

## APPROPRIATION IS EQUALLY DIVIDED

Highways Nos. 1 and 30 will be paved on an equal mileage basis and the county will receive \$7,000 additional aid on the pavement of No. 30 under the decision of the State Highway Commission, according to County Judge Carlos D. Speck who returned late Tuesday from Austin where he appeared before the state commission Monday.

The addition of \$7,000 to No. 30 carries the allotment from the state and federal governments to \$655,000. This, with the funds derived from the \$350,000 bond issue of the county, will make available all the money necessary to complete the two roads on the basis of the estimates prepared by the county engineer.

The full allotment of all the money promised by the state was made by the commission and will be available to the county as soon as actual work is begun. The estimates by County Engineer W. A. Riney were made on Asphalt macadam and set the cost of No. 1 at \$564,077.34 and No. 30 at \$463,515.20. This amount will be available for each road as the result of the additional allotment of \$7,000 from the state. The \$7,000 was given as a concession for cutting down the width and because of the greater length.

The reason for difference in the amounts set aside for each road is that the width of No. 30 from the intersection with No. 7 south to the county line and north from Abilene to the county line was cut down. The road in these sections will be only 16 feet wide. No. 1 will be 18 feet wide its entire length as will No. 30 from Abilene south to the intersection with No. 7.

### Division of Money.

Division of the Taylor county bond issue of \$350,000 gives \$188,025.78 to No. 1 and No. 30 will receive \$154,505.06 from this fund. The aid from the state is \$345,704.16 to No. 1 and \$309,010.12 to No. 30. The allotment to No. 1 is that which was previously made by the state to be divided between the two roads.

The commission also withdrew the requirement imposed by the old commission which would require Taylor county to issue warrants to complete No. 1 should the funds on hand be insufficient. Under the new ruling from the commission the sums set aside will be used exclusively on the roads for which they were apportioned and No. 1 will not be completed at the expense of No. 30.

### Must Approve Plan.

Construction work can not begin on the two roads until a number of matters are passed upon by the state and federal highway departments, Judge Speck said. Route inspections of the last fifteen miles of each road must be made by division engineers. Plan-in-hand inspections also must be made. The plans and specifications drawn by County Engineer W. A. Riney also must be passed upon by the state and federal engineers.

"As soon as we can get the state and federal department engineers together we will do so," Judge Speck said. "If we could do it tomorrow we certainly would."

The county commissioner's court was in session Wednesday morning and received the report of Judge Speck. The commissioners were jubilant over the action taken by the state commission and are confident that all requirements and adjustment asked for by the state and federal governments can be cared for in a reasonable length of time.

## COMMUNITY FAIR PLANS TO BE MADE

At the next Meeting of the Merkel Luncheon Club, which will be at Ed's Cafe on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the question of laying plans for our Community Fair will be discussed.

As toastmaster for the occasion, our most worthy and efficient Mayor, Mr. H. C. West, has been named, and that he will bring forth a most interesting program is a foregone conclusion. There are several reasons why Mayor West will arrange a spicy and appreciative program. First he is highly capable of doing so, and second he is interested in the Community Fair, the benefits to be derived from same, and last of all he is a man who believes in doing well anything he undertakes.

That our last Community Fair was a grand success every one declared a fact, and we are sure there are none to deny that such a fair proves beneficial to both farmer stockman and business men. Then surely it will be an occasion when every man, business man and farmer and all, will feel it their duty to come to this luncheon and take part in the work of laying plans for a fair that all Merkel and surrounding country will feel proud of.

The Luncheon Club meetings are always open to every one, and it is hoped that those who attend will secure a ticket early and help to make the meeting a grand success. It only costs 75 cents per plate, and every one must procure a ticket. Do it at once.

## HOUSTON MINISTER MAY ACCEPT CALL

At the invitation of the members of Grace Presbyterian Church in this city, the Rev. Chas. H. Little, pastor of Woodland Heights Presbytery in a church of Houston, delivered 2 excellent sermons in the first mentioned church last Sunday. He is said to be a very able and eloquent minister and pleased his audience here very much and from reports it is likely that he will accept a call to the pastorate of same in the very near future.

Mr. W. F. Jenkins and son of Menard were here this week to look after business in connection with the building belonging to Mr. Jenkins which was burned last Sunday morning.

The state commission has changed the manner in which contracts will be awarded on all highway projects. Bids are to be received by the county commissioners' court. These will be turned over to the division engineer who will add his recommendations and then present them to the state department. The state department then will recommend the bid to be accepted. Following this the county will award the contract.

Under the old arrangement the county received the bids and awarded the contract. The state commission then passed on the contract.

The new system is an improvement, in the opinion of Judge Speck, as it will do away with many delays that might have resulted under the old plan if the county's contract was not approved by the state body.—Abilene Reporter.

## FIRE SWEEP AREA TO BE RE-BUILT

While the question of just how, when and by whom will the block of brick business houses burned in the disastrous fire of last Sunday morning be rebuilt, those in position to know state positively that there is no question but that the block will be immediately rebuilt. And that this beautiful and useful business block in our city will soon go up even more substantial than before, and that the buildings will be made modern and up-to-date.

Mr. Max Mellinger, who conducted a splendid dry goods business in the building on the corner of this block, stated to this writer that he was ready to go back in business within thirty days, provided he can secure a location. This was a popular store and its many friends sincerely hope Mr. Mellinger will find just the location he is looking for and soon opens another new and up-to-date store in our city.

Mr. Acuff, owner and manager of the Gem Theatre, another popular business in the fire-swept district, states that he will re-enter the picture show business if the block is rebuilt and the proper arrangements can be made.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, owner of the J. M. Dry Racket Store, informs the writer that she has not as yet made up her mind fully, but that it is doubtful as to whether she will re-enter business.

As to the Cash Tailor Shop, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodo have already purchased another complete Tailoring plant and have opened for business on Kent street. They have not decided as to whether they will return to their old stand when the buildings are again erected.

As to the Petty & Buford Barber Shop, these gentlemen are not positive as to their future, but rather expect to again enter the barber business in our city. They are good barbers and their many friends trust that they, too, will decide to engage in their former business.

## WILL SPEAK FOR UNIFICATION PLAN

At the meeting of Methodists from five districts in this section of the state, held at St. Paul's church, Abilene, on last Tuesday at which Bishop Jas. E. Dickey delivered an able address in opposition to the present pending plan of Unification of the two churches, North and South Methodist, and which meeting was attended by quite a number of Methodists from Merkel, the announcement was made by Dr. J. W. Hunt, President of McMurry College, that Dr. C. C. Sealeman, President of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, would on next Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m. deliver an address at St. Paul's Church, Abilene, in favor of the present plan of unification.

This is no doubt an important and vital question in the minds of all Methodists, and both Bishop Dickey and Dr. Sealeman are prominent and able leaders in this denomination.

### THINK IT OVER

Knowing how to buy wisely is merely knowing where to buy. Read the advertisements in the Merkel Mail and you'll learn where to go.

## PLANTERS GIN IS BURNED HERE

At about two a.m. Tuesday morning the Planters Gin Plant located in the east part of the city was discovered to be on fire, and the local fire department made a quick run to the scene but the flames had gained such headway before the alarm was sounded that their efforts to save the main building were in vain. However, they quickly extinguished the flames which had already spread to an adjacent seed house and saved the same with but slight damage.

We understand the loss of the plant here will amount to about \$20,000 to the Planters Gin Company, which company has headquarters, we are told, in Oklahoma.

This paper has been unable to talk with the company's local manager, Mr. J. M. Toombs, regarding the question of whether the gin will be rebuilt for the next ginning season, but rumor has it that the gin will be rebuilt.

