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REPRESENTATIVE BLANTON TO SPEAK

Washington, D. C., July 30.—The Merkel Mail: I will speak in Merkel on the night of Thursday, August 14, 1919, and would like for you to let the people around there know it. If any have business of any kind with the Government here, I will be glad to see them and attend to it for them. I will come there that afternoon on the first train from Abilene, and begin speaking at an hour that will give me about one hour and fifteen minutes before the night train leaves Merkel for Abilene.

Sincerely your friend,
Thomas L. Blanton.

MEDICAL AID IN SCHOOLS

Plans for medical inspection in Taylor County schools were adopted by the County Board of Education which held its regular quarterly meeting in the court house here Monday afternoon.

It is intended that the County Health officer, assisted by the Red Cross nurse will visit every school in the county, as soon as possible after the school opens and inspect each pupil. Observation will be made for any contagious diseases or for anything that is calculated to handicap any child in his school work, such as bad teeth, eyes or defective hearing. It is also being arranged by the Board to provide free treatment for all pupils found to need medical attention.

The board also made the annual apportionment of school funds.

Miss Ruth Sims was re-elected attendance officer and the following trustees were chosen for the coming year: Guion; W. A. McMillan; White Church; J. C. Bickley and J. D. Perkins; Bethel, Noah Brookerson and E. L. Hill; Castle Peak, W. H. Moore; Elm Grove, W. O. Perry and E. D. Miller; Rainey, J. L. Bailey; Oak Lawn, Jim Ivey.

No Fair At Abilene This Year.

There will be no Central West Texas Fair this year at Abilene.

At a meeting of the directors of the association at the Chamber of Commerce Monday night it was decided to call off the fair for 1919. Several reasons promoted the directors to take this step, chief among which were these:

Almost total lack of transportation facilities.

Shortage of labor, which is expected to be acute by the date the fair would have been held.

The fact that the farmers of this section, together with all available labor, will be in the midst of the biggest crop-gathering in many years.

High prices of labor and attractions. It is pointed out that it would cost a small mint to pull the fair this year. This is due not only to the high cost of labor but also to the almost prohibitive cost of attractions, it is explained. Features which cost \$500 or \$1,000 a year or two ago now would cost anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000. It is estimated that it would cost not less than \$20,000 to pull a five-day fair this year.

The people of Central West Texas are now too busy or soon will be too busy, to "take in the fair," in the opinion of the directorate. The tremendous feed and cotton crop in this section will hold the farmers, together with every bit of available labor, to the farms for three or five months, and they will be at their busiest along in September, when it was planned to have the fair.

SUCCESSFUL REVI- VAL HAS CLOSED

The Adair revival came to a close last Sunday night, having wrought mightily in the lives of the men and women of this city and vicinity. There were 161 professions, 57 additions to the different churches of the city. There were 31 professions on the last day of the meeting.

Sunday School Inlistment Work
Sunday before the meeting started there were 387 attending the Sunday schools of Merkel; last Sunday the attendance reached 747, as follows:

	Before Meeting	Last Sunday
Presbyterian	36	106
Methodist	150	286
Baptist	201	358

The Sunday school inlistment work was conducted by Rev. E. F. Sloan who is quite an expert in his line, as the above figures show. His results were achieved by hard, conscientious work.

Young People's Meetings
Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Hutton conducted the young people's work. Thirteen meetings were held with a total attendance of 836. A prayer list of the names of the unsaved in which the young people were especially interested was kept. A large number of these made public profession during the meeting. At least twenty-five young people learned to do personal work as a result of their conferences together. As a direct result of their efforts a number were led to Christ. Rev. and Mrs. Hutton had charge of the music, which was largely responsible for a good portion of the results of the splendid meeting.

Thanks the Workers
Rev. Adair wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of the meeting. He especially wishes to thank Mrs. Howard, Mr. Henry Rose and Earl Thornton, Chas Russell for the loan of his float, besides all those who did personal work. He thanks the pastors for their beautiful co-operation and the neighbors who did everything within their power to make his stay here pleasant.

Record Crowds
The services were attended by record breaking crowds, even in spite of the great amount of work being done all over the country. As a measure of appreciation for the results accomplished the people in large numbers contributed to the meetings the collections for the evangelist and his party exceeding \$1000.

Results of the Meeting
The results of the meeting can only be measured by the eternal. In great power the evangelist waded into his subject from time to time, turning neither to the right nor to the left. Many a time it hurt, but here and there the message went home, and resolutions were formed as deep as the power of the divine to live better and make life count for more. Arguments vanish before the miracle of conversion, and no one can explain the new life, but all can recognize the joy that comes from Christian living. As the years come and go there will be those who will always look back to the Adair revival and thank the time that changed the tenor of their lives and built within them a hope that will never die.

Rev. W. M. Murrell left Sunday and is conducting a revival in the Panhandle.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, accompanied by Miss Sophia Howard returned to their home at Roscoe, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Costephens.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

LOST—17 Jewel Elgin watch. Finder please bring to Merkel Mail office and receive reward. t2p

FOUND—Medical department insignia Owner may obtain same at Merkel Mail office by payment of this notice.

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.

GOOD PASTURE—For 15 head horses or mules. Mile south town. 10 cents a day. See Chas. Mershon or Pat Jones. 18t4c

LOST—Black mare mule about 15½ hands high, about 10 years old. Brand US on left shoulder. Strayed from my place. Will give \$10 reward. Phone T. O. Sorrelle, Sweetwater, Texas 1t4p

Chautauqua For Merkel

A representative of the Radcliffe Chautauqua was in Merkel several days this week in the interest of his people. This is one of the largest chautauquas in the country, traveling out of Washington, D. C. and going from coast to coast. A chautauqua will be held in Merkel the latter part of September. It will be of a highly educational nature and worthy of the patronage of the people of this great section. We bespeak its success in advance.

Returns From Market.

Mr and Mrs. A. C. Rose returned from Eastern markets Tuesday night. Mr Rose says he made the trip mainly to get goods shipped that were ordered before the big increase in prices. While away he employed Miss Marion Mitchell of Greenville to take care of his millinery department. Mr. Rose placed orders for a full millinery stock. He is so optimistic over the trade outlook that he bought merchandise in large quantities to meet the big demand this fall. He says that foreign buyers have been so active in the wholesale market that merchandise is hard to get.

Rumania Causing Trouble

Paris, Aug. 6—According to messages to the peace conference the Rumanians served an ultimatum on the Hungarian government making demands far in excess of the armistice terms and giving the Hungarians until today to comply with them. A Bucharest dispatch says King Ferdinand of Rumania is with his army in Hungary.

It is greatly feared in conference circles that the action of Rumania will result in the overthrow of the new Hungarian government. The Rumanian army is not under command of Marshal Foch, having refused to accept orders from the French. The Rumanians retired from active participation in the peace conference, taking exception to the decision upon the principle of guaranteeing rights of the minority within the national borders.

Rev Lockett Adair has been real sick since Sunday night, having to leave the services before they closed. He hopes to be able to leave in a day or two, being much improved, we learn, as we go to press. Doubtless he and his family will spend a couple of days visiting relatives in Midland. Mr. Hutton and his wife also will leave in a day or two. Mr. Sloan leaves Friday morning.

Place your orders now for maize knives \$1.00. Supply limited. Bob Martin's Grocery Company.

FOR SALE—25 acre lease in the center of development at Merkel For information write Kay Electric Co., Ranger, Tex. 9t1c

LOST—Between Abilene and Snyder one 33X4 N. S. Firestone Casing on rim and part of tire carrier. \$5.00 reward. Roy C. Barton, Abilene, Tex. t1p.

