

ARMY OFFICERS PRAISE LOCAL UNIT

The regular Annual inspection of the local organization of the Texas National Guard was made here last Thursday and Friday, March 1st and 2nd, by Majors Lamb and Bannister, representing the Federal Government and State Adjutant Generals department.

To say that the young men of our town did themselves credit on this inspection is putting it very mild.

A copy of the report made to the Adjutant General's office was given the commanding officer of the local unit and we take great pride in printing it in this paper, so that all our readers might know just what the rating or our merit is, following its first inspection.

Subject: Report of Inspection 1st. Bn. Hq. & Train, 131st F. A. Merkel, Texas. To the Adjutant General, Austin Texas (Thru' C. C. 36th Div. Houston)

1. Inspection of personnel & property of the above named organization completed here today.

2. Strength of Organization, 7 officers & 75 men; present for inspection, 6 officers and 56 men absent from inspection; 1 officer and 18 men.

3. Armory: The Armory of this organization is adequate and a well constructed building, excellent arrangements for property, drill and recreation. The armory at present contains several attractive club features and these will be improved upon. The Armory is owned by private parties and is used exclusively by the organization. For inspection the armory was clean and well arranged.

4. Stables. The stables of this organization are being erected by the organization and will be completed within few days. When completed they will be suitable for the purpose and sufficiently large to care for authorized number of horses and periodical forage and grain allowance.

5. Records: The records of this organization were found to be in excellent condition. Property Loan records neatly and accurately posted and kept. Correspondence book and document file opened and neatly kept. Battery Council Book not yet opened account organization having no funds. Field desk well arranged and kept as prescribed by B. R. 57 with exception of shortage of several forms and regulations required to be kept therein. Organization has sgt. keeping the records of this organization; he understands his business thoroughly and has excellent set of records. Organization has comfortable and attractive orderly room.

6. Property. The property of this organization is all new and in excellent condition and was arranged most conveniently for inspection and count by inspector. Organization has received no pistols and numerous items of technical equipment. The organization is receiving shipments now, however, and it is contemplated unit will be fully equipped within near future. Check of property showed no shortage of property whatsoever.

7. Recruiting: Divisional Scheme of recruiting has been adopted by Battery order, there having been appointed Recruiting officer and N. C. O. assistants.

8. Personnel: The personnel of this battery is excellent, consisting mainly of the best young men of this town and surrounding territory. The organization presented steadiness in ranks.

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SPECIAL SERVICE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the First Methodist Church announces that on next Wednesday evening instead of the regular weekly prayer service, there will be a special Laymen's service, and it is especially urged that every man who is a member of this church or who attends same to be present, and assist in the further organizing and starting the Laymen's Movement which was temporarily organized some time ago. Rev. Hays expects Mr. J. L. Walker, district Lay Leader of the Abilene District to be present to deliver the principal address of the evening. Mr. Walker is thoroughly familiar with the Laymen's work in this church, and is a very able speaker and all who hear him will be delighted with same.

Rev. Hays wishes it also made plain that all ladies are welcome and invited to be present also, upon this occasion.

J. E. and C. P. Hendrix were in Abilene Monday on business.

C. D. MIMS KILLED HOUSTON ACCIDENT

According to the daily press, C. D. Mims, former attorney of Merkel and who was Secretary of State under Governor Hobby, was killed last Sunday at Houston in an elevator accident. Just how the accident occurred has not been determined.

The remains were shipped to Austin for burial, where the deceased's two daughters and two sons resided, and where his wife who died a few months ago was laid to rest.

Judge Mims had many warm friends here, who were made sad by his sudden death, and with whom we join in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

THE BAPTIST LADIES SOCIETY

The Society met at the church last Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Cummings was the leader for the afternoon. We had one of the best spiritual meetings we have had, and we believe the absent ones are going to be with us after this as we need you in these meetings, and know you miss so much when you are not there.

We meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Cummings in her home for a social hour. She urges a large attendance.

TRY THE COUE THOUGHT

"Every day in every way, you can cook better and better, the electrical way."

We will give a cooking demonstration at our new home Tuesday, March 20th at 2:30 p. m. Come and learn how to economize on the improved HOTPOINT HUGHS ELECTRIC range. We want you to realize the kitchen of her DREAMS. All are invited to come. WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO. ttp

WHO IS YOUR WASHWOMAN

Did you know my service was cheaper, better and in every way more satisfactory than the washwoman? We can send your entire family washing (nothing excluded except stiff collars, silk and wool,) washed, starched and ironed at the rate of 10 lbs. for \$1.00. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218.

C. AND A. CLUB IN A BIG DAY HERE A MONTHLY MEET ON NEXT SATURDAY

The Commercial and Agricultural Club held the regular monthly meeting on last Monday evening with a goodly number in attendance, and many things of interest was discussed; committee reports, etc. The committee on securing location for a tourists auto park in Merkel reported considerable progress towards securing same, and it is expected that by the next meeting night this matter will have been solved.

Also the committee in charge of the securing the removal of the stock pens which are now located almost in the heart of the city, reported communications out of which it was thought would ultimately bring about the desired results.

The committee in charge of the plans for a "Trade Trip" by the business interest of Merkel, wherein it is planned to visit the various school districts and villages surrounding Merkel during the next few weeks, reported that they were planning the first trip out to the Teaff School house, which is located southwest of Tye, and which is to take place on next Friday night, March 23rd. It is expected that a fine program will be arranged by those in charge; including the taking along of Merkel's splendid band. It is urged that every business interest arrange to send at least one representative on these trips, in order that they may have representation, and receive the benefit of such advertising as may be accomplished.

The Club adjourned to meet again, on the Fourth Monday night in this month, said meeting to be at the Fire Station. The last meeting was held at the Barrow Furniture Company on account of the fact that this was the regular meeting night of the Fire Boys, and the organization extends thanks to Manager A. T. Sheppard, for the courtesy offered the Club to meet at the Barrow Furniture Company's place of business.

FIRE BOYS ELECT DELEGATES TO CON.

At the regular monthly meeting on last Monday evening of the local Fire Boys, the following were elected delegates to the State Firemen's Convention, which meets at San Marcos, May 8th. Mr. F. A. Sanders is to represent Hese Company No. 1, and Mr. Andy Brown will represent Hese Company No. 2 and Chief A. V. Dye will also go as a delegate, making three in all.

WHY THE MAIL IS LATE

We are sending the Mail out late this week on account of the fact that the high winds brought damage to the electric light wires; breaking some of them, which caused the power to be off several hours on both Wednesday and Thursday, which made it impossible for us to run our machinery.

We trust our readers will bear with us in the matter and realize that the delay was unavoidable upon our part.

I am organizing a class in shorthand and typewriting. Would like to have high school students and those who wish to learn the stenographic course. Phone 70, or call and see Miss Esther Hoehl, at the Methodist Parsonage.

A BIG DAY HERE ON NEXT SATURDAY

While it is a pretty well known fact that there is going to be a big day here next Saturday, March 17, the Mail wishes to further impress the fact upon the minds of its readers the importance of their visiting on this day.

Besides the fact that you will be able to meet all your friends from all about over the country surrounding the city, we understand the merchants of Merkel are planning many real bargains in the goods handled in their respective lines, which will mean a saving to all who take advantage of same. Infact Merkel has a live set of honest and progressive business men who are striving hard to serve their patrons with everything they need at a reasonable and fair margin of profit.

So, again we urge everybody to come to Merkel on next Saturday and take advantage of these opportunities, and besides you will enjoy seeing just what happens, and per chance profit by same.

BIG RABBIT DRIVE AT COMPERE

There will be a rabbit drive at Comperre on Thursday, March 22. It begins at the school house at 9 o'clock. Usual arrangements are to be made about ammunition, and a good dinner will be served on the ground. Comperre always shows her visitors a good time, so gather up your guns and help make this the record drive of the season.