## JUDGE COBB IS ANNOUNCED FOR MAYOR

Friends of Judge N. D. Cobb, authorized this paper to place in our announcement columns his name as a candidate for the office of Mayor of Merkel, Texas, subject to the action of voters in the city election to be held in the city on Tuesday, April 7th. Judge Cobb is too well known in this city to need introduction at the hands of this writer, he having been a citizen and practicing attorney for many years, and his life and activities are an open book to the citizenship. He served a term or two as Mayor of Merkel a number of years ago, and according to those who are sponsoring his announcement made a most capable and excellent mayor.

And it is their contention that he is now even better fitted and equipped to serve the people of Merkel efficiently in this most important position, and that if elected the people will find in him a public servant that will prove progressive enough to lend every effort toward development and growth of our city that will be in keeping with good, sound, conservative business judgement.

His friends request that the voters of this city consider well the qualifications of, and the need of electing to the office of Mayor, such a man as will be found in Judge N. D. Cobb.

### CENSUS BEING TAKEN FOR MERKEL SCHOOL

The scholastic census for the Merkel District is being taken now by H. M. Mayfield. All children who now reside anywhere within the Merkel Independent School District, and who will be seven or over and not over seventeen on or before September 1, 1925, should be enumerated on this census. This should be done whether or not the children are now in school and whether or not the child may live here or somewhere else next year—just so they live in this district NOW. If your child has not been enumerated, please phone the superintendent at 174 or see Mr. H. M. Mayfield at once. This must be done before March 31st. The more we get on the census, the less we have to raise by local taxation.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

## MERKEL SCHOOLS IN RAPID PROGRESS

To give the patrons of the Merkel Schools an idea of the splendid growth and progress of same we are glad to report that during the year 1918-19 the total enrollment was only 549 whereas for the past two years the enrollment has been about 732, a gain of 32 per cent. But the greatest gain comes in the enrollment in the High School department, which in 1918-19 was 130, where as now it is 220, a gain of 70 per cent. During this period of time the graduating class has grown from eight to 40, a gain of 400 per cent. Where is there a town in all the country that can beat the above record? But we are not through. In 1918 the school had credits with the state department of 5 units, and it is credited with 20 units with two more pending, a gain in affiliation of 300 per cent.

In 1918 the school employed 15 teachers and now there are 23 employed. Besides during the last year a fine new high school building costing \$40,000 has been built and equipped. Surely Merkel's schools are keeping step with the progress and advancement in the educational line.

And there is a reason for this splendid work of advancement, and as this paper sees it, the great bulk of the credit is due our worthy and most efficient Superintendent, Mr. Roger A. Burgess, who is a young man, yet ripe in experience and amply qualified, has labored zealously, faithfully and honestly in an effort to make of the Merkel schools the best that are possible with the equipment at hand, and in this splendid work he has had the assistance and cooperation of a competent and faithful Principal and corps of teachers.

And this paper is glad to announce that at a meeting of the school board one day this week, Mr. Burgess was re-elected by unanimous vote of the board present for another term. We trust that he will accept, as we feel that under his able leadership the school will continue to make splendid advancement; in fact keep step with the educational progress of the country.

## CONTEST WINNERS TO COUNTY MEET

Wednesday morning the Declamation contest for the Merkel schools was held at the Grammar School auditorium. The entire High School attended as did also many visitors. In the Junior girls' contest Deshazo Simpson and Velma Lee Holden contested. The following boys were contestants in the junior boys' declamation: Jim Patterson, Ross Ferrier, E. L. Turner, Howard Albertson, Jack Patterson, Harold Boney. The senior girls were represented by Vada Cole and Ermalee Rea. The winners of each of these contests will represent Merkel at the county meet at Abilene on March 27th.

The winners in each contest were as follows:

Junior Girls: Deshazo Simpson first; Velma Lee Holden, second.  
Junior Boys: E. L. Turner, first; Jack Patterson, second.

Senior Girls: Vada Cole, first; Ermalee Rea, second.

Mrs. L. B. Cott, Mrs. Albert Booth and Mr. L. R. Thompson acted as judges in the contests. The school and the contestants very much appreciate their help in this matter. The audience

## FIRE DOES \$100,000 DAMAGE HERE SUN.

Possibly the largest fire that Merkel has experienced in many years broke out last Sunday morning about 4:20 a.m., supposedly originating in the building occupied by the Cash Tailor Shop, completely destroyed one large brick building and its entire contents which housed five business firms on Elm street in the heart of the city.

Two of the business houses were completely consumed by the flames when the fire department reached the scene, and the wooden partitions in the large building furnished good fuel for the big headway the fire had gained, making all efforts to control the flames practically a naught. It seemed that the entire block and possibly more was sure to go, the building across the street becoming so hot that the window glasses were broken, and all houses in the path of the fire were relieved of much of their contents to prevent total loss, and the Abilene Fire Department was notified of the danger. But the wonderful fire fighting efforts of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, with the abundant supply of water, was able to stop the blaze against the fire wall on the east, saving the West Texas Utilities Company, and on the north the Woodrum Filling Station. The Abilene Fire Department sent out a truck piloted by Chief Frank Ferrier, which made a record run and reached the scene just as the flames had been gotten under control, assisting in extinguishing the fire.

Nothing whatever was removed from any of the places of business, which included the Petty & Buford Barber Shop, valued at \$2,500; Cash Tailor Shop, valued at \$2,500, Mrs. J. M. Dry Racket Store, valued at \$4,000; Gem Theatre, valued at \$10,000; and Max Mellinger Dry Goods, valued at \$42,000. The building are valued at \$20,000, and owned by W. F. Jenkins of Menard and a man living at Cad-do, whose name we did not learn. The total loss including damage to Barrow Furniture Company building, West Texas Utilities Company building, owned by Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, and Woodrum Filling Station building owned by J. D. Porter is estimated at \$100,000. The loss was about half covered by insurance.

It is expected that all of the firms will be back in business as soon as new stocks can be gotten and quarters secured. Mr. Max Mellinger states he will "be back in business in thirty days if a location can be obtained." The Cash Tailor Shop is opening again today with new equipment Mr. Acuff, manager of the Gem Theatre, says "I don't believe I can find a better place than Merkel for my show and expect to reopen as soon as possible." The buildings are to be replaced as soon as possible, we are informed by reliable parties.

### BANKS TO CLOSE AT THREE P. M. APRIL 1

On and after April 1st we the undersigned banks of Merkel will open our doors every morning at nine o'clock and until September 1st, we will close every day at three p.m. Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Farmers State Bank. It

### Mr. Bud Sears and family of Menard were here the first of the week visiting in the Mrs. Frank Sears home.

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## THOMAS ELMORE LUCEY AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Thomas Elmore Lucey, pure fun expert, is to appear at the Grammar School auditorium on the evening of Thursday, March 26th at eight o'clock in a program of fun and pathos. Lucey is America's globe-trotting poet-humorist, platform actor, song characterist, portrayer of celebrities, and versatile entertainer. "As an impersonator," runs a newspaper comment, "Mr. Lucey is certainly in the front rank. His impersonations of Cardinal Wolsey, Bill Nye, Edgar Allen Poe, in the Raven and of Abraham Lincoln, vastly different characters, made a tremendous hit. Besides his dramatic accomplishments, Mr. Lucey is a first-class quick sketch artist, and possesses a good voice. In fact, it can be truly said that Mr. Lucey is a whole show in himself."

To have attained the record of some 5,000 appearances in half the nations of the earth, should produce a thrill in the souls of most of us. Remember that his program is a varied one, something of almost everything. Do not miss his delightful entertainment of mimicry, melody, mirth and dramatic interpretations.

He is appearing under the auspices of the High School. They hope in this manner to raise some money for the high school piano fund. The admission for school children will be 35 cents, and for others 50 cents. Come, and have an evening of good, clean fun. This is NOT a number of the lyceum course. Hear the author of the "Missouri Mule" and of "Sammy." You have heard him over the radio; now see him in his character make-ups.

