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Prices that Appeal to Close Buyers.

Better Clothing for less money than elsewhere or your money back. Here are a few of the many garments marked for Quick Selling. Come in and investigate for yourself.

Lot No. 1778-771-2.
All wool check cassimere suits, regular 12.50 values, at . . . \$8.75
No. 4647. Gray mixed cheviott, all wool, regular price 7.50, to close at . . . 4.75
No. 7845-1976. Dark gray satinets, worth 4.50, reduced to . . . 2.50
No. 8546-8517. Dark color, wool mixed, former price 9 and 10.00, now only . . . 5.00
No. 1141. Gray chk cassimere, worth 5.00, now . . . 3.50



All \$14 suits reduced 11.90. All 12.50 suits reduced to 9.85.

In boys suits we have them ranging in price from 1.00 to 3.50.

We are badly overstocked on youths long pant suits, and are making extremely low prices to close them out.

All ladies' Jackets, Skirts and Capes AT BOST.

All stores sell cotton checks and domestics cheap, but we sell them a little cheaper:

Good quality yard wide LL Domestic . . . 3½c
Extra heavy " " " " . . . 4½c
Nice soft finish Bleach Domestic . . . 4½c
Round thread 25 inch Cotton Checks . . . 3c
Fair quality Cotton Flannel . . . 4½c
Extra heavy good width Cotton Flannel . . . 8½c
Fast color yard wide Percale . . . 6½c
Standard brands, fast color, Calicoes . . . 4c
Best quality Feather Ticking . . . 12½c
Mattress Ticking . . . 4½c
6 spools Clarks O N T Thread . . . 25c

8½c Outing reduced to . . . 7½c
10c Outing reduced to . . . 8½c
12½c worsted flannel now . . . 10c
Good quality 10-4 Blanket, regular price 65c, now only . . . 45c
\$1.25 bed Blanket now . . . \$1.00
\$1.65 bed Blanket now . . . \$1.40
All goods advertised in circulars and in this space will be on sale as long as the goods last.

Best brands light and dark calcos only 4c. Best quality table oil cloth only 15c per yard.

We have reduced the price on every pair of pants in our house from 10 to 20 per cent. No use to wear overalls when you can buy a good jeans pant for 75c. Others ask \$1.00 for the same pant.



We're very strong in QUALITY and Low in price on men's fleece lined underwear.

10 per cent reduction on all overalls, jumpers, and duck coats. Heavy lined duck coat 75c. Extra quality reversible duck and jeans coat, regular \$2.50 value, now only \$1.50.

THE STAR STORE,

MERKEL, TEXAS.

The Higher Life

The Will.

Rev. Overton, Presbyterian.
Will gives purpose to life and firmness to character if rightly exercised. Man needs more than a will to be a man. A strong will may be a blessing or a curse, as it is allowed to run its own course or is influenced by the other faculties of the mind. It determines all our voluntary actions.

Christian Religion.

Rev. Coyle, Presbyterian.
I affirm, by the teachings of all history, that it is the timbers of the Christian religion, the trees of the Lord, sending their roots down into the clefts of the rock of ages, that saves society from the avalanche of selfishness and sin.

Bring Righteousness.

C. H. Yatma, Evangelist.
No revival is greater needed now than the revival that will bring righteousness to men and make them fear God. There are many who may not be concerned about the guilt of the past, because they have forgotten it, but forgetfulness is not forgiveness.

Instinctive Will.

Cardinal Gibbons, Catholic.
Jesus Christ is the highest ideal of Christian perfection. "He is the way and the truth and the life." He came to teach us by word and by example. If there is any one virtue that the Saviour inculcates more forcibly

than another it is this—that our hearts and wills should be in harmony with God's will.

Christian Economics.

Rev. Bradford, Congregationalist.
The law of Christian economics is that every man should seek the welfare of his brother, the law of pagan economics in every man for himself. In the present strike both the contestants are strong and the public is weak; both ought to seek the welfare of the many.

One Way.

Rev. Raymond.
There is but one way for us to come under the power of Christ, with all that means for our ennoblement, the realization of our holiest aspirations; and that is to come under the power of the cross. To believe that for the love of us Christ died and is to come under the constraints of love.

More Than a Hobby.

Rev. Bird, Methodist.
Religion means more than a hobby. It is not a social reform alone, and yet it includes all reforms. Neither a prohibitionist nor a preacher comes up to the great broad freedom of the wide truth the Master announces.

Thrift.

Rev. Barr, Episcopal.
Few Christians, if any, would be unwilling to incur the sole risks of riches if only they might have the riches. Private covetousness goes too often by the good name of thrift. Wealth is a public peril today.