LOST—Piece of metal 1½ feet long covering battery on Overland car. Finder please leave with Merkel Mail. t1c.

FOR SALE—5 young work mules, at my place. C. E. Jacobs. tfc

CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Japanese Praises Carranza's Regime

Honolulu, July 26.—The United States, in order to restore order in Mexico, should provide President Carranza with munitions with which to exterminate Villa and numerous bandits, is an opinion expressed here today by Baron Jujitori Otori, Japanese Ambassador to Mexico, it was said, on his way to Tokio. He believes that Carranza is the only man in Mexico strong enough to bring order out of chaos and that he merits the support of the United States.

He also said that Japan's only interest in Mexico is the establishment and development of commercial relations.

Speaking of Korea the diplomat frankly declared that Japan must retain control of the peninsula which because of its strategic location, is necessary to the safety of the Empire. He added: "Japan must resist by force any attempt at secession in Korea."

Amplifying his statement concerning the Mexican situation Baron Otori said:

Carranza has succeeded in scattering Villa's armies so that today I do not believe it is necessary, or would it be wise, for the United States to intervene. Carranza, in my opinion is the only man capable of governing Mexico in anything like a civilized manner. He is a quiet and cautious person with many years of training under Porfiro Diaz, and is experienced in diplomacy and statesmanship.

The American Government should aid Carranza by supplying him with ammunition and equipment to quell the bandits who have been killing Americans in Mexico. He has the men, but not the equipment, for an army large enough to exterminate the bandits.

As regards the much advertised Japanese invasion of Mexico, I can say that Japan has no political designs on the small Republic. For the very reason which have induced American, British, French and other nations to invest in Mexico, a few Japanese have established themselves in that country, confining their activities to business operations. I may add that Japanese business concerns would be glad to co-operate with the American interests in the legitimate development of Mexico's natural resources."

J. T. Darsey is on a visit to his mother at McGregor.

A. R. Cox and wife returned from Mineral Wells last Sunday

Vena Mae and Ava Dee Jackson returned home last Tuesday night after spending some weeks with their grandparents in Dallas.

CROPS PAR-EXCEL- LENCE IN COUNTRY

We don't know what we can say about the crop yield. If we describe the crops fully, the people who get the Merkel Mail away from here will put us in a class with the weather prophet, and if we do not say enough the local people will think we are not boosters. We do not believe the English language will permit us to say enough. It is simply out of the question to get house room for the great crops of milo and feterita. Feedstuff will have to be stacked. These crops are practically made. There is ample time for damage to come to the cotton crop, but so far everything has been in favor of cotton. Some complaint is being made about needing rain, but if we get rain within a few days it will take a catastrophe to cut the yield. We have ample promise of a bale to the acre.

The wheat is still coming in. Fully one-fourth of the crop is to be thrashed. To date 61 cars of wheat have been shipped from Merkel and 31 cars of oats. The wheat represents a value of \$150,000 and the oats about \$32,000, or a total of \$182,000. The crop will easily reach a quarter of a million dollars, and we would not be surprised to see it go far beyond that.

Railroads and Taxes

Cleburne Enterprise: The Enterprise would like to see the Santa Fe build west from Cleburne to the oil fields. This should attract the attention of the managers of this great railroad system, Weatherford still offers a good point from which to build into the oil fields.

Time was when rival railroad systems would long ago have set out upon a race to be first into the new oil fields. Now there is no interest in the matter, except on the part of those individuals whose interests are suffering for lack of transportation. This condition, so obvious to all, inevitably will obtain as long as the railroads already constructed are operated along socialistic lines, as at present. Socialism does not contemplate construction, it only contemplates use. Competition has been eliminated from the railroad business, as socialism wished, and now railroad building is either a stagnated or retrograding industry. It will be that way with the meat packeries in the unlikely event that they should be brought under Government control as the railroads were. We shall in the latter case have to pay higher for our meat just as we now have to pay higher for our freight. This is not saying that the packeries should be left free to do what they will. State Press is not a do-nothing Democrat. He isn't afraid for Federal hands to be laid upon private business whenever that business extends across State lines and threatens the interests of the majority. But his own observation, as well as recent national experience, convince him that governmental control of business is costly and inefficient. The tax payers must make good \$750,000,000 which will be lost in the business of operating the railroads during the present fiscal year. This example alone is sufficient to damn the policy of Government ownership or Government operation of big business. If any business is too big, burst it into fragments. But let's not take it over and try to run it altruistically. Altruism and taxes are not congenial.—Dallas News

Lucerne, Switzerland, Aug. 3.—Before the winter sets in there will be a terrible spasm of rage and despair among the people of Europe in which the final remains of civilization may be totally annihilated, it was predicted by Arthur Henderson, the British labor leader, at the opening session of the international Socialist conference here yesterday.

The remarks of Mr. Henderson, who was the principal British labor leader present, followed those of Otto Wells of the majority element of the German Socialists, who declared German workmen expected from the Socialists the creation of a real League of Nations. He characterized the league organized in Paris, without Germany and Russia as members, as a "mere pleasantry."

In alluding to the peace treaty during his address Mr. Henderson declared the principal points of it ought to be subjected to immediate and thorough revision. Condemnation of support of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all Russian Government at Omsk, the entente nations, was expressed by James Ramsay McDonald of the British delegation and Marcel Cachin, the French Socialist leader. Both the speakers demanded that an energetic attitude be adopted by the Socialists toward the nations, particularly on this ground.

Miss Freta Dean of Aqualla is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Cook for a couple of weeks

WORK RESUMED AT SEARS WELL

Drilling has been resumed at Sears well. Those in charge say that it only required a few hours drilling to get below the salt water and they are now working in lime formation of the most promising nature. Good progress is reported. The drillers are taking every precaution, confidently expecting a big find at any time.

Drilling is still being pushed on the Bland well, and the drillers are satisfied with the progress being made.

Definite location of the Butman well was made this week. The rig has been shipped, it is reported, and is expected to arrive any day. Oil men are hopeful of finding oil at a shallow depth at this location.

MERKEL ELECTRIC POWER OFFICE MOVED

The office of the Merkel Power Company and the Merkel Ice Company has been moved to the Beasley building, across the alley from the post office. The office is being modernly equipped. W. A. McSpadden manager, states that the move was made to enable the companies to give better service to the public. Collections will be made at the new office, which will be more convenient to the patrons.

Part of the building will be occupied by Dr. N. J. Smith who will thoroughly equip it for practice and for surgical work. The doctor has a complete modern outfit, which has not been unpacked since he moved to Merkel. Dr. Smith is rapidly building up an extensive practice here.

Labor Leader Makes Gloomy Prediction

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Emil Vanderveide, the Belgian Socialist, gave his opinion that it would be impossible to reconstitute the international Socialist organization until the question of war responsibilities was settled. He further declared that in his view it would be impossible to merge the second and third Socialist organizations for the reason that while the second aimed at a revolution by the majority element among the peoples in conformity with democratic principles, the third was for immediate revolution by the minority.

MERKEL'S LARGEST BANK

STATEMENT Farmers State Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business June 30, 1919

RESOURCES

Loans	\$278,896.24
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
Rediscunts	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

RAPIDLY RECOVERING SIGHT

The following letter was written by Capt. Nixon to his wife's mother, Mrs. W. D. Haynes of French Pasture. It will be remembered that Capt. Nixon visited Merkel some months ago almost totally blind from shell wound in the head. We are exceedingly glad to know of the rapid recovery of his sight. Following is the letter:

63 Sunshine Ave., Sausalito, Calif., July 14—Dear Mother Haynes:—I have no news to write this week. I can't keep my mind off happenings of the past year. You know tomorrow will be just one year since I was wounded. I can see to read quite a little now and expect to have normal vision within a month. There are many memories which make me feel sad and "blue", but when I think of all the blessings God has bestowed upon me I am full of thankfulness and happiness.