CLEAN UP DAYS

Next Monday and Tuesday has been designated as Clean-up Days. If you will place your trash and cans in the alley the City wagons will call for same as soon as possible. We would thank you to burn such trash as will burn. All other trash will be hauled to the dumping ground.

H. C. West.

CHANGE IN COAL AND ICE COMPANY HERE

A deal was closed here last week whereby Messrs. T. J. R. Swafford & E. E. Leslie, dissolved their partnership business, that of the Merkel Ice & Coal Company. In the deal Mr. Swafford will continue to operate the Coal and Feed business formerly conducted by the firm, and Mr. Leslie will take over and operate the Ice business.

Mr. Swafford announces that he will make considerable improvements and extensions in the Coal and Feed business and Mr. Leslie states that he expects to be able to give the people of Merkel the best service this coming season they have ever had in the ice business.

These gentlemen have enjoyed a large and growing business in the past and will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

EASTER BAZAAR SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST ALL DAY APRONS — HOUSEDRESSES SUNBONNETS — — — CAPS EASTER NOVELTIES

Young man, drop in and let us show you the newest in shirts with colars attached, two button cuffs, and two panelled pockets. Materials, poplin, pongee and oxford cloth.—Brown's

SPECIAL SERVICE BAPTIST CHURCH

On next Sunday at the Baptist church, the pastor announces all the regular services for the morning, afternoon and thru the week, and a big special service for the evening hour, which is to be in the hands of the Church Choir, assisted by the Local Orchestra, which is to be made up from members of the Merkel Band and to which every one is cordially invited to attend.

The program for the evening services is as follows:

1. Congregational song, 146. Prayer.
 2. Selection by Band
 3. Song, 18, by Choir.
 4. Selection by Band.
 5. Song, 126 by Choir.
 6. Song, 140, by Choir and band.
- Talk on "Importance of music," by Judge E. S. Cummings.
7. Selection by Band.
 8. Song, 222 by Choir and Orchestra.
 9. Selection by Band.
 10. Song, 253 by Choir and Orchestra.
- Benediction.

MASONS ENJOY A BIG BANQUET HERE

The members of the local order, Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic lodge, very royally entertained a number of out of town members of this organization, also a few friends and the local orchestra composed of the following members of the Band Boys: Fred Harrell, Thos. Wilson, Wayman Rose, Jack Anderson, H. M. Rose, Roy Nally, Bob Dennis, and Misses Lynn Thompson and Lillian Craig, and Prof. Trowbridge, of Dallas at a banquet served in the Gatherr building on Wednesday evening at seven o'clock.

The banquet was served by the Missionary ladies of the Methodist church, and according to statements by those in attendance it was one of the daintiest and finest "feeds" ever put on in this city, and those in charge express their thanks and appreciation to the ladies for same. The banquet consisted of music and excellent addresses by men prominent within the circles of the order, both locally and abroad, with Mr. L. R. Thompson as toastmaster.

Immediately after the banquet the gentlemen quietly returned to the Masonic hall, where they put on some special degree work in the organization.

MAD DOGS

On account of the presence of mad dogs in the country we deem it advisable to kill all stray dogs. Unless your dog is provided with collar and tag, according to law your dog is liable to be shot. We have been urged to do this and believe it to be the best interests of the community. H. C. West.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Bro. Farskner of Trent will preach for us Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and again at 7:45 p. m. Sunday. You have a cordial invitation to hear him. Bible study, at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7:45. Come enjoy these services with us. O. J. Adcock.

Miss Pauline Johnson is spending the week with friends in San Antonio.

SEVERAL HERE ARE AT ABILENE BANQUET

In response to an invitation Abilene Chamber of Commerce, inviting Merkel citizens to attend the annual banquet and election of officers of that organization, to be held in that city Thursday night of this week, Messrs. S. D. Gamble, Dr. R. I. Grimes, Judge E. S. Cummings, L. R. Thompson, Judge T. J. Sanders, Thos Durham, and son Wrenn, attended that splendid occasion.

Mr. Thompson was honored with a place on the program; his subject being, "Good Farms, Good Schools, Good Business," and to say that he ably and efficiently handled his subject may be judged by the frequent applause during and at the close of his remarks, as well as the many complimentary remarks heard concerning same; including the remark by Toastmaster Dallas Scarborough when Mr. Thompson had finished, to the effect that "He only wished that a newspaper reporter had been present and secured his speech for publication, that every farmer in Taylor county might have the privilege of reading same". Mr. Thompson brought the greatest applause of the evening when he announced to the more than 200 business men of that city, that in his opinion Merkel citizens were willing to withdraw their claims and efforts to secure the new Technological school to be established in the west, and lend their assistance to our splendid County seat, Abilene, in her efforts to secure this great school.

We would like to publish further details of this great get-together meeting of the Abilene people were it not that the er is already late in coming out.

A SMALL PIECE OF DETECTIVE WORK

Wednesday of this week in Abilene, Mrs. E. M. Mims put out a suit of clothes and phoned the Abilene Steam Laundry Co. to call for it and clean and press it. When the driver got in from his run, he made the call and failed to find the suit out. Upon investigation it was decided the suit had either been stolen from the front porch, or gotten by some of the local tailors thru mistake. On Thursday, Ligon the Laundry man of our city made a trip to Abilene and was told of the affair. Upon his return to Merkel, and at Elm creek a hobo hailed him for a ride west. On the road Ligon gathered from the conversation that his passenger was of a tough character, and suspected that the suit of clothes he was wearing, belonged to Earnest Mims. So upon his arrival in Merkel, his company alighted from his car, and told Ligon as he was a Sewing Machine man, he thought he might pick up a few dollars here repairing machines. Ligon proceeded to the Telephone office and called up Mr. Mims and related the incident, describing the suit which Ligon had cleaned while Mims was in Merkel, notified officers and soon had the said man and the suit in the locker. The man coming clean after he saw they caught him with the goods and special mark on the garments the laundry uses as that of Mr. Mims.

YOU NEED THESE NOW

Cabbage, tomatoes, pepper, canna, daisy, dahlia, tuberose, glad-jela, roses, fern, geranium, begonia, chrysanthemum, coleus plants, Funeral flowers, also. Cisco Floral Co., Cisco, Texas.

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Farmers State Bank

In the protection that we afford our customers, and in the service that we render, we strive to make this a "100 per cent bank."

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All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds for the construction of a sanitary sewer system for said city shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"For the issuance of bonds".
All those opposed shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"Against the issuance of bonds."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the state regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of the City of Merkel, Texas, and attested by the City Secretary of said city, shall serve as a proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at the City Hall and at one public place in each of the voting places in the City of Merkel for at least thirty full days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notices of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said city, and which notice shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty full days prior to the date of election.

H. C. West, Mayor.
City of Merkel, Texas.
ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas

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Planting seed, Maize, Red Top Cane—Amber for early feed—Spur Feterita, Sudan. T. J. R. Swafford, South Side. It

Try the Honey and Peanut butter in 25 cent and 40 cent glasses, its fine. Hamilton & Case. It

Come and let us show you samples. From \$24 up, tailored by the best tailors in America. Cash Tailor Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leslie returned first of the week from their visit to relatives at Grapevine and Farmers Branch, Texas. Mr. Leslie reports conditions fine in that part of the country and that they enjoyed their trip very much. Mr. Leslie has our thanks for two subscriptions to the Mail to his father at Grapevine and sister at Farmers Branch.

Why not get you a tailor made suit? We can sell you one as cheap as \$25.00. And on up to \$77.50. You know it pays to get the best. And we do not sell anything else. Come in and look over our lines. Cash Tailor Shop

We are thankful to Messrs J. R. Hardy and H. T. Merritt for subscriptions to the Mail, which they send to relatives.