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See our "Specials" for this week. Money saved for you. Brown Dry Goods Co. It

## MARSHAL HALL REPORTS PLENTY WATER FOR FIRE

In order that the people may know the real facts, and inasmuch as there has been rumored on the streets that there was not really sufficient city water for all purposes, including sewer and fire protection, City Marshal W. N. Hall, who has charge of and looks after the City's water system, informs this paper that at present both the big water tower and the big concrete ground tank are standing brim full and running over, and that contrary to these rumors there is ample water for domestic use as well as for sewer and fire protection.

And this paper wants to say that Mr. Hall, who is making a very fine official, can be counted on to keep plenty of water pumped and in readiness at all times to protect the property interest of the people of our city, and his statement that there is ample water for these purposes should forever set at rest rumors to the contrary.

## FEED AND SEED NOTICE

I have plenty of Maize heads in store and Meal and Hulls, and will have in the next few days some field Seeds of the very best grades—Red top Cane, Sudan Grass, Red Dwarf Maize, and Hygera. We are not putting here the price of each, but will make that right. See me if you need any of the above seed or feed. L. L. MURRAY. It

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean of Dallas are here for a visit with Mrs. McBean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Miss Minnie Ferguson was a business visitor at Sweetwater last Friday.

He's the author of the "Missouri Mule" and of "Sammy." Hear him March 26 at Grammar School, Merkel—Lucey. It

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## SENIOR NOTES

Monday afternoon at 2:30 Major Schoof of the Northwest Mounted Police lectured to the High School students. Major Schoof told of his experiences in the Western United States in the early days, also of his travels in Africa, Australia and South America, and of his work in Canada to which he gives six months of each year.

Tuesday the Seniors had their annual feast a dinner consisting of baked hen with dressing and gravy, fruit salad, potato chips, hot buns, iced tea and cherry ice cream was served to the high school faculty and the Seniors.

Wednesday morning the High School students went in a body to the grammar school building where they enjoyed very much two numbers given by the Glee Club followed by the preliminaries in declamation.

Mis Bird: "What is an idiom?"  
Pauline Pinckley: "Oh, it's the feminine for idiot."

When you're in love, it's hearts. When you're engaged it's diamonds. When you're married it's clubs. When you're dead it's spades.

Jewel B.: "Did you ever take gas?"  
Royce: "No. Who teaches it."

Late to bed,  
Later to rise,  
Makes you miss classes  
And ruins your eyes.

Effie: "Do you know how mice got into that box last nite?"  
Vada: "Naw."  
Effie: "Well, I guess they did."

He: "How can I keep postage stamps from sticking together?"  
She: "Buy 'em one at a time."

Miss Edna Jones of Simmons College, Abilene, was here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones, last week end.

# As the hot days are Approaching



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## M. H. S. SENIORS HAVE LUNCHEON TUESDAY

Tuesday at twelve o'clock, a luncheon was held for the members of the senior class of the High School and the High School faculty, in the science room.

The color scheme used was purple and white, which are the colors of the senior class this year. The tables were most attractive with the purple and white decorations, and a luncheon consisting of baked chicken, and dressing, potato chips, fruit salad, pickles, olives, iced tea, and ice cream was served.

Members of the senior class enjoying this occasion were Misses Melba West, Ona Fae Rose, Gladys Mayfield, Mildred Matthews, Dorris Durham, Evelyn Curb, Isabelle McAdams, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Mary Butman, Vada Cole, Effie Grayson, Eulla Deavers, Irmalee Rea, Lucille Guitar, Nola Provine, Gladys Breeden, Jewel Burns, Velma Holloway, Pauline Pinckley, Ruth Pinckley, Mamie Coats, Stella Wilson, Leona Mullins, Messrs. Clyde Matthews, James Swann, Byron Curb, Roy Elliott, Ray Garrett, W. L. Harkrider, Jarrett Pinckley, C. R. Williams, Clesby Patterson, Fred Giles, Buford Smith, Perry Shannon, James Harris. The faculty present were, Mr. R. A. Burgess, and wife, Mr. I. L. Jackson and wife, Misses Marie Williamson, Madge Pierce, Martha Bird and Susie Belle Weedon.

Miss Dota Garoutte returned Wednesday from a trip to Wichita Falls, where she had been as a delegate from the local lodge to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebeccas. She reports a very interesting and most pleasant trip.

Fresh car of feed at G. M. Sharp's. 20t2

Mrs. S. O. Patton of the Merkel community has just received the sad news of his aged father's death, Mr. Sam Patton, aged 82, of Pyott, Arkansas.

## TRENT MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womens Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South met Wednesday, March 11, and finished the book, "The Task Ahead." This finishes our two so we will have a Bible study the remaining part of the year.

After our lesson was over we surprised Mrs. Lee Keyes with a shower in her pretty little home west of Trent. Each spent an enjoyable hour.

The Society met again Monday, March 16, at their usual hour. Our lesson material, Luke 24:13-53. For Monday, March 30, we will have for our lesson, "Bringing the Lambs into the Fold." Mark 10:13-16; John 10:11-17; 21:15; Ephesians 6:4; II Timothy 3:14-15.

Don't forget our play April 3—"The Old Fashioned Mother." Try and come out for the benefit of the Missionary Society.

Society meets every Monday at 2:00 p.m. at M.E. Church, South. You are invited to be with us at any meeting.

## Senior B. Y. P. U.

Leader, Fred Giles. Introduction, by Leader. Part one, Lola Dennis. Part two, Delbert Polly. Part three, Miss Weedon. Part four, Ray Garrett. Part five, Yates Brown. Part six, Lewis Giles. Part seven, Lucille Guitar.

## NAZARENE SERVICES

Every one is cordially invited to attend the services at the Nazarene church on Houston street Saturday night, Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. conducted by Rev. W. P. Sibley from Jester, Oklahoma. Rev. Emma Jones, pastor.

Mr. C. C. Campbell was a business visitor at Sweetwater last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodo went to Rotan last Sunday on business.

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And so it is, friends, that whenever you patronize some other community instead of your own, you do so to the benefit of that other community and to the detriment of your own. Now why should you trade at home? If you will just stop and think about it, you will admit that there is indeed a pleasing mutuality of interest brought about by the act of trading at home among your friends.

The contract between this method and that which involves an expenditure away from home and with strangers, is very great. The home merchant appreciates your patronage as much for this evidence of your friendship as he does for the profits accruing from your purchase. On the other hand you very well know that the only interest the stranger you deal with has in you is brought about by the dollar you have to spend with him. That is the exact difference between a friendly trade and a cold-blooded business transaction.

There is no use contradicting the fact, folks, that we often do things on the impulse of the moment, things we would not do if we paused long enough to give the matter a little sober thought. For instance, we pick up a paper from the big city near by and see an announcement of a "wonderful bargain sale." Without stopping to consider the matter seriously, we send an order away to a stranger, when in all probability we could have bought the same goods right here in Merkel at just as reasonable a price.

It has been said that, "keeping our money circulating at home, patronizing home trade, is the first step, and the main essential, in the building of a real city. This is indeed true. Home loyalty means cooperation and in cooperation we have power beyond compare.

Someone has said that "every knock is a boost." Don't you believe it. A "knock" is always made up of some brand of poison, and even our friend optimist who carved that saying would side-step poison.

Don't knock. Boost is the stuff, and remember that the pathway is open to you if you desire to extend the cooperation you justly owe to this wonderful community. Just as surely as you realize the beauty of the sentiment found in the golden rule, and endeavor to live up to it, just that surely must you realize that home loyalty practice is but another way of proving to your friend what sort of a citizen you really are.

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If some of our Merkel citizens  
would develop the same ability  
in passing a ball that they have  
developed in passing the buck,  
we could have a basketball team  
that would make national cham-  
pions look like amateurs.

**THE BRIGHTER SIDE**

Is farming as bad as it is  
made-out to be? Is it a business  
absolutely without future? Is it  
so unattractive that you would  
advise every young man to leave  
the farm and seek employment  
in the city?