Winnie is in good health and busy with her lessons. She is preparing to go out on a moonlight boat party tonight if the fog lifts and it becomes warmer. The lady from whom we rent has asked us to go with a party of Church folks and we have accepted.

We have not heard from Comer yet, but did not expect to hear before next Friday or Saturday unless he should write from some of the towns as he passed through. He did not reach Camp Meade, Md., until last Friday and, even if he wrote immediately upon his arrival, it would not reach us before next

\$100 Reward, \$100

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

Friday. You will probably hear from him sooner than we do because you are nearer to the camp.

We have not been to Richmond since the day before Comer left and, therefore, have no news from over there. We were expecting my brother Price last Saturday but he did not come. We are planning to go over there next Saturday.

Since I have no news to write this time I will close. Trusting your health is good and that Bill has fully recovered by this time. I know "Dad" is always in fine health, so there is no use asking about him. Please remember we both love you all dearly.

Hurriedly and Lovingly,
LON.

An Old Fault Finder

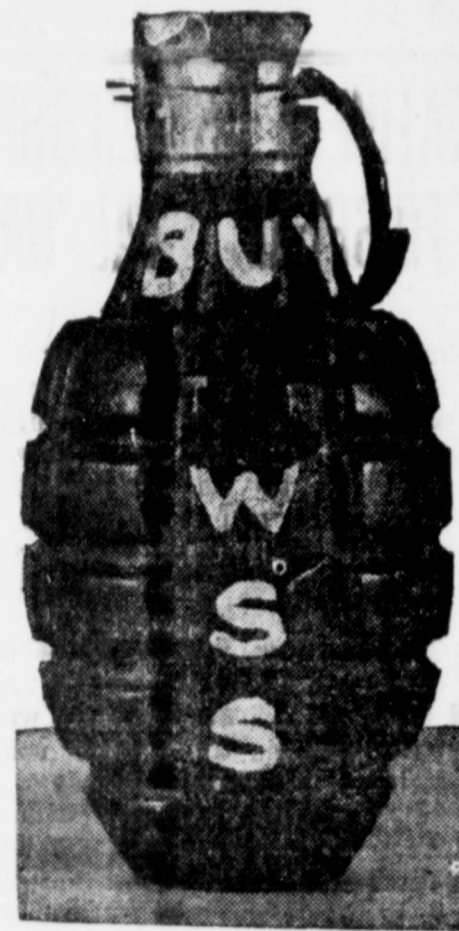
An irritable and fault finding disposition is often caused by indigestion. A man with good digestion and bowels that act regularly is usually good natured. When troubled with indigestion or constipation take Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

Mr and Mrs. R. L. Moore and family have moved to Abilene to make their future home. The Merkel Mail follows them.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. 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.

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

Shorts and Bran at G. M. Sharps.

Rev. L. B. Owen of Petrolia was in Merkel a few days ago shaking hands with friends.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

John C., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jacobs, has been right sick for the past week. He is much improved.

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

Jim Black is in receipt of a letter from H. L. Johnson advising that he is back in Sioux City with a job as remunerative as the one he held here, with the additional satisfaction of being home with his wife and family.

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 Floyce Boyd of Arlington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. Scott. She expects to remain here about a month. She returned home with Mrs. Scott, who has been in Arlington visiting her parents. L. B. went down and accompanied them home.

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 severa 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."

PRICES OF GOODS

Something frightening will have to happen or you will see Sky-High Prices in 60 to 90 days.

The Brown D. G. Co. got frightened and went to market a month ago, and since then prices have gone up 15 to 40 per cent, therefore we are saving you big money.

NEW GOODS EVERY DAY

COME GET YOUR SHARE

BUY YOUR BILL NOW

The best way for you to do is buy now and have less to buy later at big prices.

WE ARE SELLING WINTER GOODS NOW

The Brown D. G. Co.

LOCAL NEWS

We pay spot cash for eggs. Bob Martin Grocery Company

Miss Geneva Brown has been real sick this week.

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

C. Y. Barrow of Midland has accepted a position as salesman with Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company

I have a full stock of my goods on hand now and will be pleased to have your orders at once. Mrs. Julia Cotton, tlp

Misses Nettie and Tootsie Webb of Abilene are visiting Miss Vera Jinkens. Miss Nettie is with the Reporter at Abilene.

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

Geo. Sharp is visiting his uncles, John and Charlie Edwards, of Odessa.

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

Mrs. Julia Cotton returned from Corpus Christa Sunday night, where she has been for her health, and reports she is improved.

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

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."

**STATE FAIR PREMIUM LIST
NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED**

COMPLETE PLANS AND DETAILED INFORMATION GIVEN FOR VICTORY EXHIBITION.

The complete Premium List, or catalog for the Victory Exhibition, State Fair of Texas, is just off the press and is now being distributed. If you have not received a copy, write for one at once.

It is a book of 180 pages, size 4x5 inches printed in two colors, with a beautiful cover design depicting "Victory" presenting the attractions of the State Fair at Dallas.

This premium list is the most comprehensive and informative of any of the many excellent lists compiled by the Fair management. It is the personal work of Secretary W. H. Stratton.

Portraits of the State Fair Officials appear as follows: Col. Jno. N. Simpson, President; E. L. Flippen, First Vice President; Louis Lipsitz, Second Vice President; J. B. Adams, Treasurer; and W. H. Stratton, Secretary.

In appropriate feature department headings are shown portraits of the directors as follows: F. P. Holland, Director in Charge of Cattle; W. I. Yerg, Dairy Products; R. K. Gaston, Horses, Jacks and Mules; E. L. Flippen, Swine; J. J. Eckford, Sheep and Goats; S. T. Morgan, Poultry and Pet Stock; Alex Sanger, Art and Textile; Royal A. Ferris, Agriculture; J. C. Dule, Implements and Machinery; S. L. Menger, Automobiles; Louis Lipsitz, Commercial Exhibits; Wiley Blair, Manufactures; R. E. L. Knight, Educational Exhibits; E. J. Kiest, Press and Publicity; H. A. Gumbert, Amusements; E. M. Kahn, Rentals and Concessions; William Doran, Gates and Tickets; and A. A. Jackson, Coliseum Attractions.

Portraits of the various Department Superintendents also appear. They are J. E. Book Scott, General Supt. Live Stock; J. P. Lee, Hereford; G. E. King, Shorthorn; W. H. Hill, Aberdeen-Angus; J. W. Mann, Red Polled; Geo. R. King, Horses, Jacks and Mules; H. E. Singleton, Swine; J. M. Jones, Sheep and Goats; Walter Burton, Poultry; T. I. Wood, Agriculture; T. P. Robinson, Apiary; H. H. Williamson, Boys' Encampment, week of Oct. 8th to 11th inclusive; Miss Laura F. Neale, Girls Encampment, week of Oct. 14th to 17th inclusive; C. E. Andrews, Caged Birds; Mrs. Fannie T. Howard, Textile and Culinary.

Detailed information is given regarding the award of the more than \$75,000.00 offered as premiums for Live Stock and Agriculture, as well as many other departments. Many new premiums are announced.

**HORSE BREEDERS OFFERED
\$5,430.00 BY STATE FAIR**

PLANS BEING MADE FOR MAGNIFICENT SHOW IN OCTOBER.