L. P. Ligon and family spent Tuesday of this week on their splendid farm in Callahan county.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens, on March 15, a daughter. Mother and young lady are doing well, while Earl, well he is just as happy as a young father should be.

Superior Feed for Baby Chicks, ask those who use it. T. J. R. Swafford, South side. It

If you wish to learn the stenographic course, phone 70. It

or the best cake you ever at, or a pie that will melt in your mouth—for your Easter dinner—Call 130. It

Young men, drop in and let us show you the newest in shirts with collars attached, two button cuffs, and two panelled pockets. Materials, poplin, pongee, and oxford cloth. Brown's. It

H. F. Groene returned Friday morning from Dallas where he had been on business.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of the said city for the purpose hereinafter mentioned:

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, of the City of Merkel, Texas, that an election be held on the 17th day of April, 1923, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Merkel, in the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer system for said city. Said bonds to mature serially or otherwise at such times as may be fixed by the City Council not to exceed forty years from their date and to bear interest at the rate of not to exceed six (6) per centum per annum payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to redeem them at maturity as authorized by Chapter 1 Title 18, Revised Statute of 1911, and Chapter 9, Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of the Acts of the 37th Legislature of Texas passed at its regular session and the constitution and laws of the State of Texas."

The said election shall be held at the City Hall of the City of Merkel, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to wit:

H. M. Rainbolt, Presiding Judge, G. W. Boyce, Assisting Judge, and L. P. Jones, and Jim W. Mayfield Jr., Clerks.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 18, Revised Statute of 1911, and Chapter 9, Sections 1 to 7 inclusive of the Acts of the 37th Legislature of Texas, passed at its regular session and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters who are property taxpayers of said city shall be allowed to vote.

SPRING IS APPROACHING



And with it the desire of every one for the purchase of the nicest and latest in Spring wearing apparel and this store is glad to announce to its customers and friends that we now have on display one of the largest and most complete stocks of the very latest and highest class seasonable merchandise we have ever before offered the public. We invite you to come in and inspect same before you make your purchases.

If you fail to purchase your Spring goods from us
We both lose Money

In Ladies Ready-to-Wear We are offering some of the Niftiest dresses to be found in the city, and at prices far below what they could be bought today.

In Piece Goods You can find just what you want and at prices that will surprise you. We have many beautiful patterns of Gingham, tissues, white goods, all kinds of silks, meslins, taffetas, Crepe de Shine, etc., in all the latest fast colors.

Men's Suits Just received a new shipment of men's Spring suits, embracing all the new and desirable fabrics. Give us an opportunity to fit you out for the spring and summer.

You are Welcome here at all Times, whether
You buy or Not.

MAX MELLINGER

THE STORE ON THE CORNER

LeRoy Johnson was a business visitor in Merkel Monday. Sweetwater Reporter.

Best Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharp's. It

Would be glad to have you phone 70, if you are interested in shorthand or typewriting. It

Felt, Panama and Straw hats Cleaned and Blocked for \$1.00 Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. It

Don't forget the demonstration next Tuesday at 2:30. West Texas Utilities Company. It

Miss Willie Yandell who is attending Simmons College, spent the week-end with home folks here.

Elder W. G. Cypert will leave Friday for McGregor where he goes for two weeks meeting.

Well I should say I will wait—you say its going to be March 31st? It

Sam Swann, splendid local ginner had business in Stamford and Anson first of the week.

Purina Chick Startena feed, with buttermilk especially prepared for baby chick. Garrett & Company. It

Mrs. H. F. Groene is expecting a visit from her brother, W. G. McGarr, of Houston, Texas. He is expected to arrive in Merkel Thursday evening or Friday morning.

Fresh Shipment of Honey just received. Hamilton & Case. It

You are cordially invited to attend the cooking demonstration, Tuesday, March, 20th. West Texas Utilities Company. It

Mrs. F. E. Ingham, of Midland is the guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Arrington.

Mrs. J. D. Daniels of Merkel was here last night, the guests of friends. She went to Midland this morning to be with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Terry.—Sweetwater Reporter.

We are exclusive agents for admiration Coffee. Very fine. Hamilton & Case. It

Shipments of new Spring goods, arriving daily. No trouble to show you. Brown Dry Goods Company. It



MEET MR. VOLSTEAD, OF IRELAND

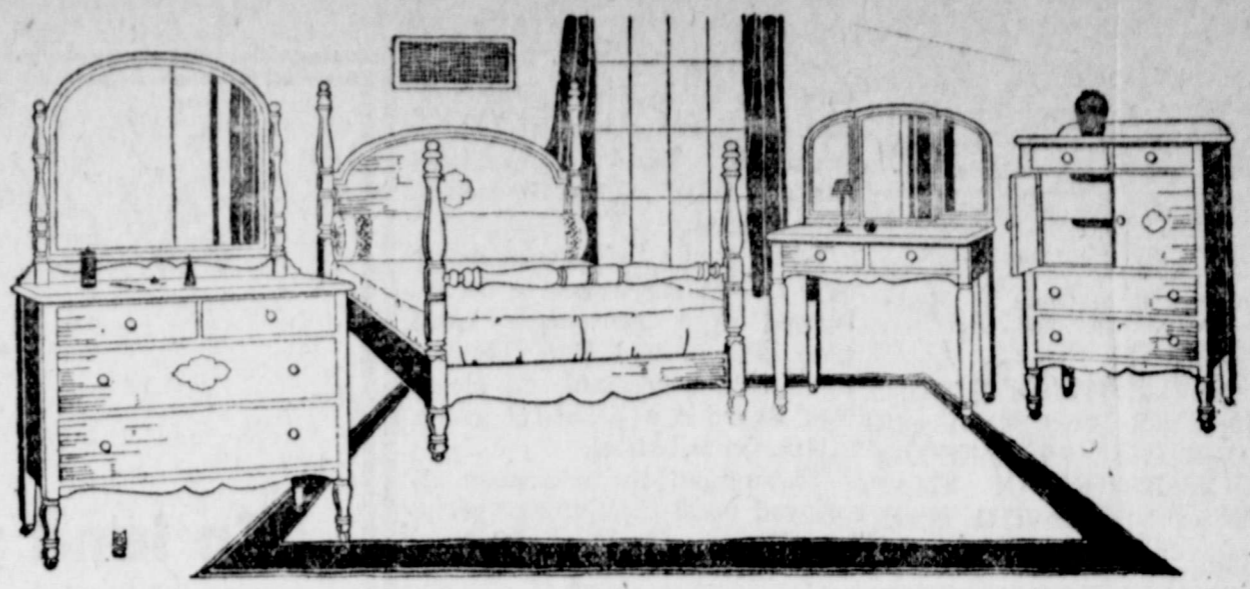
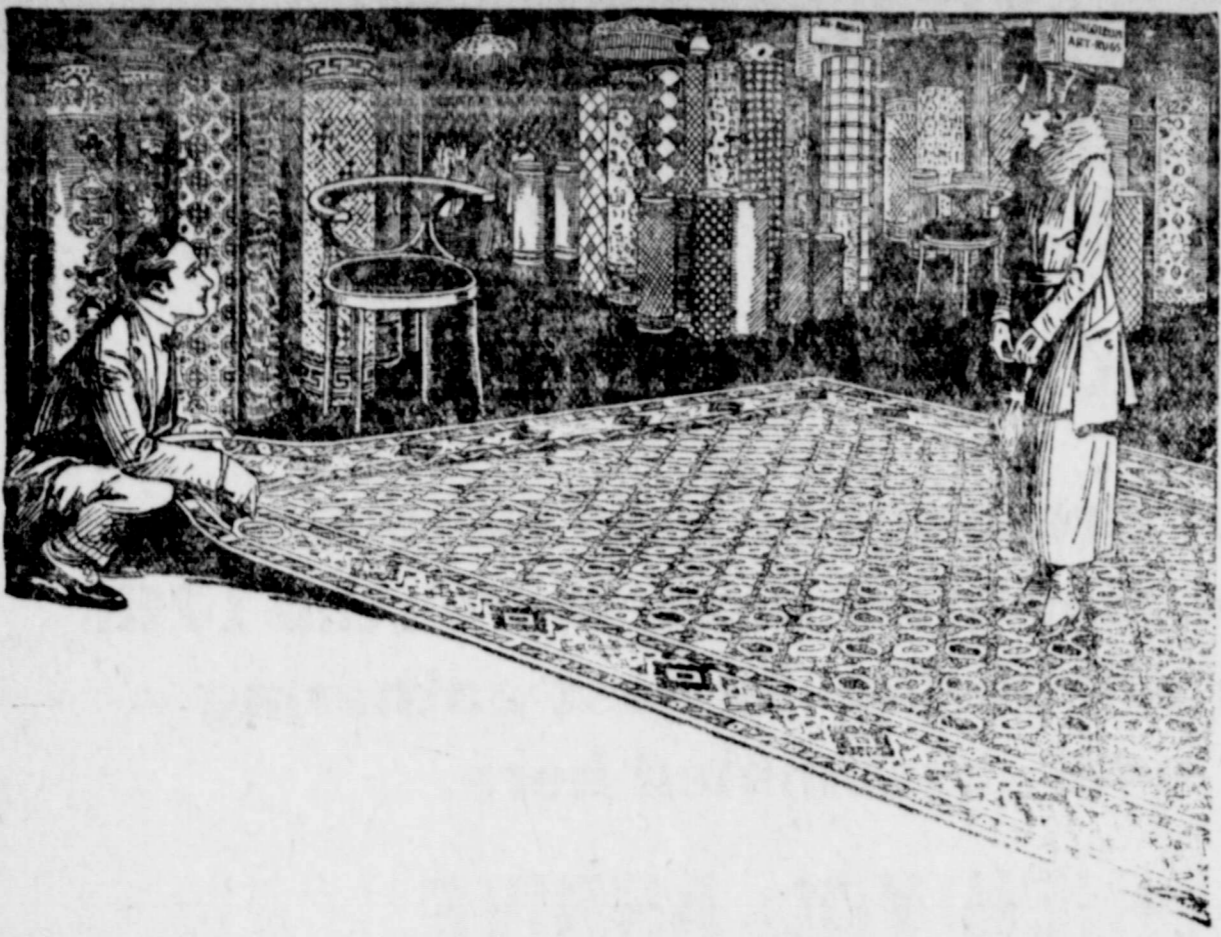
St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland without the assistance of an Eighth Amendment. There was just something about him.