We think not, and for this  
reason we are publishing part of  
a letter received from one of our  
subscribers who left Merkel several  
years ago. He has spent  
practically all his life farming,  
and this is what he has to say.

"The other day I met an old  
friend of mine. Of course we  
were glad to see each other and  
talk over old times. But after  
our talk I did some thinking,  
and came to the conclusion that  
farming, hard as it may seem at  
times, is not so bad after all.

"This friend of mine got a  
good job in the city many years  
ago. When I first heard of the  
wages he was getting, I used to  
get restless. But these seemed  
to be nothing left for me to do  
but stick to the farm. And I  
stuck to the job with all the abil-  
ity I had. The family scraped  
along, economized in every way,  
and gradually we cleaned up the  
mortgage on the place. I built up  
a good herd of Holstein cows,  
and by careful breeding, and by  
proper care and feeding I man-  
aged to get a nice little profit  
from my cows every year.

"Oh, yes, it seemed small, but  
during those years the family  
lived reasonably well. We had no  
big rent to pay, no high prices  
for milk, meat, and butter to  
pay. And my land kept steadily  
increasing in value and the new  
buildings made the place worth  
more.

"And now today I've got an  
eighty worth about twenty  
thousand dollars. My three chil-  
ren went through the high  
school and the two girls are  
teaching in the county, and the  
boy took a short course and is  
back running the farm pretty  
much himself.

"We've got enough to live on.  
I and the wife get away occa-  
sionally. Last winter we went to  
California for a few months.  
And somehow I feel as though I  
have been pretty well paid for all  
my years of hard work.

"My old friend made money all  
the years since I knew him so  
well, but he must have spent it  
as fast as he made it. He is still

renting a flat, and his children  
are working at bookkeeping work  
in city offices. And from what  
he says, they don't find it easy,  
either.

"Of course this don't mean  
much perhaps. Perhaps times  
are pretty bad for most farmers  
right now. But I think that the  
young fellow who stays on the  
farm today will be better off in  
thirty years or forty years from  
now than the lad who gets dis-  
satisfied and goes after the at-  
tractive jobs offered in the city."

Of course our old subscriber  
doesn't mean to say that farm-  
ing is just what it should be. He  
doesn't attempt to go into the  
problem from an economic or po-  
litical standpoint. He merely  
seeks to point out the brighter  
side. And we think that his ad-  
vice to the young man is sound.

**DOLLARS TO YOU**

The editor questioned a num-  
ber of local merchants on home  
buying not so long ago. "Do you  
expect people to support you be-  
cause you are located here in our  
community?" was the question.

"No, not because of that," was  
the almost universal answer of  
the merchants of Merkel. "We  
have a lot to offer that really  
makes it worth while for the  
people of Merkel to see us before  
placing that order for the mer-  
chandise necessities they want

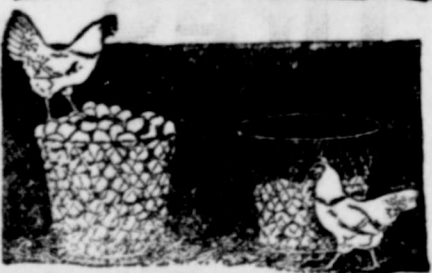
"First we will not be under-  
sold—quality for quality. We  
have to handle quantity mer-  
chandise; if we didn't people  
would come back at us. We can-  
not offer shoddy merchandise  
such as the mail order dealer  
can get away with.

"Second, we are here to give  
service. People don't have to  
wait for the things they need.  
We carry the stock on hand.  
That is a mighty big advantage  
which people should consider for  
their own welfare.

"Third, we are keeping up the  
town, employing labor, contribut-  
ing our share toward making  
this a better town. Of course we  
don't expect support merely for  
that reason. But here is some-  
thing in this connection to think  
about. We business men here  
create property values. Suppose  
a man could save a dollar on  
every outside purchase. He  
would be helping to destroy the  
business life of his own town. He  
would be really taking two dol-  
lars off the valuation of his  
home or his business location."

For these reasons the editor  
feels that he can safely say to  
the citizens of Merkel "Do your  
buying at home—not merely be-  
cause it is your home but be-  
cause it will mean dollars in your  
pocket in the long run."

Mr. Lloyd Sheppard is here  
for a visit with relatives and  
friends.



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guarantee.

**J. M. Garrett**

**AMNESTY BILL ENGROSSED  
BY 79 TO 53 VOTE**

INDICATIONS ARE BILL WILL  
FINALLY PASS BY GOOD  
MARGIN

Austin, Texas.—Former Gov. James  
E. Ferguson has won his fight for  
vindication after a battle extending  
over seven years. The house has  
passed to engrossment by a vote of  
79 to 53 the Woodward amnesty bill.  
The decisive vote to engross the  
measure indicated it would be finally  
passed by a good margin. When the  
vote was taken nine representatives  
were listed as present and not voting.  
The debate on lifting the Ferguson  
political ban, laid upon him when he  
was impeached seven years ago, con-  
sumed some seven hours of the time  
in the house. The roll call of the  
amnesty bill follows:

Yeas: Albritton, O. L. Baker, S. S.  
Baker, Barker, Bateman, Bean, Blount,  
Boggs, Brown, Bryant, Cade, Chit-  
wood, Coffey, Coody, Covey, Ernest  
C. Cox, G. J. Cox, Dale, Daniels, John  
E. Davis, J. N. Davis, Dielmann,  
Downs, A. C. Dunn, Durham, Farar,  
Faulk, Finlay, Florence, Frank,  
Graves, Hagaman, Hollowell, Hoskins,  
Morris, Jacks, Jasper, Johnson, Jones,  
Justice, Kemble, Kenyon, King, Kit-  
trel, Laird, W. P. Lane, Loftin, Lod,  
Masterson, Moore, Nicholson, Paduca,  
Pearce, Petch, Powell, Rentro, Rice,  
Robinson, Rogers, Rowell, Rumge,  
Sanford, Shearer, Simmons, John T.  
Smith, L. C. Smith, Smyth, Stautzen-  
berger, Stevens, Storey, Strong,  
Thompson, Wallace, Webb, Wester,  
Williamson, Wilson, Young.

Noes: R. B. Alexander, W. P. Alex-  
ander, Atkinson, Avis, Bartlett, Bed-  
ford, Bobbitt, Bonham, Conway, Cum-  
mings, Deberry, Dinkle, Donnell, J. M.  
Dunn, Enderby, Foster, Gray, Hall,  
Harman, High, Klinebar Lawrence,  
Gane, Lipscomb, Mankin, Maxwell,  
McDoughall, McFarlane, McGill, Mc-  
Kean, McNutt, Merritt, Parish, Per-  
due, Pogue, Pool, Pope, Purl, Rawlins,  
Rayamer, Rowland, Sheets, Sanka,  
Sparks, Stell, Stout, Taylor, Tear,  
Veach, Wade, Walker, Welis, West-  
brook, Woodruff.

Present and not voting: Fields, Jor-  
dan, McDonald.

Absent: Ackir, Barron, Bird, L. L.  
Carter, Dunlap, Harper, Hull, Irwin,  
Kayton, McBride, Montgomery, Simp-  
son, Towne.

The speaker did not vote.

**Favorable to Prison Relocation**  
Austin, Texas.—Favorable action on  
the House bill relocating the prison  
system within 75 miles of Austin, has  
been taken by the Senate committee  
on penitentiaries. Senator Strong  
gave notice to the committee that he  
would sign a minority report oppos-  
ing the bill because he did not be-  
lieve the appropriation of \$1,000,000  
should be expended at this time. He  
declared, however, that he favored  
relocation of the system. The bill  
names a committee composed of the  
governor, lieutenant governor, speak-  
er of the house, attorney general and  
land commissioner to have charge of  
the proposed removal. The appropria-  
tion is an initial sum to go into a  
revolving fund for that purpose.