Horse breeding is being given greater impetus by the State Fair of Texas. Many magnificent thoroughbred horses will be shown. Cash premiums aggregating \$5,430.00 are offered at the Victory Fair for thoroughbreds; standard bred trotters; saddle horses; saddle horses—under saddle; saddle horses—walk, trot, canter; roads; draft geldings and mares; Stetland ponies; Percherons; Morgans; Suffolks; Belgians; Jacks, Jennets and Mules.

There are also special prizes in this department.

The Percheron Society of America offers special silver medals, trophies and ribbons.

There are many sections of Texas where it will be necessary to use teams for driving and for many grades of farm work for many years to come experts say.

Desiring to help produce animals with better bone and that are better bred, the State Fair of Texas offers \$1,520.44 in cash premiums for Jacks, Jennets and Mules at the Victory Fair this fall.

The Standard Jack and Jennet Registry of America offers \$200.00 and ribbons. The Texas Jack and Jennet Association offers a total of \$200.00 for four best jacks and jennets shown and owned by one exhibitor. Director R. K. Gaston and Superintendent Geo. R. King promise the best Horse Show yet, at Dallas in October.

**TRACTOR-ARTILLERY AND
HOWITZERS AT STATE FAIR**

U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT TO SEND BIG SHIPMENT OF HEAVY GUNS TO DALLAS.

After a two weeks' visit to Washington, where he went in the interest of the Victory Fair, Secretary W. H. Stratton returned to Dallas the other day, well pleased with the results of his trip.

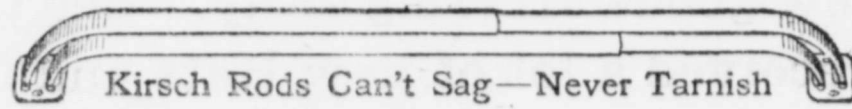
While in Washington Secretary Stratton arranged with the War Department for an exhibition of modern war implements that will require a small train to transport it to Dallas.

This exhibition will consist of tractor-artillery, anti-aircraft guns, heavy howitzers and other of the larger and more formidable engines of warfare invented, perfected and used by Uncle Sam in his recent victorious onslaughts against the Huns.

This display will be quite different from anything of the kind previously exhibited at fairs, or on Liberty Loan trains, in this district. It will be a liberal education in modern warfare.



☛ The Lux-or shade is the most economical Window Shade you can buy. They will neither crack nor fade, and look as good after years of hard use as they did when you bought them. We have them in all sizes and colors.



☛ 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.

LOCAL NEWS

B. C. Gaither left Monday for Tuscola on a visit to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs. Rex Dillard.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Mr and Mrs. Arrington left Sunday morning for Mt. Vernon where they will visit relatives.

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

O. W. Rister and family of Riverside, Cal., visited his brother, G. A., and family a few days this week.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

Mrs. Alice Rose is still in Ft. Worth at the bedside of her brother, A. Q. Harper, who is reported very low.

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

Mrs. Jno Sears and daughters, Misses Lillie Pratt and Johnie, left last Friday night for Roswell to visit relatives.

E. C. Wolcott, representative of the Security Banking & Investment Company of Sioux City, Ia., is here and expects to make Merkel his home for several days. He is a personal friend of H. L. Houghton, president of the company. He thinks the prospects of the Merkel field relative to the oil situation is amazing, fully believing that Merkel will be an oil center of one of the greatest oil fields in the country. He has great hopes for the Sears well, as well as the other locations.

TYPEWRITER CHEAP

We have a good No 5 Oliver typewriter for sale for \$25. If you want a good, substantial machine, now is your opportunity. Merkel Mail.

**MERKEL STOCKMAN FINDS
NO SHOATS**

J. A. Patterson Jr. of Merkel was a disappointed stockman Monday. He had come to Fort Worth, the great livestock market of Texas, to purchase a load of stock hogs to take back to Taylor county with him to put on feed on the immense crops of milo and kaffir that now cumber the ground of West Texas. After diligent search, he failed to find a hoof, much less the carload of which he expected to become possessed. Mr. Patterson was surprised to learn that even the hog feeders of this neighborhood are sending to Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi for stocker hogs and shoats.

But the disappointment did not dampen the ardor of Patterson Jr. He enlarged on the splendid crops of wheat that have been harvested in Taylor and adjoining counties this season, and on the 7,000 to 10,000 bushels of this grain that are daily coming to the Merkel market for shipment.

He dilated upon the great crop of grass and forage that are in sight in his locality, upon the enormous crops of kaffir and milo that are ready for the headers, and which will make from 50 to 75 bushels to the acre and upon the fatness of the cattle upon the 10,000 hills and the broad prairies of Taylor and the neighboring counties. And just to prove that he is a cattleman par excellence, he never mentioned the presence of petroleum in that county.

His thoughts and ideas all centered on his business—the raising of livestock, the proper care to be given them and the probable price they would bring when ready to ship.—Fort Worth Record.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS

And all Blood Sucking Insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Ask Sanders Drug Store. 9My6m

GREAT MASS OF PROOF

Reports of 50,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Merkel Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 50,000 recommendations. Merkel is no exception. Here is one of the Merkel cases.

A. V. Dye, carpenter, says: "Quite a few years ago I was working at the bench and the pains got so bad from constantly bending over, I could hardly get about. The pain in my back was severe and nights I had to get up often. The kidney secretion passed too frequently. I am glad to say that I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Sanders Drug Store and was entirely cured of kidney trouble. I haven't had the slightest return of that complaint. I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to everyone suffering from kidney complaint."

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

Fine Bunch of Seedless Grapes.

The Merkel Mail was favored with a bunch of seedless white grapes, containing fourteen big clusters, each of which is as large as an ordinary bunch. They are of a very fine flavor. Grapes ought to be grown more in this country. We are indebted to Earl Thornton for this treat. He stated they only had one vine of this variety now, but hoped to have more next year.

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

We have an ideal house for granary and barn, boxed and weather-boarded, at a bargain. Merkel Realty Company.

Thrift is not necessarily a habit but a conviction Get convinced now and buy. W. S. S.

Helps Sick Women

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

TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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

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

All Druggists

Look for the name: All in sealed packages.

WRIGLEYS

Helps appetite and digestion. Three flavors.

IT'S not enough to make WRIGLEYS good. we must KEEP it good until you get it.

Hence the sealed package—impurity-proof—guarding, preserving the delicious contents—the beneficial goody.

The Flavor Lasts

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

PATRONS OF THE MAIL who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.



Many of the farmers are preparing to cut their maize and feterita with a binder with a view to thrashing later. They figure that this is the quickest and surest way of saving the feed crops.

The revival has closed regardless of what people think of the meeting, the religion of Jesus Christ has been exalted. To the critics we can but say that many of them had their numbers called. Regardless of opinion of some it must be acknowledged that over 170 reclamations mean something to Merkel. Many of these people never attended church. Christian living never hurts a legitimate business or enterprise of a city. Then Merkel is vastly richer by the experience that has made the lives of men and women better.

The adoption of plans for medical inspection in Taylor County schools marks a great forward stride. There are defectives throughout the country whose conditions are taken as a matter of course. From poverty, lack of knowledge or procrastination medical attention is often deferred leaving children in a pitiful condition for life. The efforts put forth by the proposed examination will tend to heighten joy and lend untold happiness where otherwise misery would mingle its tears with the drifting dreary years.