A new case of (men's cravats?) we have just broken out are irresistible in their way too. There's a something about them!

We are receiving almost daily shipments of mens new spring toggery. New Hats and caps for men and boys.

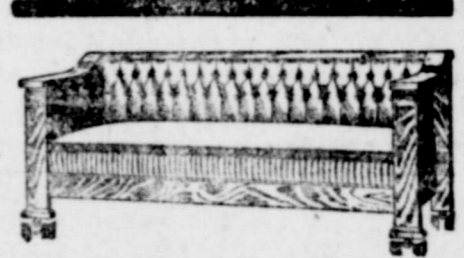
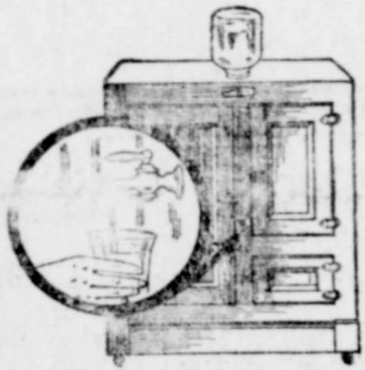
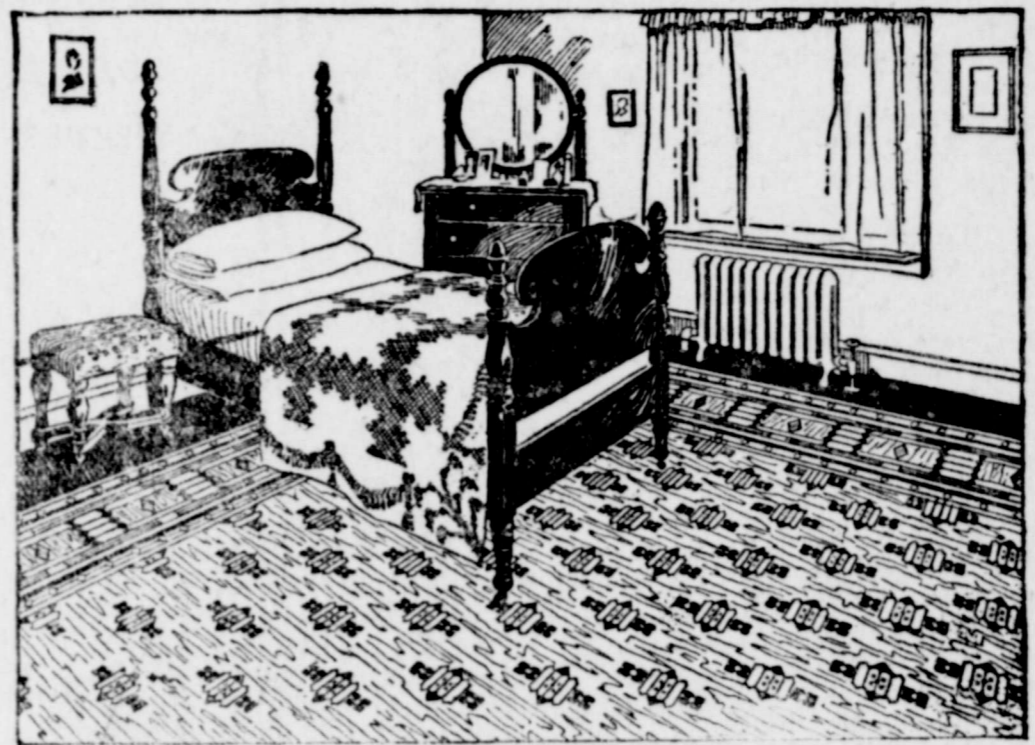
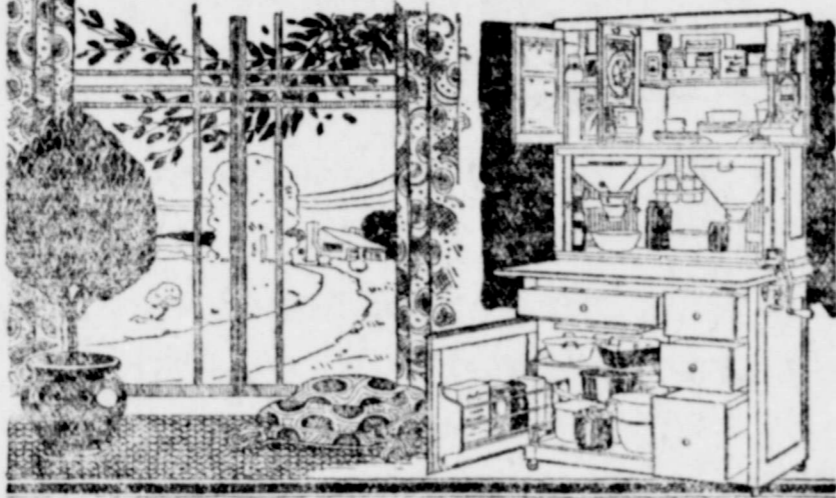
New Suits and Extra trousers for men and boys. Give us a look.