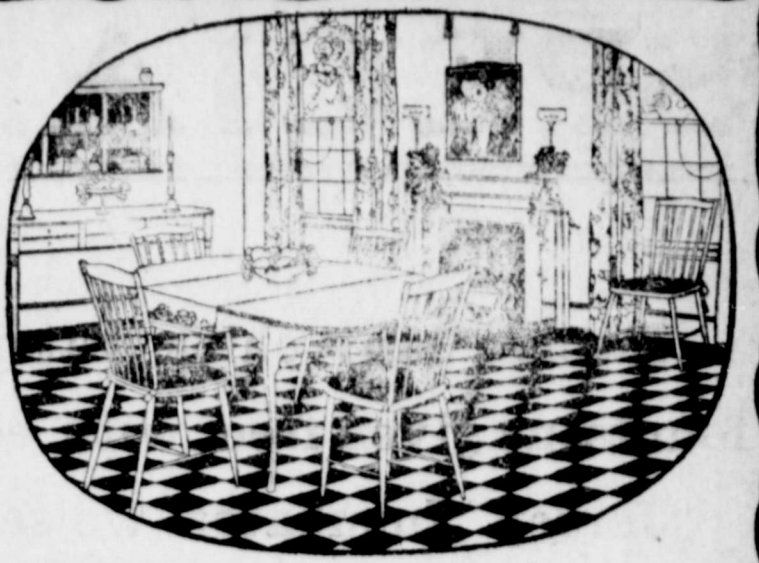
**Court Rules on Franchise Taxes**  
Austin, Texas.—Corporations of no  
par value stock are required to pay  
franchise taxes on the basis of gross  
assets instead of net assets, the Su-  
preme Court held in the case of the  
American Refining Company against  
S. L. Staples, former secretary of  
State. The company asked for an  
injunction restraining the Secretary  
of State from cancelling their permit,  
which was threatened because they  
maintained that the tax should be  
based on net assets.

**Resigns as Argentine Minister**  
Washington.—President Coolidge  
has accepted the resignation of John  
W. Riddle as Ambassador to  
Argentina. While no announce-  
ment was made as to the reasons for  
the Ambassador's desire to leave the  
diplomatic service, it had become  
known that one of his motives lay in  
the inability of Mrs. Riddle, who  
underwent the ordeal of the sinking  
of the Lusitania, to make the long  
sea voyage to Buenos Aires. Physi-  
cians are said to have advised her  
against such a trip.

**Turns Back Cotton Oil Mill**  
Austin, Texas.—An agreed settle-  
ment of the long standing Richmond  
Cotton Oil Mill litigation was made  
here recently when the owners of  
the mill agreed to take it back with  
\$44,000 in cash from the State and  
return all evidences of an indebted-  
ness aggregating \$144,000. In this way  
the mill cost the State \$74,000 cash  
plus the expense of the extended lit-  
igation and there is nothing to show  
for it as the mill is handed back.

**Senate Advances per Diem Bill**  
Austin, Texas.—Senate joint resolu-  
tion by Senator Joe Moore of Green-  
ville, proposing an amendment to the  
constitution increasing the per diem  
of members of the legislature to  
\$2,500 a year and reducing the mem-  
bership from 150 to 93, leaving the  
Senate as at present with thirty-one  
members, has been advanced to en-  
grossment and third reading in the  
Senate. This resolution has an ex-  
cellent chance of adoption in the  
Senate but may be crowded out of  
consideration in the house.

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he has been very sick this week,  
but is improved some at this  
writing we are informed.

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goods at ten pounds for one dol-  
lar. Phone 218. Alfred H. Lig-  
on.

Mr. A. C. Rose, the genial  
proprietor of the A. C. Rose Dry  
Goods, has been very sick for  
he past week, but is able to be  
up and about some at this writ-  
ing.

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**RECENT BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR**

SEVERAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

Austin.—Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson signed the following bills during the past week.

House bill 27, providing that highway officers wear uniforms.

House bill 32, appropriation of \$3,000 for presidential electors.

House bill, 57, creating District court No. 101 for Dallas County.

House bill 58, providing one assistant district attorney and a special investigator in districts of more than one county with a city of over 70,000.

House bill 107, fixing a maximum amount to be used for textbooks of the 35-cent ad valorem tax.

House bill 126, providing for audit of the books and records of district, county and precinct officers.

House bill 142, fixing the interest rate charged by agricultural credit corporations.

House bill 180, providing increased tax for Confederate pensions.

House bill 394, permitting assessors and collectors of taxes in cities of more than 20,000 to maintain a branch office.

Senate bill 104, permitting corporations to amend their charters to include sale of water and ice to municipalities.

Senate bill 82, extending the commission of appeals to 1931.

Senate bill 5, appropriation to pay for cattle slaughtered in the foot and mouth disease outbreak.

Senate bill 88, providing special deputy district clerks in counties over 200,000 containing a city over 100,000.

Senate bill 31, preventing horses running at large in Willacy, Bailey and Coke counties.

Senate bill 115, providing that no evidence obtained in violation of law shall be admitted against the accused at a trial.

Senate bill 51, providing that railroad companies granted charters since Jan. 1, 1892, which have not built their roads, may have two years in which to pay franchise taxes and keep their corporation alive.

**Tribute Paid to State Lawmakers**

Austin.—Congratulations were extended to the membership of the Thirty-ninth legislature by Congressman Claude Hudspeth of El Paso, as the most "efficient body of lawmakers" who have ever assembled at Austin. By invitation the El Paso Congressman delivered a brief address to the house. He asserted that during the sixteen years that he was a Texas lawmaker, first in the house and then as a senator, he does not recall of the appropriation bills passed at a regular session. He also congratulated the membership on the recent defeat by the legislature of the federal child labor amendment. "I may be old fashioned," said Hudspeth, "but I am one of those state rights Democrats and resent at every opportunity the tendency for federal encroachment. In Washington it is the survival of the fittest, while here, there is a bond of human sympathy."

**RURAL SCHOOL AID FUND HAS \$65,445 CREDIT**

MARRS ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING STATUS OF APPROPRIATION

Austin, Texas.—There was a balance of \$65,445 to the credit of the rural school aid fund at the end of the present fiscal year, August 31, 1924, out of the total of \$1,500,000 appropriated for that purpose, according to a statement issued by Prof. S. M. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction. Of the appropriation of \$1,500,000 the state department of education granted \$1,321,626 for teachers salaries, \$39,060 for industrial equipment of 180 schools, \$23,857 for high school tuition for 438 pupils. There was also paid out \$19,132 for consolidation and transportation in eight districts, while the administration of the law cost \$30,967.

The state also shows there are 7,673 common school districts in the state, and of these 4,109 applied for state aid and were visited, of which 3,433 were granted aid. This does not include aid granted to 300 independent school districts. The number of children receiving benefit of state aid was 342,680, while the average traveling expense, visiting and inspection, per school was \$1.11.

**Rejects Report on New Game Law Bill.**

Austin, Texas.—The House rejected the report of the free conference committee on the new game law bill and ordered the appointment of a new committee. Representative Fields, who moved to reject the report, said that the bill agreed on by the committee was a measure advocated by the Game, Fish and Oyster Department, and that the committee had imposed the judgment of the House on its provisions.

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Messrs W. L. Blair, G. C. Blair and B. B. Reynolds of the Nubia community, report that the fish are biting fine now, they having caught some six, eight and ten pounders Wednesday in the Clear Fork where Mulberry empties.

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The treatment is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring, and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. The result is you usually sleep soundly the very first night, and the entire cough condition goes in a very short time.

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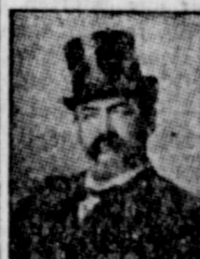
Grandma Wyman, we are told is critically ill at the family residence in the southwest part of the city. Grandma Wyman is another of our pioneer and beloved Christian citizens, who is loved and admired by all who know her, and with whom this paper joins in the sincere hope that she may soon regain her former good health.