Farmer W. H. Clark of Tye is a philosopher as well as a writer and has a Dempsey punch. His latest is that the present compulsory school attendance law is very obnoxious to the plain farmer man. Farmer lawmakers championed compulsory school attendance. Farmer lawmakers voted for the enactment of the compulsory school attendance bill and leading farmers advised the governor to approve the measure. Farmer lawmakers voted for the free text-book bill and publishers of farm journals applauded them for their votes. Now why shouldn't all the children of all the people be compelled to attend school. The property owners pay the freight and they pay it willingly. The Fort Worth Record is the farmer's friend and is willing to give him a square deal at all times, but The Fort Worth Record is for the compulsory school law and would strengthen instead of weaken the act.—Fort Worth Record.

It seems to be the hobby of Mr. Clark to oppose compulsory education. We regard it as one of the best laws ever placed on the statute books of Texas. We believe every boy and every girl

SPECIAL SUMMER BARGAINS

One hundred pairs women's and children's Low Cut Shoes
values from \$2.00 to \$5.00, on sale at

\$1.00

Fifty pairs men's low cut shoes at greatly reduced price.
See our Bargain Counter for Exceptional Bargains this week.

Bargains in Summer Pants

Our new goods arriving daily. See them.

Just received a lot of new Hats and Caps.

See us for Groceries The Best Flour on Earth

The STAR STORE

should have a square deal. Because the parent had no school advantages is no excuse for the child having none. Right thinking people spoke overwhelmingly in favor of this law, and these people do not seem to be inclined to have it changed. Our only objection to it is that possibly it does not go far enough.

In some parts of the country we read where thousands of dollars worth of fine food products are going to waste, in other sections a large portion of the population goes hungry. This suggests to us that our shipping, wage and industrial life has not yet reached perfection.

A ride over the public highway from Trent to a point five of six miles east of Merkel is ample evidence that that portion of the road is exactly what Sherman said war is. The road has been recently graded and is full of holes. Later it will be gravelled and made a first-class highway, but the thing that puzzles the traveler is why the necessity for grading ten or fifteen miles and making it practically impassable before completing any

of the road? Would it not be much better, for the public at least, to grade two miles and then complete it? We seek information.—Abilene Reporter.

We do not know what form of punishment to suggest for the guilty parties, unless they be sentenced to ride over the road once each day until it is graveled. Such a sentence might be equal to capital punishment, but even then it doubtless would be justified.

BRITAIN WOULD CURB THE PRICES

London, Aug. 6.—Great Britain purposes establishing a central authority to deal with profiteering, it was announced by Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of Reconstruction, at the resumption today of the hearings by the House of Commons sitting as a select committee to inquire into the high cost of living, and profiteering.

George H. Roberts, the Food Controller, advocates more severe punishment for persons found guilty of profiteering and gave his opinion that there should always be an effective

control of food prices and of supplies throughout all stages of their distribution.

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."

TRENT NEWS

We are having some windy weather this week. The thresher is still doing splendid work.

The farmers say they would welcome another good rain.

Mrs. Will Jordan has returned to her home in Carlsbad, N. M., after visiting her father J.K. Winn.

Misses Vada and Iva Holton have returned to Abilene after visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Royce Dowdy has received his discharge and is now at home.

Miss Annie Belle Smith is visiting friends and relatives in the eastern part of the state.

R. H. Reeves and family from Blackwell stopped off Saturday night and Sunday visiting friends.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson's mother from Cosco is here visiting her this week.

Mr and Mrs. Dollihite of Abilene are attending the meeting

Mrs Dan Rawlings and children have returned to their home at Ranger.

Mrs. T. S. Stevens made a business trip to Abilene Monday

Dr. G. H. Watkins has gone to visit his father at Sipe Springs.

Joe Freda Duke and Era Smith are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth of Abilene.

Mrs. Duke and family and Miss Westbrook have returned to their home at Leonard after visiting friends and relatives of this place.

The singing at the tabernacle was enjoyed by all.

MONEY TALKS SOMETIMES IT SCREAMS

The man who wrote "Shall I Leave My Money to My Children?" raises a question that is hard to answer.

There is no way to generalize on the subject. Look around your neighborhood. You will find many who have been ruined by the money left them. You will find others who have been helped. Some people know what to do with money, and some don't. It comes down to the individual. So far as the security of it is concerned I should feel perfectly safe in leaving my dollar and a half to John D. Rockefeller. He would not waste it—neither would he wrap it up in a napkin and leave it in his top bureau drawer.

Parents should try to leave their children something more important than money, however. Say, for example, a good education, consideration for others, love of fair dealing, respect for law. Many a man who has had money left to him is poor indeed. I can think of one right now, a man who inherited one hundred thousand dollars. He has hung onto it, too. But that is all he has got. He has no charm, no brains, no friends. He hangs onto his money exactly as a large-sized ape hangs onto the food thrown into his cage—with ferocious tenacity. Nobody has any use for him, because everybody knows that he has contributed nothing to the world. In other words, his one hundred thousand dollars is meaningless to everybody except himself.

It is true that money talks. But when it does all the talking, its talk is loud and cheap, and nobody wants to hear it. It isn't a man's money that commands respect, it is his achievements and ability. Sometimes money alone can inspire fear—but real respect—never.—The American Magazine.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

You can rest assured that the best bargains may be obtained from those who advertise their wares. Patronize our advertisers

List your property with the Merkel Realty Company, if you want it sold.

Yes, it's toasted

YOU know how much toasting improves bread. Makes it taste good. Of course—more flavor.

Same with tobacco—especially Kentucky Burley.

Buy yourself a package of Lucky Strike cigarettes. Notice the toasted flavor. Great! Nothing like it. The real Burley cigarette.



Guaranteed by
The American Tobacco Co.

WARNING

☛ The Southwest, and all America, has only one way to forestall the most serious coal shortage in history the coming winter. That is to BUY COAL NOW.

☛ Production is dropping behind the amount necessary to supply the normal winter demand at the rate of two and a half million tons a week. The consuming public must provide

WORK FOR EVERY MINER

☛ That work must be provided NOW before more miners leave mine work to return to their native lands, or seek other employment.

☛ Railroads will be swamped with a flood of industrial production. Automobiles, building materials, household goods, machinery, the country's greatest grain crop—a thousand and one things—will DEMAND railroad attention this fall.

☛ The railroads have only a limited equipment to haul the country's commodities. The movement of coal unquestionably will suffer.

☛ We can not urge too strongly that you buy your coal now. You must buy it now to be sure of having it next winter.

COAL OPERATORS ASSOCIATION.

☛ Place your order now with

WARREN BROTHERS

Returned From The Markets

Our buyer has just returned from the Eastern Markets and while there found the Dry Goods Market in a critical condition, owing to labor troubles. We were lucky, however, in having many articles in the Staple Cotton and Woolen goods booked ahead with the manufacturers and feel that we will get reasonable good deliveries and at prices much lower than the present market values. We expect to have the largest line of merchandise by far that we have ever shown the Merkel people, owing to the fact that we have bought heavier in many lines, such as **Men's Clothing, Men's Hats, Shoes, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Coat Suits, Coats, Dresses, Blouses, Millinery, etc.**

☐ We have added to our stock a complete line of **MILLINERY** and expect to have deliveries on all these goods by September 1st—in ample time to take care of the fall demand. ☐ Miss Mitchell of Greenville, Texas, will have charge of the Millinery Department and will be here about the 15th of this month. ☐ Miss Mitchell comes well recommended in her line, having worked for one firm for five years, which speaks well for her ability to take care of your every desire in the Millinery Line.