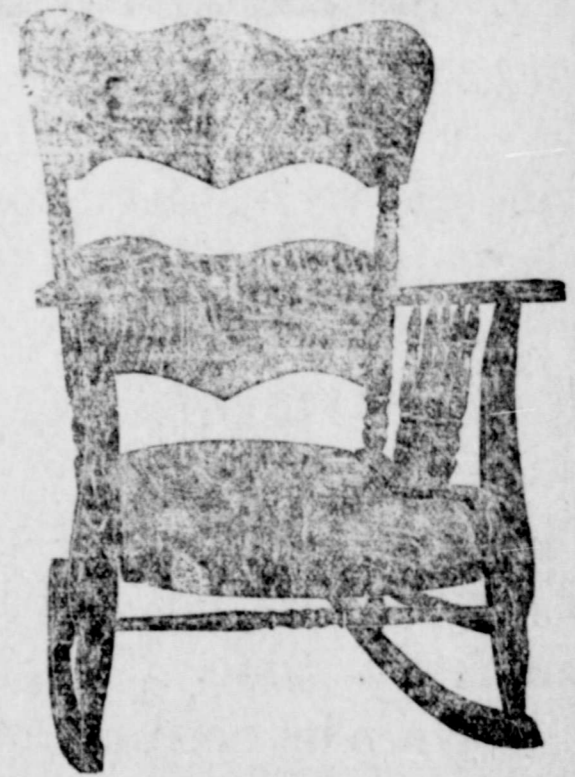
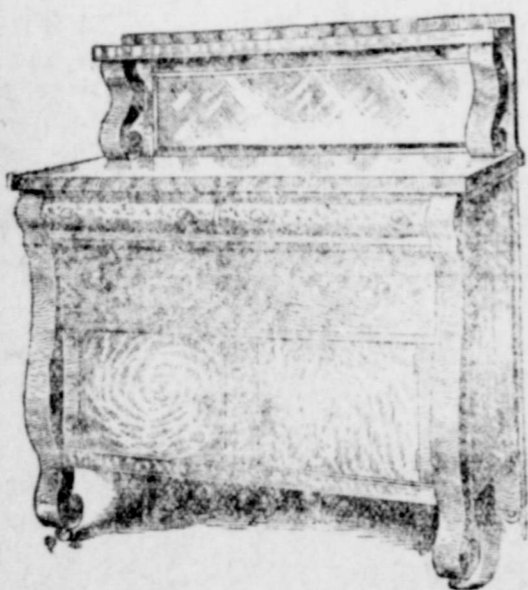


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On April 14th we will give away one three piece parlor suit. This suit consists of one large davenport and two large rockers, upholstered in a good grade of tapestry. Value \$150.00. During this time we will have special prices on rugs, linoleum and floor covering. We have the largest stock of floor covering, west of Abilene, and our prices are unusually low. Don't fail to see our assortment of automatic refrigerators, the best refrigerators made. Let us demonstrate the automatic to you. Just received a nice line of reed and fibre chairs and rockers. We have what you want. See us for furniture.

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THURSDAY CLUB NOTES

Last week, the members of the Thursday Club and several invited guests, motored out to the Largent ranch, where at the modern ranch home of Mrs. T. H. Largent, were so joyeously entertained by Mrs. Largent, with Mrs. Miller, as joint hostesses.

Early in the afternoon, Mesdames Anderson and Scott asked to choose sides, and equally divide the guests.

Score cards bearing bright green shamrocks foretold of the approaching holiday for all Irishmen.

Then an interesting and active Irish Potato Race was enjoyed, in which Mrs. Anderson and chosen ones were successful in getting all of their potatoes safely back in the basket first, as six potatoes found under the bed after close examination, were proven to belong to the opposing side, already proclaiming the victory.

Tables were then arranged for games of "42", after which all were told to form a circle for a game of old time Buzz.

Judging from the amount of buzzing one would have thought they were near a bee hive, but finally, all except Mrs. Scott and Miss Hazel Harkrider were out of the hive for lack of buzzing. These two buzzed around for some time till Miss Hark-

rider proved to be the best bee, when it came to buzzing, and was given a beautiful linen scarf with hand embroidered baskets, filled with flowers to buzz around.

Small packs of green paper slips containing words to be arranged into sentences, were then passed, and Mrs. Thompson, being successful in a cut was awarded a beautiful green art perfume bottle.

Throughout the afternoon all enjoyed vocal selections given by Misses Christene Collins, with Miss Iva Bragg at the piano.

The hostess was assisted by Misses Harkrider, Bragg, Collins, and Sears, in passing plates, consisting of delicious chicken salad, topped with stuffed cherries, rasin bread sandwiches, cake and ice tea, with plate favors in keeping with St. Patrick's day.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club met on Friday afternoon, March 9 with Mrs. Frank Golladay.

Numbers were pinned on each guest as they entered the door. They were then told to march around a basket, just once then go write the name of the objects it contained. Another interesting contest was had in which was seen which had the best sense of touch, smell and hearing. Mrs. B. T. Sublett, proving to be the best received a lovely bottle of toilet water.

The election of new officers was then attended to. Mrs. E. Stanford was elected Pres., Mrs. L. E. Sanders, Vice Pres. Miss Maxie Banner, Sec. Treas. (Re-elected, Mrs. B. T. Sublett, reporter.

Delicious Pimento cheese, sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate was served to all.

Guy Darsey left first of the week for Coahoma, where he is assisting in the refection of a fine gin at that place by Henrix Bros. of Stith.

To Our Friends and Customers

We are glad to announce to you that we are better prepared than ever to give you "Prompt and Satisfactory Service" in our line. We are now sole owners and proprietors of the Woodrum McFarland Filling Station; having purchased Mr. McFarland's interest in same.

When in need of anything for your automobile or anything in which a garage can serve you we can fit you in a most satisfactory manner.

We handle the good guif Products Give us a trial and be Convinced

Geo. Woodrum Filling Station

Intermediate Epworth League

Subject, "The praise of Life. Leader, Helen Booth. Song.

Announcements. The beauty of praise, Emma Toombs.

Wearing the garment of praise, Ruth Jenkins.

Bible reading, the garment of praise.

1. It is a becoming garment, Godie Richie.

2. It is always suitable, Gladys, Milliken.

a. A good every day dress, Dorris Pike.

b. None nicer for "Sunday best", Stella Wilson.

c. It improves with wearing, Lewis Giles.

d. Some day it will be worn by all nations, Mary E. Smith.

e. It will be worn in heaven, Ona Tatum.

f. It was bought for us by our savior, Leonahr Bailey.

Story of who wore the garment, Hallie Pike

League Benediction.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Will God Give me Personal messages thru the Bible.

Bible quiz. Leader, Dixie Howard.

Introduction.

1. God's message to all, Selena Teaff.

2. Receive God's promises personally, Murphy Thomas.

3. Message about saving the Soul, Rev. Parrack.

4. Message about saving the life, Ruth Boden.

5. Messages from Jesus, Valerie Dye.

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W. M. Carey, splendid farmer residing north west, a few miles, was here last Saturday and has our thanks for two subscriptions to the Mail; one for himself and one to relatives at Cross Plains.

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and keep them away by painting with Taroline, a lasting tar oil that penetrates cracks and crevices. For insects on Poultry feed "Martin Blue Bug Remedy". Money back guarantee by Sanders Drug Store. 16Mc,8wk

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H. S. Johnston, of Santo, Texas, has accepted a position with the Merkel Garage, being in charge of serving the public in the front part of the business. Mr. Johnston comes to our city highly recommended as a splendid citizen and a man thoroughly familiar with teh garage business.