Mesdames W. J. Largent and T. E. Lassiter returned Wednesday from an extended visit with friends and relatives at Plainview.

We regret to learn that our good friend and estimable citizen, Mr. T. R. Lassiter has been quite ill this week, but is now improving we are glad to learn.

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**LUCEY AND PERSHING ON LEVIATHAN TOGETHER**

Thomas Elmore Lucey, who is to appear in a program at the Grammar School Auditorium on Thursday evening, March 26th is of international fame. He is known throughout the world as a rare entertainer. His program is so varied that it is certain to please.

The New York Herald has the following to say of one of his recent trips to Europe:

"Before docking at Southampton, England, the passengers of the Leviathan enjoyed a rare treat in the students' concert, which was participated in by representatives of Harvard, and Washington University, and various other American institutions. General John J. Pershing made a happy address upon the value of national defense, and Thomas Elmore Lucey, Poet-humorist, had the audience roaring with laughter and applauding vigorously with his medley of humorous and dramatic character portrayals."

Lucey appears on platforms with the best of America and Europe. He is unexcelled as an impersonator. His program contains humor, pathos, music, drawings and stunts that are sure to please.

Both Grandpa and Grandma D. C. Hutcheson have been seriously ill for some time, and reports this Thursday morning are to the effect that Mr. Hutcheson is some better. In fact his condition is thought to be much better, but Mrs. Hutcheson is said to be very sick, suffering from catarrhal pneumonia. They are among our oldest and most beloved citizens and have many friends who sincerely hope that their condition may take a turn for the best.

Miss Mae Beidleman who is teaching near Haskell, was here last week end to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beidleman.

Messrs. A. T. Sheppard, Thos. Durham and wife, H. M. Rainbolt and wife, Geo. Brown and wife, T. A. Beidleman, Rev. T. J. Rea, L. R. Thompson, Joe Harris, Frank Golladay attended the Methodist conference at Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff were in Abilene Monday on business.

Messrs. Doyle Garrett, Delma Compton, Carlton Vick went to Clyde, Texas, last Saturday to attend a boxing match.

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Mrs. I. N. Anams of Bomarton, Texas, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Turner, this week.

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\$1.50 per day and up.  
In the center of the business  
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**ADVICE TO THE AGED**  
Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish  
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**Tutt's Pills**  
have a specific effect on these organs,  
stimulating the bowels, giving natural  
action, and imparting vigor to the system.

**Len Sublett**  
Water well Driller,  
all work guaranteed  
first-class.  
Merkel, Texas

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Have some good  
gin-run Kasch Cotton Seed for  
planting at \$1.00 per bushel. W.  
A. Campbell, Rt. 5. 13t4

FOR SALE—Good three-year  
old Jersey cow, will be fresh  
soon. See Clarence B. Williams,  
Merkel, Route two, on Lee Wil-  
liams place. tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Want a good man  
to work my farm on halves or  
buy my teams and tools and  
work on third and fourth. 65  
acres in cultivation, 10 acres  
more to put in. Must give ref-  
erences. See Fred Deutschman at  
Merkel Motor Co. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—Good farm hand,  
married man preferred. House,  
wood and milk cow furnished.  
See Leonard Wills, Merkel Route  
one. 6t3

WANTED—Agent to work in  
Merkel territory. Good propo-  
sition for right party, male or fe-  
male. Call in person at room 19  
Grand Central Hotel, Abilene,  
Texas. 1tp

WANTED—Three hundred peo-  
ple to hear Thomas Elmore Lucy  
at Grammar School Auditorium,  
Merkel, March 26th, 8 p.m. 1t

LOST

LOST—1925 license plate No.  
683-132 and tail light for Star  
car, between John Sears ranch  
and Merkel on Monday. Finder  
leave at Merkel Mail and receive  
reward. Roy Winter. 1tp

FOUND—A car number plate,  
No. 572-416. Owner can get it  
by calling at this office and pay-  
ing for this notice.

FOUND—A pair of gold rimmed  
spectacles in black case. Owner  
can get same at this office by  
paying for this notice. 1t

FOUND—Auto number plate No.  
461-718. Found on the Noodle  
road near Merkel. Owner can  
get same at this office by paying  
for this notice. 1t

CONDEMN HAZING IN  
ALL STATE SCHOOLS

HOUSE ADOPTS RESOLUTION  
AIMING AT A. & M., BUT IT IS  
MADE GENERAL.

Austin, Texas.—Hazing at State  
schools was condemned by the House  
which adopted a resolution demand-  
ing that students discontinue any  
practices of this kind at the State-  
supported institutions by a vote of  
75 to 35.

The resolution as originally pre-  
sented by Representative F. H. Boggs  
of San Angelo was aimed at the  
A. & M. College, where Mr. Boggs  
declared students are sometimes  
brutally treated in hazing incidents.  
Representative Hall of Houston pro-  
tested there was no reason to name  
A. & M. College when hazing is  
practiced at all the colleges. A. &  
M. has rules against hazing, he said,  
and students involved in the in-  
cidents mentioned by Mr. Boggs have  
been discharged.

An amendment making the reso-  
lution apply to all State schools in-  
stead of to A. & M. only was adopted.  
Representative Pearce declared he  
had been told by the County At-  
torney of Lampasas County that boys  
from that county had been beaten  
at A. & M. Sterling County boys  
also had been mistreated, he said.  
Mr. Pearce said he was partial to  
A. & M. and was sorry to see any  
complaint being made against the  
school. If hazing has grown to bru-  
tality, the Legislature ought to act,  
Mr. Boggs stated.

A SERIES OF CLASHES  
ON AMNESTY BILL

House Opponents Succeed in Delay-  
ing Proceedings.

Austin, Texas.—A series of clashes  
over the Ferguson amnesty bill en-  
livened the House Wednesday, with  
the opponents of the measure win-  
ning out in their efforts to delay  
proceedings to prevent the House  
from reaching the amnesty matter.

On every vote of strength pro-  
ponents of amnesty showed a clear  
majority of about fifteen votes. But  
they could not muster enough votes  
to gain a two-thirds majority, which  
is necessary to set a special order  
or take up the bill out of its regular  
order. About fourteen votes are  
lacking to give the proponents of  
amnesty a two-thirds majority.

Representative DeBerry moved to  
suspend the rule providing that only  
one special order can be set at a  
time, but his motion failed to re-  
ceive the necessary two thirds vote.  
The vote was 75 to 58, or fourteen  
short of two-thirds majority.

A group of a dozen Representa-  
tives supporting the amnesty bill  
met and decided to lay every Senate  
bill on the table subject to call until  
the Ferguson measure was reached.  
Antiamnesty members got wind of  
the move and immediately launched  
a filibuster to prevent the amnesty  
bill being reached. It is far down on  
the calendar, with about twenty bills  
ahead of it.

University Royalties \$47,272.  
Austin, Texas.—University oil ro-  
yalties for February went to \$47,272,  
which breaks all previous records.  
The highest mark before that was  
January, when the total reached  
\$41,900. The royalties are climbing  
monthly, all of which means more  
funds for the University. In con-  
nection with the increase in royalties  
there is pending a bill which would  
permit the University to use the en-  
tire royalty income for the erec-  
tion of buildings. Under present con-  
ditions it goes to the University  
permanent fund and then invested in  
bonds. In that way the University  
can use only the interest from the  
bonds to erect new buildings. The  
bill would also have the grass rentals  
go to the available fund instead of to  
the permanent account.

Pension Warrants Mailed.  
Austin.—Approximately 12,900 Con-  
federate pension warrants have just  
been mailed by the pension division  
of the comptroller's department to  
that number of pensioners on the  
rolls for the present quarter, an-  
nounced Sam Houston Terrell, State  
comptroller. For this quarter each  
veteran was paid \$35 for the quarter,  
which is the largest amount yet paid  
to these old soldiers.