Merkel Dry Goods Company

CHURCH NEWS

At The Baptist Church
Services will be held at the Baptist church as usual. Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock. Last Sunday the attendance was 358. Every one is urged to attend this Sunday. Last Sunday the attendance went far ahead of any church in Taylor county, and possibly ahead of any church in West Texas. Why not keep this splendid record? There will be some one on hand to take charge of the preaching service in the absence of Pastor Dawson. The B. Y. P. U. will be held at 5 o'clock. A full attendance is urged, as the Union will be re-organized and an enlarged program outlined. All the new converts and church members have a cordial invitation to come and help make our Union count for Christ's cause.

Epworth League Program
Subject, Wise and Unwise.
Leader Ralph Henson.
Song, "Brighten The Corner"
Sentence Prayer for Divine Guidance.
Introduction by Leader.
One Minute Talks.
Some Kinds of Unwise Speech.
Overconfidential Teaching.
Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.
Idle Words, Annie Mae Costephens.
False Words, Tom Allday
Profane Words, Ruth Hollo-

way.
Slanderous Words, Earl Thornton.
Obscene Words, Loring Rogers
Angray Words, Jewel Pate
Some Kinds of Wise Speech.
Apt. Tactful Words, Edith Brown.
Kind Helpful Words, Jerome Hutcheson.
Words of Grace and Truth, Mary Eula Sears.
Teaching all People, Mason Pee.
Beautiful Speech of the Bible, Loyce Dry.
Words of Confession, Wallace Bragg.
Song.
Business.
Benediction.

PACKERS ARE TO BE PROSECUTED

Washington, Aug. 6.—Anti-trust suits against the five big meat packers will be instituted immediately by the department of justice.
Attorney General Palmer announced that the evidence before the federal trade commission and committees of congress indicated "a clear violation of the anti-trust laws", and that he had ordered "prompt action accordingly." Isidor J. Cresel of the New York law firm of Jerome, Rand & Kresel, will have charge of the case, and Mr. Palmer said he would be given such assistance by the department of justice "as the case seems to warrant."

MOVED

We have moved our office to the Beasley Building so that we may give our customers better service.

We believe our customers deserve the very best service that can be had.

We believe our customers are the best ones what is and that we are going to see that they get the best service that can be had. That is why we are going to a great deal more expense.

If any part of our service is not right up to now we want you to tell us so, that we may make it so.

What we want is your co-operation and we will show you the best of service.

Yours to please
MERKEL POWER CO.
W. A. McSpadden, Mgr.

A Successful Revival

Rev. L. C. Robins has just closed a very successful revival at Live Oak, in the Canyon. The meeting continued for one week. Large crowds were in attendance at most every service. Several accepted Christ and numbers of inactive church members lined up for greater service.

Some of the finest roasting ears we have seen were grown by J. D. Jones of Blair. We know because Mr. Jones was kind enough to furnish us a liberal sample. We have seen corn grown in different states, but have seen none that would surpass this. It is time our farmers were picking out some choice selections to send to the State Fair.

Take a lesson from the ant. He works with others. Get into a War Savings Society.

Remember the 10th and save your discount by paying your Electric accounts.

PASTOR DAWSON RESIGNS

The congregation of the Baptist church was shocked beyond measure last Monday evening when Rev. E. E. Dawson, formally offered his resignation as pastor to take effect September 1st. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Coleman. It is with extreme regret that the resignation was accepted, and a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions. The resignation was accepted not without feeling and all over the congregation there were eyes wet with emotion.

This bloved pastor, during his brief pastorate here, has greatly endeared himself to his congregation and to the people at large. The best wishes of his congregation follow him to his new field of effort.

Mrs. E. N. Brown, and Mrs. Meador and daughter, Lovejoy, returned Tuesday night from a visit to Fort Worth and Cleburne.

D. White of Abilene was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday.

Best Investment

☐ The best Investment you can make would be fixing up the old home place and painting it with

Low Brothers
High Standard
Liquid Paint

—the investment paint. It improved its appearance wonderfully and added hundreds of dollars to its value.

☐ If you are lucky enough to own one of those well-built old homes, don't let it grow shabby. Clean up the lawn, prune up the shrubbery and paint the house with **HIGH STANDARD**. Let us show you the colors that will look best.

Burton - Lingo Co.

TAKING NO CHANCES!



By investing your money in War Savings Stamps, you are taking no chances. The Government guarantees their constant increase in value and that you can always get what you have invested, with accrued compound interest, on ten days' written notice to the postmaster. But if you hold them to maturity they are worth the most. 1919 W. S. S. mature in 1924. Save! Have you bought your Thrift Stamp today?

AT YOUR HOME

You Will Find
A Sample
Like This



TRY IT TONIGHT
Before you go to bed take one NR Tablet; simply place the tablet on your tongue and drink a full glass of water.

How Different You Will Feel In The Morning—

You'll get up feeling brighter and better than you have for many a day. The reason—**Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets)** is different in action from pills, salts, calomel, oils and ordinary laxatives. It is milder, yet more thorough, because of its beneficial action on the digestive and eliminative organs—the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. That is how it relieves and eliminates such troubles as Rheumatism, Indigestion and Constipation—it corrects the causes that produce the trouble.

THIS SAMPLE IS A CONVINCER. It is given you to prove our claims. When you are convinced, get a 25c. box from your druggist.

SANDERS DRUG STORE

Nature's Remedy
NR-TABLETS-NR
Better Than Pills For Liver Ills. Get a 25c. Box

Blanton Says People Must Pay Raises

Washington, Aug. 2.—Representative Blanton in a five-minute speech on the floor of the House and in a formal statement today announced his opposition to the request of the Railroad Brotherhoods, either for a raise in pay to meet the cost of living or a reduction in the cost of living in order that their present earnings will suffice. In his speech Blanton charged the Railroad Workers with "coming to the Congress like highwaymen." Representative Burt of Pennsylvania, himself a member of the Brotherhoods, accused Blanton of making false statements.

In his facing a peculiar problem. As a solution for the high cost of living, we are asked to give the Railroad Brotherhoods an additional annual increase on salaries of \$1,000,000,000. This would necessitate additional proportionate increase in freight rates, thus further taxing all the people of the United States, thus adding this \$1,000,000,000 will come out of the pockets of the people annually. Such procedure might solve the high cost of living problem for the railroad employes, but it would leave the people of the United States in one hell of a fix.

"But the Brotherhoods threaten that unless this action is taken they will cause a nationwide strike Sept. 1, tying up every railroad in the United States. Therefore Congress must, comply. Congress has no other alternative. By such threats the Brotherhoods forced the passage of the Adamson law. By such threats during the war, the Brotherhoods forced Director McAdoo to pay them an increase in salary and by such threats likewise during the war, these Brotherhoods forced Director Hines to pay them an additional increase in salary.

Before these increases passed passenger conductors, received from \$135 to \$165 per month, eight hours per day, six days a week, with time and a half for all over eight hours. Now passenger conductors receive an average of \$180 per month, eight hours. "Now is the time for the tail to quit wagging the dog, and for some action to be taken that will reduce the high cost of living for all the people. There must be a conclusive showdown and Congress must quit trucking and quit being held up by threats."

Ginners Do Not Fix Prices

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 4.—It has never been the policy of the Ginners Association of Texas to establish the price of ginning or to attempt to have an agreed price among ginners of the state nor in the various localities, according to a statement given out by S. S. Frazer, secretary of the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association here.

The statement, Mr. Frazer stated, was in reply to charges that the cotton ginners of a certain country in the state had agreed upon a price to be charged for ginning and that the south Texas ginners' association at Corpus Christi had agreed upon price to be charged in that section.