Our equipment is as good as the best. And we do your work in one day if it is necessary. So call 180, and be convinced. Cash Tailor shop. Mrs. C. L. Cash. It. Prop. tf

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Subject, The World Uplift thru christian life.
 Leader—Brannic Bailey.
 Lesson Material, Matt. 5, 13-16; Thess. 1 6-8.
 Hymn, No. 393.
 Prayer.
 Bible lesson, leader. Purpose of the meeting, Leader.
 Better Worldiness, Grace Lee Cranston.
 Things that hinder our worldness, Wrenn Durham.
 Narrow mindness, Sie Hamm.
 Misplaced emphasis, T. L. Hamblett.
 Our part in the world uplift making the world better, Clesby Patterson.
 The transformed life, Miss Connie Fae Travis.
 Attractive lives, Ethel Wilson.
 Faithfulness in daily tasks, Guy Darsey.
 The sense of vocation, Denzil Cox.
 A definite service, Russell Pike.

Elder W. G. Cypert returned Wednesday evening from Rotan where he had been to conduct the funeral of Mr. Williams.

Mrs. H. M. Rose was called last week to Stephenville, in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her mother. She returned yesterday and reports her mother considerably improved.

Meet me at the cooking demonstration, Tuesday at 2:30. West Texas Utilities Co. It

D. J. Anderson, splendid farmer, residing near Tye, was in the city first of the week. He reports Mrs. Anderson, who has been quite sick, improving nicely now.

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My jacks will make this season at my barns, four miles northeast of Merkel. Terms \$2-50 cash when mare is bred and \$10.00 more at birth of colt. Will be cautious and do all I can to avoid accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur. J. W. Teaff. 9t2

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Oh Boy; Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling to know we can buy our aprons and sun bonnets at the Methodist Easter Bazaar?

One day this week, the writer had the pleasure of a trip out to the wheat field of merchant A. C. Rose, and which we found to be the finest we have ever seen in this country at this season of the year.

The remains of Mr. Herbert Morgan, who died at his home west of Noodle Saturday night were shipped to Irving Texas, for burial Sunday night.

Try a sack of Molasses feed for your cows. At G. M. Sharp's grocery.

Mrs. Birdie Jones, nee Collins and children, who have been here three or four months with homefolks left Monday morning for Fort Worth.

R. L. Bland was a business visitor to Abilene Monday.

Don't forget the demonstration next Tuesday at 2:30. West Texas Utilities Company. It

Expecting a car of choice Prairie Hay within the next few days. Garrett & Co. It

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt of Haskell were pleasant visitors with relatives and friends here Sunday.

Miss Julia Martin spent last week end with friends in Abilene

The local Odd Fellows held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening and several candidates were before that body to take degrees.

Shipments of new Spring goods, arriving daily. No trouble to show you. Brown Dry Goods Company. It

Mrs. John Rice, was here from Abilene Sunday, the guest of relatives and friends.

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Methodist church here attended a centenary conference of the churches of this district at Abilene Tuesday.

HAVE IT DYED

If you just don't feel able to invest in that new suit or dress, let me dye it any shade desired we know how, and we are equipped to please you. Ligon, the Laundryman, phone 218. tf

W. S. J. Brown of the Brown Dry Goods Company spent several days last week in Dallas, where he purchased many nice and up-to-date items for his store in gents furnishings. On his return home he stopped off in Fort Worth and took in the Fat Stock Show.

Meet me at the cooking demonstration, Tuesday at 2:30. West Texas Utilities Co. It

Miss Lynn Thompson will take a limited number of pupils in Violin. Phone 130. 16t3p

We are glad to number Mr. W. C. Lee among our readers for another year.

Mrs. E. S. Cummings spent a few days first of the week with friends in Anson.

Learn shorthand at Private school. Telephone 70, call or write for information. Miss Esther Hoehl, Merkel, Texas, Methodist parsonage. tf

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Ever have your fortune told with Japanese sticks, Don't miss the fun. March 31. tf

Loring Hamblett was in Breckenridge Thursday on business.

Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharp's Grocery. tf

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bright, at the residence of the late parents, Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert in this city, Tuesday an eleven pound daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Bright's home is out on the river.

Misses Evans and Treat of Abilene were the guests of J. E. Hendrix and family Sunday. tf

TRY THE COUE THOUGHT

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 19

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prohibiting owners of dogs and bitches from allowing them to run at large, and prescribing a penalty for its violation and fixing duties of the City Marshal in certain cases.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section No. 1. That whenever the mayor, during prevalence of hydrophobia, or from any cause shall in his discretion by proclamation published in the official newspaper, or in any other newspaper published in the City of Merkel, direct that all dogs shall by their owners be confined for such length of time as shall be stated in said proclamation, it shall be unlawful for the owners of said dogs to allow them to run at large within the city during said time named in said proclamation of the mayor.

Section No. 2. That it shall be unlawful for the owner of any bitch to allow the same to run at large in this city at any time.

Section No. 3. Any person who violates the terms of the preceding sections, or either of them, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Section No. 4. That it shall be the duty of the City Marshal to strictly enforce this ordinance, and in case any such dog or bitch as described in this ordinance shall be found running at large, it shall be his duty to impound the same under the laws of impounding cattle running at large, for which he shall be entitled to collect the same fees as in the case of cattle, and make the same disposition as therein provided.

Section No. 5. That this ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed, February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor,

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 20.

An ordinance entitled an ordinance to regulate the burning of trash and papers within the fire limits of the City of Merkel, and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That hereafter, it shall be unlawful for any person to burn any trash or papers in any alley within the fire limits of the City of Merkel.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn any trash or papers anywhere within the fire limits of the city of Merkel except between the hours of six o'clock A. M. and one o'clock p. m.

Section 3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks in and upon the streets, alleys, right-of-way or in the business section of the City of Merkel, and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That any person or persons discharging or setting off of any pyrotechnic exhibition, rocket, roman candle, blue light, squib, cracker, torpedo, or other fire works whatever within the business portions of the city of Merkel, or in any of the streets or alleys or railroad-right-of-way in the city or in or within two hundred feet of any gin or cotton yard of the city, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars; and provided, that each act of violation hereof shall be deemed a separate offense and prosecuted as such.

Section 2. That the business portion of the City of Merkel, as referred to in section one hereof shall be construed to mean any and all blocks in which is situated any business house in said city.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923

H. C. West, Mayor,

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 22

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prohibiting the running at large of chickens and other fowls in the city of Merkel, providing for the impounding of the same and carrying and providing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL.

Section 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner of any chicken, duck, turkey or other domestic fowl to permit the same to run at large on the streets, alleys, and other public highways in the city of Merkel.

Section 2. That when any such fowl as mentioned in section one hereof shall be found running at large on any street, alley or public highway of this city, the same shall be by police impounded in the City pound and kept a period of 1 day during which time the owner thereof may be the payment of the sum of 50 cents for each fowl be permitted to take such fowl or fowls, provided that in no event shall the impounding fee exceed \$2.50, regardless of the number of fowls, so impounded. And if they are not redeemed by the owner within such time then such fowls shall be sold for the payment of said fees, as is now provided for the sale of animals under the ordinance of the city; provided, that should the policeman be unable to catch any such fowl or fowls, then he is authorized to shoot the same.

Section 3. That the running at large on the streets and alleys of the city of Merkel of any such fowls as are mentioned in section one hereof is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

Section 4. That any person who shall wilfully violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in the Corporation Court of the city of Merkel shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$15.00

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23

An ordinance entitled an ordinance giving authority to the

City of Merkel to levy and collect an occupation tax and providing a penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. ITINERANT MERCHANTS. From every merchant who may remove from place to place and offer for sale "bankrupt stocks" of goods, or advertising "fire sales", or "water and fire damaged stock for sale", for a limited period of time, there shall be collected fifty dollars per month for the first month, or less than a month, for each and every place where such business is located; and for each additional month that such sales are continued, at any given place, said merchant shall pay an additional sum of ten dollars; provided, that where they remain for six months, in one place, in addition to the fifty dollars charged for the first month, they shall pay an additional sum of five dollars per month and provided, further, that, if they remain in one place for the period of twelve months, they shall be required to pay, in addition to the fifty dollars for the first month, the sum fixed in the same as the state of Texas on the same subject, according to the class and amount of goods sold in one year.