Nonpar Bill Sent to Governor.  
Austin.—Report of the free confer-  
ence committee on the Holbrook  
Senate "nonpar" bill was adopted by  
both branches of the legislature and  
the bill, when enrolled, will be sent  
to the Governor for approval. This  
is the bill which permits the forma-  
tion in Texas of nonpar value capital  
stock corporations.

Flu Leads Deaths.  
Austin.—Influenza still continues to  
lead other communicable diseases in  
the State in the number of cases,  
there being 1,408 cases reported to  
the surgeon general of the Public  
Health service by Dr. H. O. Sapp-  
ington, State Health Officer, for  
the week ending Feb. 23. Other  
diseases reported were: Chicken pox,  
53; diphtheria, 49; dysentery, 4;  
measles, 52; mumps, 121; pellagra,  
9; pneumonia, 111; scarlet fever, 23;  
smallpox, 30; trachoma, 1; typhoid  
fever, 5; para-typhoid, 1.

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and  
Cream Gravy

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we are going to fix it so you can have it if you want  
it. We are exclusive agents for the "Jersey Incu-  
bator" in Merkel trade territory and, will sell you one  
or more of 80 egg, 150 egg or 250 egg sizes on in-  
stallments so you can make your surplus eggs and  
chicks pay for them besides having fried chicken for  
your own table. We have a limited number to put  
out this way so if you are interested don't wait until  
next week, see us now and let us explain our propo-  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS, To  
the sheriff or any Constable of  
Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to  
summon Albert Mendlovitz by  
making publication of this Cita-  
tion once in each week for four  
successive weeks previous to the  
return day hereof, in some news-  
paper published in your County,  
if there be a newspaper publish-  
ed therein, but if not, then in  
nearest county where a newspa-  
per is published, to appear at the  
next regular term of the County  
Court of Taylor County, to be  
held at the Court House there-  
of, in Abilene, on the 3rd Mon-  
day in April, A.D. 1925, the  
same being the 20th day of April  
A.D. 1925, then and there to an-  
swer a petition filed in said  
Court on the 11th day of March,  
A. D. 1925, in a suit, numbered  
on the docket of said Court No.  
5569, wherein Max Mellinger is  
Plaintiff, and Albert Mendlovitz  
is Defendant, said suit being a  
suit to recover on eighteen notes  
executed by defendant to order  
of plaintiff, dated February 1,  
1922, bearing 10% interest from  
date and providing for 10% at-  
torney's fees, payable March 1,  
1922, and on 1st day of each  
month thereafter except Decem-  
ber, 1922, in lieu of which month  
one note is due December 1, 1923  
but plaintiff says it should be  
December 1, 1922, the three  
notes first maturing are for  
\$25.00 each and the note due  
August 1, 1923, is for \$81.00  
and remaining notes are for  
\$50.00 each, plaintiff sues for  
principal, interest, attorney's  
fees and costs.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but  
have before said Court, at its  
aforesaid next regular term, this  
writ with your return thereon,  
showing how you have executed  
the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND  
and the Seal of said Court, at  
office in Abilene, Texas, this the  
11th day of March A.D. 1925.  
W. E. BEASLEY Clerk, Coun-

ty Court, Taylor County.  
Penn Gilbreth, Deputy. 13t4

Half and half Cotton Seed. Pure,  
first year seed from originator  
in Georgia. Write for circular  
and price list. I guarantee 1,100  
pounds seed cotton to make 500  
pound bale. Address ED TAY-  
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A good place to eat, with ser-  
vice up-to-date. That's what you  
find at the City Cafe. 13t2

Buy your groceries at G. M.  
Sharp's. 20t2

McDonald Work Shirts on  
"Special" this week. You know  
them. Brown Dry Goods Co. 1t

Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and  
daughter, Flora Frances, of  
Waco, are here this week visit-  
ing the parents of the former,  
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Election  
For Mayor:  
J. A. BUFORD  
JUDGE N. D. COBB

Mrs. B. P. Middleton, who for  
twenty days has been danger-  
ously ill remains in about the  
same condition, according to lat-  
est reports, and her recovery is  
thought to be quite doubtful, al-  
though this splendid family and  
their many friends hope that  
her condition may yet take a  
turn for the better.

Messrs. L. L. Murray, T. D.  
Compton, C. A. Higgins and J.  
M. Jarvis returned Wednesday  
from Wichita Falls, where they  
had been to attend a meeting of  
the Odd Fellow Grand Lodge.  
These gentlemen report a very  
enthusiastic and interesting  
meeting.

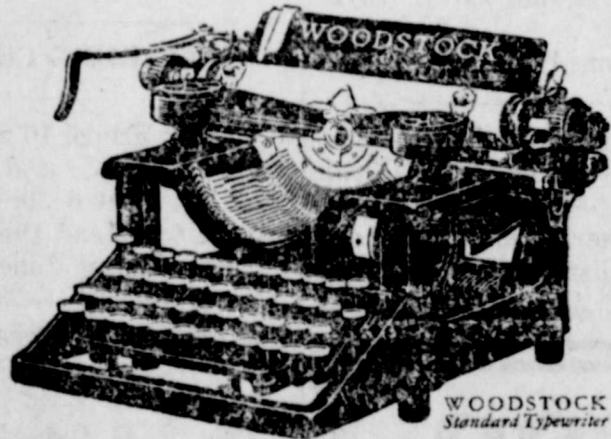
Pain In Back & Sides

"FOR A LONG TIME,"  
says Mrs. Dora Payne,  
of Huntington, Tenn.,  
"I felt listless, tired and  
worn-out. I did not feel like  
doing my work, visiting or  
anything."  
"I suffered much pain in  
my back and sides. My  
limbs hurt, my knees would  
tremble without apparent  
cause and I would have to  
sit down."  
"I was very nervous. . . .  
I would have a tired, dull  
headache."  
"I had read so much about  
Cardui I asked my husband

to get it for me. The very  
first bottle seemed to help  
me. After the second . . . I  
was better than I had been  
in months. I certainly can  
praise Cardui."  
"I have taken three bot-  
tles. Now I hardly wait  
when the sun shines, to  
go to the garden. I am feeling fine."  
Similar results to those de-  
scribed above have been re-  
ported by thousands of other  
women. Cardui's 40 years  
of success should encourage  
you to give it a thorough  
trial for the relief of any  
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HONOR ROLL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public Schools have for the six weeks period ending on March 6th been neither tardy nor absent, have not made less than 75 per cent on any subject, have made 90 or more in Department, and have made a general average of 90 per cent or more:

First Grade (Miss Russell)—Aubra Lee Patton 92, Franklin Lazenby 90, Gordon Allison 90, Vivian Davis 91, Dot Swafford 91, Richard Elliott 91, J. C. Jones 91, Don Swafford 90.

High First Grade (Miss Dean) Ethelda Tucker 92, J. V. Patterson 92, L. V. Moore 91.

Second grade (Miss Pogue)—La Verne Holden 93, Jim Chaney 92, David Gamble 91.

Second Grade (Miss Harrison) Julia Proctor 90.

Third grade (Miss Coats)—Joyce Wheeler 92, Fay Vantrees 91, Ibah Mae Tipton 91, Margaret Miller 91, Zelta Belle Miller 90, L. T. Redding 90.

Third grade (Miss Martin)—Burnard Carter 91, Lucille Campbell 94, Margaret Cannon 91.

Fourth grade (Miss Joyner)—Mildred Lloyd 96, Thelma Leach 92, John Ligon 90.

Fourth Grade (Mrs. Teaff)—Willie Evelyn Boaz 94, Burrell Chaney 93, Roy Abbott 92, Howard Albertson 92, Dorothy Deutschman 91.

Fifth grade (Miss Hearne)—Leo Tucker 92, Julia Martinez 92, Vera Richie 91, Edna Wilson 90.