Mr. Frazer said that while he does not believe the prices referred to were excessive, yet the association most emphatically advises against any agreement or understanding among ginners as to the price to be charged for ginning cotton.

Surgeons agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is applied promptly, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, Borozone is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Beaver Valley Well Comes In
Ft. Worth, Aug. 2.—Terry No. 2 of Beaver Valley Oil and Refining Company just southwest of Desdemona has come in for a sensational production according to late reports from the field.

Various estimates on the production place it from 6,000 to 12,000 barrels daily and it undoubtedly is the biggest producer in the field.

The Moorman well, near Gorman, is reported to have come in. There has been no estimate of its production.

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.

STATE FAIR POULTRY SHOW TO EXHIBIT 6,000 BIRDS

PLENTY OF POULTRY INFORMATION FOR ALL AT VICTORY FAIR AT DALLAS.

The Poultry Show will be greatly enlarged and improved at the Victory Fair in October. \$2,500.00 in cash premiums will be awarded. This includes numerous specials offered by the Texas Barred Rock Club. Two thousand new steel coops, sufficient to accommodate 6,000 birds, have just been purchased by Walter Burton, of Arlington, the Superintendent of the Poultry Department. These have been made necessary by the large number of entries already received. All coops will be modern and sanitary.

A new feature will be the complete educational department provided through the co-operation of the Extension Department, Texas A. & M. College. Prof. Kazmeier will be in charge. The care of poultry and other barnyard fowls will be outlined in detail. Oats sprouters, methods of proper feeding, hatching, incubators, their timing and temperature, the layout and arrangement of poultry houses, methods of getting rid of mites lice, and other vermin, and many other vitally important subjects to poultrymen, will be explained by experts. No charge will be made for this information. It will be free to all, and will be found of great value not only to amateurs but also to experienced poultrymen.

The annual meeting of the Texas Barred Rock Club will be held at the Victory Fair. It will be a perfect Poultry Paradise.

Miss Lillian Hazel, Extension Department A. & M. College, Boys and Girls Club work, advises 1,000 birds will be entered from the boys and girls alone.

The judges for the contests will be E. C. Branch, Lee's Summit, Mo., who judged the recent state poultry show; James Tucker, Royal Oak, Mich., and G. D. McClaskey, Kansas City.

SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL PREMIUMS AT VICTORY FAIR

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS OFFERED BY ENTERPRISING CONCERNS.

Special cash premiums aggregating \$300.00 are offered for the best agricultural displays by the Texas Land & Mortgage Company, Ltd., of Dallas, divided as follows:

For the best county exhibits, first premium \$75.00; second \$50.00; third \$40.00; fourth \$35.00.

For the best and most diversified exhibit of corn, cotton, small grains and any other farm products from one individual farm of 80 acres, or less in Texas, crop of 1919, first premium \$30.00; second \$20.00. For best display from farm over 80 acres, first \$30.00; second \$20.00.

The Dallas Cotton Exchange offers \$500.00 for the best bale of cotton grown in Texas in 1919, grades from middling to good middling to be considered as follows: 1 1/2 inch staple \$250.00; 1 3/4 inch staple \$150.00; 1 7/8 inch staple \$100.00. Bales intended for this contest should be shipped to Shippers Compress & Warehouse Company, Dallas, Texas, to arrive not later than Oct. 4, 1919. Notice of shipment should be sent to N. W. Nolley, Secretary Dallas Cotton Exchange, Dallas, Texas.

These special premiums are all in addition to the \$10,000.00 appropriated by the State Fair at Dallas—\$5,000.00 for county displays and \$5,000.00 for individual farm displays.

Now is the time to prepare samples for these contests.

MUSIC, MIRTH, MAGIC AMONG VICTORY FAIR AMUSEMENTS

NO EXPENSE BEING SPARED TO SECURE HIGH GRADE ATTRACTIONS.

The spirit of Victory, in its highest sense, will prevail at the Victory Fair this fall.

Mirth, music, magic will reign. Regardless of individual taste, all will find something to amuse, to thrill, to instruct, to awe, and to startle at the Victory Fair at Dallas.

Military bands will be there to soothe or sway with their charming strains. There will be exhibitions of skill and digital dexterity to jar you out of your lassitude. Marvelous stunts, appearing to deliberately defy the laws of nature, will startle you. One of the world's greatest Magicians will appear—and disappear. \$1,000.00 is offered to any one who can find him. There will be legerdemain, illusions, mysticism that will baffle even the most perspicacious.

Headliners, only, attractions of highest grade, are being booked. Many of these are world-renowned artists, who are under contract to originate entirely new acts, new songs, new musical selections, new presentations of different character for the Victory Fair.

Daring auto drivers will compete for new laurels in high speed contests. The latest, most intricate terpsichorean attractions will be presented by illustrious fancy dancers in shimmering attire. There will be pyrotechnical, spectacular, scenic, productions, which for gorgeousness will eclipse anything ever shown before. Vaudeville stars will twinkle. Music of all instruments, and voices in many harmonious combinations will delight the ear and charm the mind with their beautiful interpretations of classical, standard, popular and jazz selections.

Meeting Will Surprise Democrats

The present so-called 'Democrats' will be surprised at the revolt that will be made against them." Joseph W. Bailey, former United States Senator, stated here Saturday night when he referred to the Fort Worth meeting scheduled for Aug. 14.

Bailey arrived here Saturday afternoon from Hill County, where he spoke Wednesday. He probably will leave for his home at Gainesville Sunday night. While here he will be the guest of Capt. S. B. Burnett.

That the political gathering will have a terrific effect in the revival of the real principles of democracy was declared by Bailey.

"I shall be only 'one' among a large number of men who will attend the gathering," Bailey stated. "The movement is not for any selfish motive. I didn't call the meeting. The meeting was first called for a limited number of friends of democracy, but was later changed. The principles for the revival of real democracy were written and issued at the John Stevens picnic at Covington in order to give the State something to think about before the Fort Worth meeting is called."

We are within the shadow of a great menace. Unless we are able to establish the real principles of Jeffersonian democracy our Republic is threatened."

Bailey expects to be in Texas until Sept. 15. He has no other speaking engagement except the one at Fort Worth Aug. 14.

Bailey probably will be the guest of honor at a banquet which is being planned by local men.—Star Telegram.

LARGE PERMANENT ARMY

Washington, Aug. 4.—Maintenance of one field army with a war strength of 1,250,000 men is proposed in a bill proposing a permanent military policy which was sent to Congress today by Secretary Baker.

The active force of this army would be 510,000 regulars, while the remainder would be young men who had taken a three months' military training course, which would be compulsory for all 19-year old youths.

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Another Mexican Outrage
Washington, Aug. 4.—Inquiry at the State Department today developed that representations were made to the Mexican Government after Dr. Charles T. Sturgiss of Washington, his wife and the latter's mother, Mrs. W. H. Keenright, had been taken prisoners nearly a year ago by Gen Rafale Cally Mayor, a friend of the rebel leader Zapata. The Mexican authorities promised to investigate, but so far as is known here none of the bandits has been punished.

First information concerning this case was made public here last night by the Association for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico, which announced that Dr. and Mrs. Sturgiss, who now are en route from Mexico to St. Louis, would be invited to testify before the House committee investigating relation between the United States and Mexico.

Mrs. Keenright died while a prisoner, and Dr. Sturgiss and his wife were not released until last February. The dentist was partially paralyzed owing to privations while in the hands of the Mexicans.

He and his wife returned to their home and later on instructions from the State Department, the American Consul at Salina Cruz furnished them funds with which to return to the United States.

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 any where. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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Ozark Trails Convention.