Section 2. TRAVELING VENDORS OF PATENT MEDICINES. From every traveling person selling patent or other medicines, fifty dollars; and no traveling persons shall so sell until said tax is paid; provided, that this tax shall not apply to commercial travelers, drummers or salesmen making sales, or soliciting trade for merchants engaged in the drugs or medicines by wholesale.

Section 3. AUCTIONEERS.—From every auctioneer, an annual tax of five dollars.

Section 4. SHIP BROKERS AND AGENTS.—From every person, firm or corporation or association of persons following the occupation of a ship broker or ship agents, an annual tax of five dollars.

Section 5. PERSONS SELLING ON COMMISSION.—From every person, firm or association of persons selling on a commission, five dollars.

Section 6. ITINERANT PHYSICIANS, ETC.—From every itinerant physician, surgeon, oculist, or medical or other specialist of any kind, traveling from place to place in the county of their residence, an annual tax of twenty-five dollars.

Section 7. SHOOTING GALLERIES.—From every person or firm keeping a shooting gallery at which a fee is paid or demanded, an annual tax of fifteen dollars.

Section 8. NINE AND TEN PIN ALLEYS.—From every nine or ten pin alley, or any other alley used for profit, by whatever name called, construed or operated upon the principle of a bowling alley, and upon which balls, rings, or other devices are used or substitutes thereof are rolled, without regard to the number of pins used, or whether pins are used or not, or whether the balls, rings or other devices are rolled by hand or with a cue or any other devices, fifty dollars. Any such alley used in connection with any drinking saloon, or any drug store, or upon which any money or anything of value is paid, shall be regarded as used for profit.

Section 9. HOBBY HORSES.—From all persons keeping or using for profit, any hobby horse, flying-jenny, device of that character, with or without name, seven dollars and fifty cents.

Section 10. FOOT PEDDLERS.—From every foot peddler, two dollars and fifty cents; from every peddler with one horse or a pair of oxen, the sum of three dollars and seventy five cents; from every peddler with two horses or two oxen, five dollars; provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to include traveling vendors of literature or traveling vendors of poultry, vegetables, fruit or other country produce exclusively, and fruit trees exclusively.

Section 11. CLOCK PEDDLERS.—From every person or firm who peddles out clocks, agricultural implements, cooking stoves or ranges, wagons, buggies, carriages, surreys and other similar vehicles, washing machines and churns, an annual tax of one hundred twenty-five dollars; provided that merchant shall not be required to pay this special tax for selling the articles named in this article when sold in his place of business.

Section 12. THEATRES.—From every theatre or dramatic representation for which pay admission is demanded or received in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, one dollar for each performance; provided that theatrical or dramatic representations given by performers for instruction only or entirely for charitable purposes, shall not be herein included; provided, however, that this tax shall not be collected where the performances are exhibited in regularly recognized opera houses or theatres; but in lieu of said tax the managers of said opera houses or theatres shall pay an annual occupation tax of twelve dollars and fifty cents.

Section 13. CIRCUSES.—From every circus or wild west show wherein, among other acts, broncho-busting, rough-riding, equestrian or acrobatic feats are preformed or exhibited for which pay for admission is demanded or received, for such day or party thereof on which performances are exhibited are given, where, an admission fee of 75 cents or over is charged, one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents; for each day or part thereof on which performances or exhibitions are given.

Section 14. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5 A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 24

An ordinance entitled an ordinance prescribing penalty for failure to obey summons of street overseer, and prescribing certain duties of street overseer, and fixing penalty for violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That if any person liable to street duty under any of the provisions of the ordinances of this city shall wilfully fail or refuse to attend, either in person or by substitute, at any time and place designated by the street overseer, after being legally summoned to do so and shall fail on or before the day for which he is summoned to attend, to pay to the city marshal or treasurer the sum of one dollar for each and every day for which he is summoned to work on the public streets, and shall have failed to pay to the city marshal or treasurer the sum of three dollars and thereby procure one years exemption, or having attended, shall fail to perform any duty required of him, under the direction of the street overseer, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not more than ten dollars.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the street overseer to keep a book in which he shall enter, in alphabetical order, the names of all persons whom he believes from such information as he can obtain, are subject to street duty. He shall, when any person has been summoned, place opposite his name in said book the number of days for which he has been summoned and shall when notified by the city treasurer

been paid, give such person credit for the amount so paid, and he shall keep his book so that it may be seen whether or not any person whose name is written therein is liable to further street duty during the year. Said book shall be paid for by the city; it shall always be subject to inspection by the mayor, city treasurer and members of the city council, and shall be turned over by the overseer to his successor in office. Any street overseer failing to comply with any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3. When the street overseer shall summon persons to work on the streets, he shall forthwith hand the city treasurer a duplicate list of the persons summoned, retaining the original, and at any time within twenty days after such persons have been warned, he shall obtain from the city treasurer a list of those who have paid the tax for one year's exemption, and against all persons whose names are on his original list, who have not so paid, or who have failed to work the specified time, in person or by substitute, he shall enter a complaint before the mayor and such persons shall be arrested and tried in the manner provided for the arrest and trial of other offenders against the laws of the city. Any street failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the street overseer to make a written quarterly report to the city in February, May, August, and November of each year, showing the number of days the streets have been worked, the number of hands who have worked on same and the number and gross amount of vouchers signed by him. Any street overseer who shall fail or refuse to make such report, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for each such failure or refusal and it is hereby made the duty of the chairman of the street committee to make complaint against said overseer for the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the street overseer at the expiration of his term of office to turn over to his successor all or any of the property belonging to the city, that he may have by virtue of his office in his possession, and on failure to comply with this requirement, he shall upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than ten, nor more than one hundred dollars.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25

An ordinance entitled an ordinance to prohibit the owners of premises from allowing surface water to stand thereon, and prohibiting the running of waste water onto the streets and alleys and prescribing the penalty for its violation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association of persons owning or controlling any premises in this city to allow any surface water to stand thereon in any tank, pool, or pond, for a longer period of time than may be reasonably necessary for such water to drain off with the proper drainage provided, and any person, firm, corporation, or association of persons, owning or controlling any premises in this city, on which stands any tank, pool or pond of surface water, shall, on notice from the mayor, city marshal or by mailing such notice in the post office, addressed to such person, firm, corporation or association of persons, be required to either drain or fill up any such tank, pool or pond, and any person, firm, corporation or association of persons, failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars; provided, that each and every day's violation hereof shall be deemed a separate offense and shall be punished as such, and provided further, that each member of such firm, corporation, or association of persons shall be punished as other individual person.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association of persons, to drain any waste water from any bath tub, or tubs, meat market, laundry, restaurant, or any other place of like character, out onto the surface of any street or alley, or other ground within the limits of this city, so that the same may become filthy, unhealthy or offensive to any person or persons, and any person or persons guilty of any violation of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars; provided that each days violation hereof, or each act of violation of this ordinance, shall be deemed a separate offense and punished as such.

Section 3. In the event of there being no person in this city on whom the order of the mayor, referred to in section 1 heretofore, can be served, the city may have such tank, pool or pond drained or filled upon account of the owner thereof, and all costs charged and expenses thereof shall be a lien on such property, on the filing of a memorandum of the mayor, under the seal of the corporation, and recording the same in the office of the county clerk of Taylor County, Texas and the city may enforce said lien and institute suit in the corporate name and obtain judgement against said property for the amount so due as aforesaid in any court having jurisdiction.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication.

Passed February 5, A. D. 1923.

