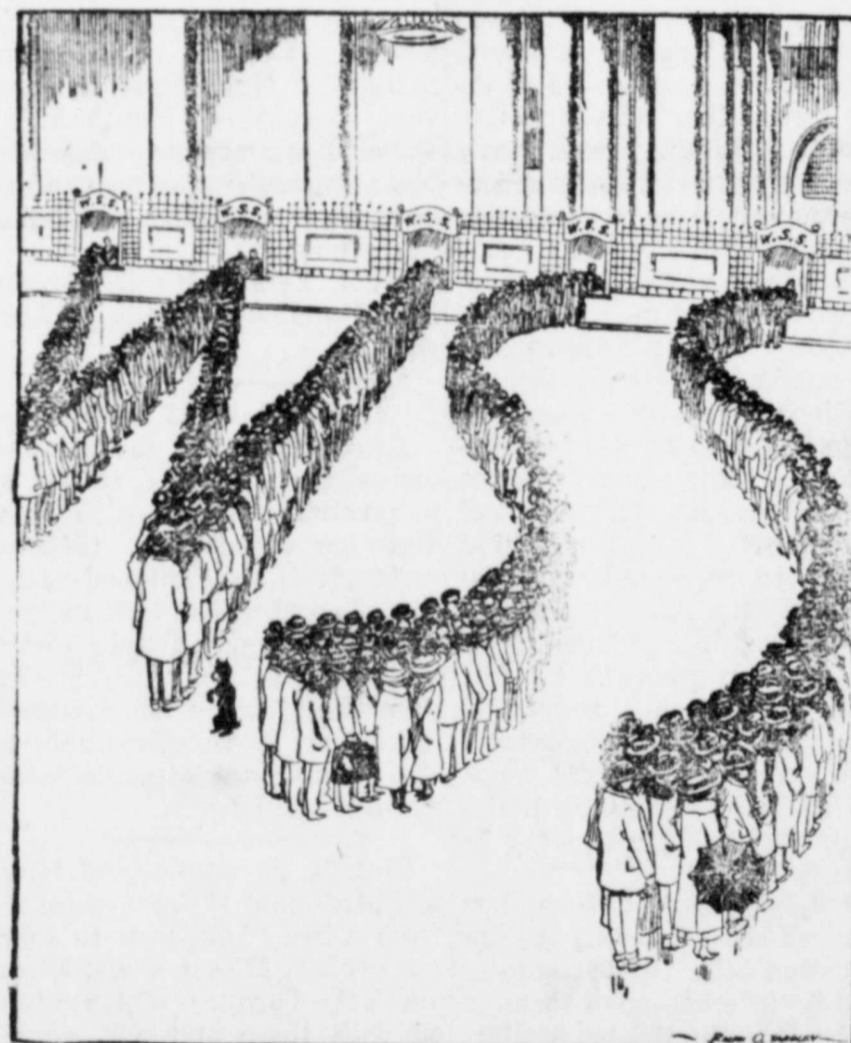
Flour, bran and shorts at Bob Martin's Grocery Co.

R. B. Wells of Route 4, made a trip to Austin this week. He said crops were good all the way but nothing to compare with this section. Most crops had too much rain and the crops were full of weeds. He thinks our prospects are better than any other section of the country.

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