Fifth grade (Miss Ellis)—Mary Ligon 93, Mattilou Largent 93, Elsie Lasater 92, Louise Booth 92, Fred A. Bakekr 91, Maurine Frederickson 91, Lucille Cole 91, Beth Hamm 91, Fannie V. Jones 91, Joel Darsey 90, Jess Higgins 90.

Sixth grade (Miss Flanagan)—Nadine Tippett 95, Nina Vantrese 94, Leora Parks 94, Lola Mae Riddle 92, Hazel Robinson 90.

Sixth Grade (Miss Blair)—Florence Ligon 95, Frances Frederickson 95, J. T. Darsey 93, Jettie Howard 93, Missie Dye 93, Hettie Howard 93, Mybelle Ligon 93, Selma Jones 90, W. J. Derstine 90.

Seventh grade (Mrs. Jackson) R. E. Cole 94, Euna Lea Gilmore 92, Irene Campbell 92, Raymond Earthman 91, Tracy Campbell 90.

Seventh grade (Mrs. Sublett) Addie Faye Patterson 96, Norma Shannon 94, Bernice Lasater 90.

Eighth grade (Miss Weedon) Gladys Deutschman 96, Sterling Sheppard 96, Flora Frances Anderson 95, Elizabeth Harkrider 94, Burnis Tucker 94, John D. Coats 94, Mildred Hamm 94, Rubijo Higgins 92, Victor Smith 91, Roy Propst 91, Paul Causseaux 90, Deshazo Simpson 90.

Ninth grade (Miss Bird)—Tommie Durham 95, Marie Pinkley 94, Mary Hughes 93, Claude Wills 93, Aileen Childress 92, Lee Criswell 90, Joe Ben Ashby 90, Inice Brown 90.

SALT BRANCH NOTES

The Japanese preacher, Rev. K. K. Toby, from Simmons College, will preach at Salt Branch on Wednesday night the 25th. Everybody come and hear K. K. Toby. He will be a treat to every one who hears him. He is a great man. At Salt Branch Baptist Church at 7:15.

Mr. H. R. Phillips of Rotan was here on business Wednesday of this week.

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We are proud of our wonderful showing of low priced hats and dresses. If you will visit this department you are sure to agree that we have succeeded in combining big values with low prices.

- You'll find priced special for Saturday and Monday All \$12.75 dresses for..... \$10.75
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THOMAS ELMORE LUCEY BE IN TRENT MARCH 25

Thomas Elmore Lucey, the international poet-humorist, platform actor, song characterist, portrayer of celebrities, and one of the most versatile entertainers in the country will give an exhibition of his remarkable talents in the capacious auditorium of the public school building of Trent, Texas, Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Lucey comes with undeniable proofs of his power to entertain and uplift. Nearby towns where he has been numbers of times before are loud in their praise of him, and are having him come again.

Any one failing to hear Mr. Lucey and see him perform will miss a rare opportunity for an hour and a half of keen pleasure and enjoyment.

Come and see a man who has visited and shown in more than thirty countries of the world, a traveler from the far places of the earth.

Reserved seat tickets now on sale at Massey's confectionary, Trent, Texas. Price 50c.

\*\*\*\*\* WITH THE CHURCHES \*\*\*\*\*

BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting closed last Sunday night after having continued through two weeks. There were several conversions and additions to the church. Hearts were warmed and lives reconsecrated to the Lord and His service. We were made to realize afresh our duties and responsibilities to God and His church. There is a better day ahead. The Bible will be given a better place in our lives. Not all of our difficulties have been solved; but "the axe is laid unto the root of the trees." Bible reading, consecration, prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit will overcome any and all difficulties.

There is considerable talk of another meeting within the next week or so. Tell us what you think of it. The pastor is always ready, and a revival campaign ought always to be in order in one of Christ's churches.

Sunday school attendance last Sunday was 394. Only two teachers absent.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on: "The Christian Warfare; God in front, and the devil behind." Who's on top in your life? The subject for the evening sermon will be: "The Old Time Religion." Shall we have Gospel to-day as Paul preached it?

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:30 p.m. Sunbeams Friday at 4:15 p.m. W. H. Albertson.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. N. Y. P. S. at 6:30. Every one invited to attend these services. Rev. Emma Jones, Pastor

Eld. Cypert Will Preach At North Side Church

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday, morning and night, he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ. He cordially extends a welcome to one and all who will attend either or both of these services on that day.

Intermediate League

Leader: Dorothy Daniels. Song; Prayer; Scripture (Ps. 149; Eph. 5:19). Sketch of Miss Crosby's life, by Ruby Fae Golladay. Her contribution to Christians, Victor Smith. Estimate of Miss Crosby, Elizabeth Harkrider. Benediction.

Mr. T. F. Compton has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail.

Don't forget the place to sell your eggs. G. M. Sharp. 2012

UNCLE DIES IN CORYELL COUNTY AT 85 YEARS OLD

Mr. W. R. Hampton, who has lately moved to Merkel from Clyde, received the sad news this week of the death of an Uncle Mike W. Hampton, which occurred at the latter's home in Coryell county. The deceased was 85 years of age, being one of the pioneer citizens of that county, and a man who had helped to blaze the way of progress and civilization.

He was a devout Christian, being a member of the Methodist church for many years, and was loved and esteemed by all who know him. He was an especial favorite Uncle of our Mr. Hampton, who regrets very much his demise.

Jas. H. West, who has been in ill health for the past ten days, left first of the week for Temple where he went to consult a specialist. His many friends trust that he may receive immediate and permanent relief.

Sub-Senior League Program

Subject: Soul-winning Service in song. Leader: Lewis Tucker. Song service. Scripture: Psalm 149; Eph. 5:19. Prayer: Solo, Ruth Watts. The power of sacred songs, Juanita Beene. Fanny Crosby, American Hymn writer, Gladys Milliken. The gentle blind bandit, Ray Garrett. Occasions of some of Fanny Crosby's Hymns, W. L. Harkrider. Eyes in her heart, Elfe Chaney. Discussion: What the Song Service IS; What the Song Service is NOT; What the Song Service should do. Song; Business; Benediction.

Plenty of fresh bulk garden seed at McDonald & Collum's. It

Don't miss him—Lucey at Grammar School—March 26th. He draws pictures, draws crowds draws attention. It

HARRY BARNETT RETURNS TO OLD POSITION HERE

We are glad to learn that Mr. Harry Barnett, who for many years was one of the very efficient and clever salesmen at the West Company, but who last fall accepted an increased salary a position at Lamesa with the Higginbotham Bartlett Company, has this week returned to Merkel with his excellent family and has again accepted his old position with the West Co. Harry is a fine citizen and we, with his many friends welcome him and his family back to their old home as permanent citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett and little daughter, Joy, of San Angelo, were here last week visiting with Mrs. E. N. Brown and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Sie Hamm has been confined to his bed most all of the week with the flu.

Missionary Society Program

To be rendered next Monday afternoon, March 23, at Methodist church. 1. Song. 2. Prayer, Mrs. Rea. 3. Bible Lesson, A Friendly visit and a strengthening hand, Mrs. C. B. Smith. 4. Missionary Topic: Women of Korea in the Methodist Sisterhood. (a) Women's Missionary Societies, Y. M. C. A. and W. C. T. U. by Mrs. V. N. Ellis. (b) Individual Effort, Mrs. Vaughn. 5. Message from the Missionary Society in Manchuria, by Mrs. Beidleman. Special topic: The Belle H. Bennett Memorial, Mrs. Clyde Sears. News From Bulletin.

Rev. Terry of Plainview, Sunday school superintendent of this district is here this week holding a teachers training class at the Methodist church.

## Can You Afford It??

People can you afford to miss the "Specials" we are offering each week? It means a great saving for you.

Shadow striped Charmeuse, the best grade in colors, Rose, Purple, Orchid, Pink, Honeydew, Yellow, etc. Suitable for petticoats, bloomers, slips and linings. Friday and Saturday Only 49c yard.

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