H. C. West, Mayor.

ATTEST: G. W. Johnson, City Secretary.
(SEAL)

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suit numbered on the docket of
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Lillian Odell Tenant is Plaintiff
and Russell M. Tennant, is De-
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were legally married in Steph-
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22, 1921, and lived together
until in July, 1921; that plain-
tiff was only 14 years old at the
time of her said marriage and
the defendant was about 28
years old, that soon after the
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fendant, the defendant took the
plaintiff to the mountains of
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relatives, where plaintiff was
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that were necessary for her;
that the defendant frequently
became drunk and cursed and
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names, and declared he did not
love her, and denied that he had
ever married the plaintiff, and
began keeping company with
other young women of the
neighborhood, declaring him-
self to be a single man and leav-
ing plaintiff at the house of de-
fendant's father and mother,
who frequently mistreated and
abused plaintiff. That on one
occasion in the month of July,
1921, the defendant came home
at night in a beastly state of
intoxication, and told plaintiff
that he had been out that night
with girls of the community
and that he would continue to
go with them when he pleased,
that he did not love the plaintiff
that she was a nuisance and he
did not want to have anything
more to do with her. He then
cursed the plaintiff and called
her vile names and wrongfully
and without excuse accused her
of infidelity and of trying to

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flirt with other men, after which plaintiff never lived with the defendant as his wife and refused to speak to the plaintiff as long as she remained in West Virginia. That the defendant's father finally gave plaintiff sufficient money to buy a ticket to her mother's in Texas and plaintiff returned to her mother in Texas and never lived with or communicated with the defendant since. That excesses, outrages and cruel treatment of which the defendant was guilty toward the plaintiff was of such a nature as to render their living together unbearable and insupportable. That plaintiff and defendant have no property and no children and plaintiff's maiden name was Lillian Odell McGee. Plaintiff prays for citation and for final judgement, granting her a divorce, restoring her maiden name and for costs of suit.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its

aforsaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.
Dated and attested this 27th

day of February 1923.
J. K. Fuller, Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County.
Given Under My Hand, and the Seal of said Court, at office

in Abilene this the 27th day of February A. D. 1923.
J. K. Fuller, Clerk
District Court, Taylor Co.
Adv. 9t4

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday From 2 to 5:30

Friday
May McAvoy
IN
"Through a Glass Door"
Also—
ROLIN COMEDY
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IN
"Western Hearts"
Also—
PATHE COMEDY
And—
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TUESDAY MARCH 20 } MABEL NORMAND IN
ONE NIGHT ONLY } "What Happened to Rosa"

If you want Fresh Eggs for Easter, Call at the Big Easter Bazaar on March 31. tf

Get your baby chick feed at Garrett and Company's. tf

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Simpson were in Sweetwater Tuesday, the guests of Mrs. O. F. Leerstang.

B. F. Johnson spent Tuesday in Trent, visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer, who have been here on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday, left Tuesday morning for Hico, but will return to Merkel next week.

If you want the Duckett produce to stay in Merkel you must bring him a part of your produce. It

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—BEES, in patent hives for what you would pay for hives. J. S. Hutson. Itp

FOR SALE—TYPEWRITERS New Royal and Corona Typewriters, cash registers, dictaphones, mimeographs and adding machines, free trial, easy terms. Rebuilt Underwoods, and Oliviers sold on monthly terms of \$5. Student rentals, \$10 for 3 months. First class repair work on all makes typewriters and adding machines by contract. Abilene Typewriter Exchange, Grace Hotel Bldg. Phone 217, Abilene, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—Span of good young work mules. Cash or approved note. Liberty Hardware Company. tf

FOR SALE—Single Row Cultivator in good condition. See Mrs Causseaux. Itp

FOR SALE—Pony, Buggy and Harness. See J. P. Hutchins. Itp

FOR SALE—John Deere Planter. Been used one year. See Lige Harris, Merkel, Rt. 2. Itp

FOR SALE—A good 16 hand horse. Rides and works anywhere. S. H. L. Swafford. It

FOR RENT—160 acres of land at Stith. \$100 in advance for rent year 1923. B. W. Horn, 1828 Sanger Ave. Waco, Texas. 16t4.

LOST—A bunch of keys, bearing the name plate of L. R. Thompson, Sylvia, Kansas. Finder please return to Farmers & Merchants National Bank and receive reward. It

WANTED—To sell Headed Maize. See Johnnie Warren at Dr. Armstrong's office. tf

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ARMY OFFICERS PRAISE LOCAL UNIT

and excellent appearance. All uniforms have been tailored to fit the individual soldier and the company in formation presented the most soldierly looking organization I have seen on my tour of inspection. There is great enthusiasm in the organization and the morale of the Battery is excellent. This organization is a distinct credit to its regiment and to the 36th Division.

9. Officers: The officers of this organization stand well in their communities and have the confidence and respect of the citizenship.

10. General: The general rating of this organization is "excellent". The Organization receives the moral support of the community but at present is receiving no financial support from either the city or county governments. It is thought that when the people of Merkel find out the excellent type of men belonging to the organization and the civic asset it is to the com-

munity that they will come to the financial aid of the battery sufficiently to enable it to maintain excellent club features for the men. The county will be asked for an appropriation in the near future. The Battery has no individual lockers, but hope to be able soon to put them in the armory; it is thought probable that the local citizens will lend a hand in procurement of these lockers.

11. The organization at present is allowed \$75.00 per month for rental of their quarters less stables. It is recommended that the rental allowance for the ensuing year be raised to \$125.00 per month. The location and buildings used by the organization are well worth that amount or in fact more. This matter has been brought to my attention by the Battery commander.

Neill H. Banister, Maj. inf. 36th. Div. T. M. C. Cys to:

Col. John B. Colding
Capt. R. I. Grimes.

Dr. Grimes, who is Capt Grim es in this organization, wishes to thank very heartily all who have helped to bring the Battery up to its present standard.

Every member of the organization takes great interest and pride in all they have accomplished. It has been through the ardent cooperation of all members that the Battery made the excellent showing at this inspection.

The Club rooms at the Armory are being equipped for comfort and amusement of the Battery members and members of the American Legion. Orders have been issued by the Battery commander, prohibiting card playing of any nature whatsoever, also gambling on any kind of game is forbidden.

Any one interested in what is going on at these Club rooms is most cordially invited to visit them at any time. Outsiders, or those not members, will be not be allowed to take part in any of the games and other privileges.

Lets keep behind this institution of ours and help keep it what it deserves being.

It is indeed a credit to our town and community and all the creditable things we can help promote will do much for Merkel and Merkel people.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

1. David's early days by Jessie Childress.
2. David and Saul, by Henry Biggs.
3. Goliath, the Giant Champion, Harrel Wilson.
4. David overcomes Goliath, by Lewis Giles.
5. Scripture reading, Fannie Bell Boaz.
6. David and Jonathan, Cullen Toombs.
8. Memory verse, Wilbur Thomas.

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Intermediate C. E. Program

- Topic, Factors for making the world Better, how we may help?
- Leader, Melba West.
- 1 Scripture reading, Matt. 5 13-16, by leader.
 2. Song, 3 Leaders Talk.
 4. Christian Endeavor and World betterment, No. 1.
 5. The need for world betterment, No. 2.
 6. Our Christian Endeavor Pledge and its relation to the world betterment, No. 3, also Black board talk by No. 3.
 7. Illustration of topic, no.4.
 8. Special music, 5, 6, 7, 8.
 9. Prayer, No. 9.
 10. Recreation, No. 10.
 11. Song.
 12. Announcements, Mizpah.

Miss Juanita Bacon of Abilene was a guest in the home of J. E. Hendrix Saturday night and Sunday.

NOTICE OF WATER USERS

By unanimous vote of the City Council, at the last regular meeting it was decided that the City would furnish water for irrigating purposes this year. H. C. West.

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