The annual convention of the Ozark Trails Association meets, this year, at Roswell, New Mexico, October 1, 2 and 3. A spirited contest at the last annual convention at Miami, Oklahoma, resulted in Roswell securing the convention for this year. Some of the Ozark Trails Conventions in the past have broken the world's record for attendance, numbering more than ten thousand.

For the Roswell convention the schedule for a Relay Run is being made up that will start from many points, all merging

together, starting from Arkansas, St. Louis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, and other points with speakers cars running some fifteen minutes apart, speaking to good road crowds in each town the party to the convention, passes through. The itinerary or schedule of the Relay Run will be announced later. All who wish to join the party are asked to notify W. H. Harvey, President at Monte Ne, Arkansas.

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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.

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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 (OR Tonic) and will be better, healthier, happier people for it. I hope you will be one of them.

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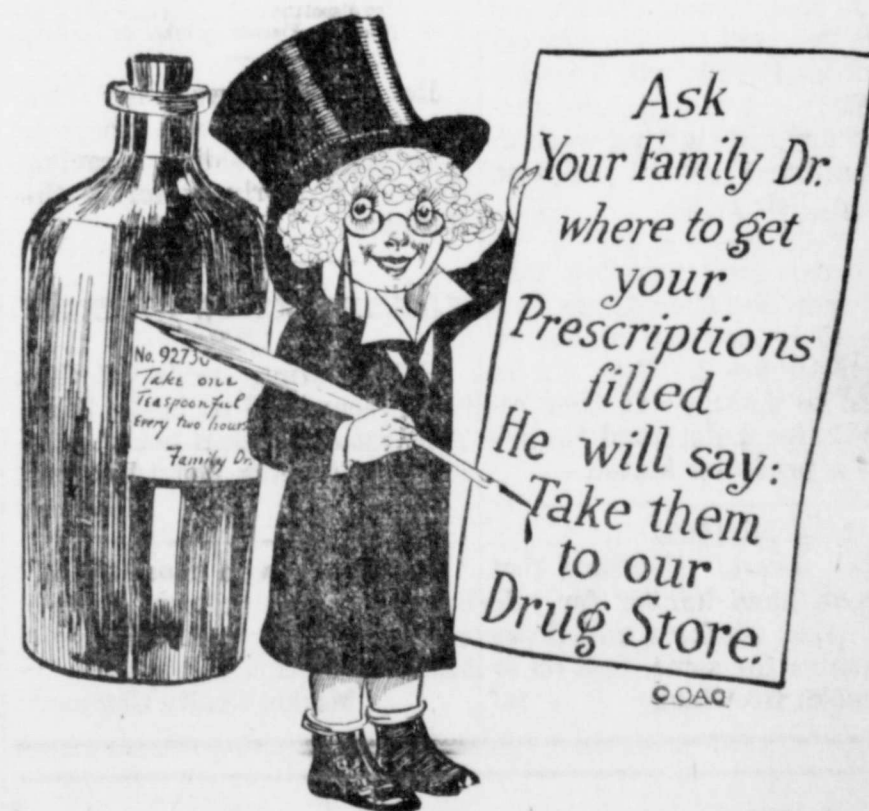
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Shoots Wife Who Attends Picnic

New York, Aug. 3.—Enraged because his wife, from whom he was separated, was attending the annual picnic of the Good Husbands club here last night, Arthuh Gould, 30 years old, shot Irene Gould, 24 years old, through the wrist, killed Richard Gallagher, who went to her assistance, wounded two men and a girl, and after his ammunition had been exhausted was rescued from an angry mob by the timely arrival of the police. Gould,

badly beaten, was held by the police on a charge of homicide.

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.



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LOCAL NEWS

Little Missie Dye has been on the sick list this week.

Ely Pate has received his discharge from the army and returned home.

White Swann syrup at G. M. Sharp's Grocery Store

Mr and Mrs. S. N. Diltz of Brenham, are visiting Mr Diltz's parents, Mr and Mrs. W. L. Diltz

Prices right on all goods at A. L. Jobes

Srgt. Oscar M. Pate has received his discharge and returned home. He spent Tuesday evening and Wednesday with friends in Sweetwater.

Expects car of fresh Peace Maker flour at G. M. Sharps every day.

W. A. Baker of Pittsburg, La., will deliver a bible lecture on "The Great Reconstruction", a new age dawning at the Tabernacle Friday night at 9: o'clock, August 8th. All invited. No collection. Thos Smith.

Chase and Sanborn high grade coffee at Bob Martin's Grocery.

Miss Wilma Smith accepted a position with the Post Office She will occupy the place vacated by Miss Mamie Ellis, who resigned to prepare for her school work.

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.

Judge W. P. Mahaffey made a business trip to Austin this week. He says the crops in Taylor County are better than any where between Fort Worth and Austin.

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

Miss Willie Swann, milliner at Woodroof-Bragg Dry Goods Company, returned Tuesday from Dallas where she selected a choice line of patterns and shapes for everybody.

We have W. D. Haynes and others to thank for remembering us so kindly with samples of watermelons, cantaloups. They are some of the finest we have ever seen grown in this section and their flavor is beyond compare.

M. A. and Homer Dunn and Kenith Pee, and Bill Timsley arrived from Fort Worth Tuesday with their big threshing machine. They are starting work at Stith and have several thousand acres on their route.

It is currently reported that Sam Swann and Miss Agnes Powell are to be married in Dallas, Friday, August 8. We are in position to make no further remarks as we understand the affair is a profound secret.

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NEW FALL HATS

☞ We will feature a big display of New Fall Hats in our Millinery Department Saturday Aug. 9. Miss Swann, our trimmer, has just returned from market, where she selected a big line of the season's most popular models. ☞ Choice patterns and shapes are arriving daily, and will be for some time. ☞ No expense has been spared to make this department complete in all the latest designs. ☞ A cordial invitation is extended to every one to visit our Millinery Department and look over our selections. ☞ No pains will be spared in serving you in every way possible.

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THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE

Mrs. Iva Cleo Spicer Dead

Mrs. Iva Cleo Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barton, died at the home of her parents last Saturday. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. M. Murrel conducting the services. Burial took place immediately afterwards in Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Spicer was 16 years of age.

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Rev. E. E. Dawson left Monday night for Osceola where he is engaged in holding a revival. He was formerly pastor of this church.

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Control of Railroads Urged

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The demand was presented in a statement signed yesterday by engineers, firemen, conductors and the American Federation of Labor.

It was recognized today as the most far-reaching proposal placed before the country during the reconstructive period.

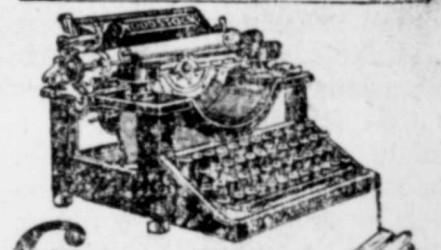
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Jerusalem, July 24.—Many children are injured each day in Palestine by shells and explosives which were scattered throughout the country during the open warfare between the Turks and the Allies. The battlefields cover such a large area that careful salvaging has been impossible, and the result is that children farmers, or peasant women are mangled almost every day by accidental explosions.

A large number of the cases treated in the American Red

Cross surgical hospital here have been bomb or abdominal cases according to the physician in charge. The hospital was operated for seven months, treating a total of 668 patients. In the various clinics and dispensaries operated by the Red Cross in connection with the hospital, 24,000 men, 46,000 women and 70,000 children were treated in eleven months' time. The hospital has now been turned over to the city health department.

W. N. Watson left Wednesday on a business trip to Bronte.

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