Christian Perfection.

Rev. Chadwicke, Unitarian.
We are assured that man's instinctive life is of wider range and of more importance than that of any animal. One of his instincts is the instinctive will to know. To know something heretofore unknown in the wide universe is a sufficient good.

An Old Land Mark.

The removal of the old depot to make room for a commodious structure marks the passing of an old land mark of the town. The building was erected in 1881, nearly 22 years ago. Mr. M. D. Surber, who is foreman of the building crew, was a member of the crew at the time the depot was built here, but the gang was divided and he was put to work on the Baird depot. In speaking of the building to a Mail reporter Mr. Surber said he well remembered the day on which work was begun on it. He has been with the company almost continuously since 1881, and by strict attention to business and tireless energy has been fairly successful.

Mr. Surber is a very pleasant, agreeable gentleman, and we were pleased to meet him. His crew will possibly remain here another two weeks.

The rains of this and last week have put a good season in the ground. It is the best fall season the country has known for several years. This is a good sign of a large small grain crop for next year, and farmers should embrace the opportunity and plant a few acres.



..WATCH THIS SPACE..

A. C. BENNETT,
THE SADDLE & HARNESS MAN.

ELLIOTT & MILLER

DEALERS IN

Wind Mills, Pumps and Water Supply Goods....

We keep in stock the Star steel mill, direct stroke and back gear; Eclipse wood mill, Dandy and Aermotor steel mills; a full assortment of pumps, piping from ¼ to 2 in., plain and galvanized; brass cylinders and working barrels from 2 to 4 in. We buy in car lots and can make Fort Worth prices on anything in our line.

Entered at the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

Subscription Rates:
 One year \$1.00
 Six months .50
 Three months .25
 Invariably in advance.

ADVERTISING RATES per month
 One inch space \$.50
 Two inch space 1.00
 Quarter column (4 1-2 inches) 2.50
 Half column (9 inches) 4.00
 One column (18 inches) 7.50
 Four issues constitute a month. All advertisements run and charged for until ordered out, unless limit is specified when insertion is made. Special prices on time contracts. Local notices, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

SPECIAL NOTICES.
 Communications to insure publication must bear the signature of the writer, as well as the nom de plume under which they write. This is required merely as a guarantee of good faith. Obituaries, Cards of Thanks, etc., are inserted at one-half the regular advertising rates. Positively no deviation from this rule.

W. P. Browning & Co. sell the best Sewing Machine on the market at \$18 and \$20.

For nice, fresh groceries cheap see

Chenault & Hand,

The Best Remedy for Croup.

From the Atchison, Kan., Daily Globe.

This is the season when the woman who knows the best remedies for croup is in demand in every community. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whoop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost sure to be lost, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be lost in case of burglars. There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for croup, known as hivy syrup and tolu, but some modern mothers say that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It causes the patient to "throw up phlegm" quicker, and gives relief in a short time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

Reduction Sale....

Realizing the necessity of reducing my stock of Millinery goods, I have inaugurated a reduction sale, and for a short time you can buy anything in the stock a discount of 20 per cent Everything new. Come quick.

Mrs. F. B. Hoople.

Cotton May Advance!

But we will sell Hardware and Groceries at prices that can not be beaten anywhere.

Our Stock is Complete and Up-to-Date. We handle:

The Best



Flour,
 Meat,
 Lard,
 Sugar,
 Coffee,
 Dried Fruits,
 Candies,
 Nuts,
 Delicacies,
 of Everything in Groceries.

The Best



Stoves,
 Wagons,
 Buggies,
 Plows,
 Sulkys,
 Disc Plows,
 Harrows,
 Planters,
 Cultivators,
 of Everything in Hardware

The Best Hames, the best Traces, the best Collars, the best Pads, the best Backbands, the best Lines—in fact the best of everything in Hardware, Groceries, Queesware, Feed, Etc., at BEST PRICES.

GEO. F. WEST.

...THE BEST DRAWING CARD...

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Implements
 Wagons
 Buggies
 Barbed Wire
 Nails, Stoves
 Tools
 Etc. Etc.

We claim that we handle the best line of Hardware Implements, etc., on the market. We have handled 'em long enough to know this. They are the cheapest because they last the longest. Come and take a look at our mammoth stock.

Hardware
 Queensware
 Glassware
 Tinware
 Graniteware
 Crockeryware
 Etc. Etc.

MERKEL,
 TEXAS.

W. H. DICKSON.

Cheap Watches.

Open face Silverine case, 7 jewel, lever movement only \$4.00 A variety of sizes 0, 6, 12 and 18 gold filled watches from \$8.00 to \$30.

R. B. Ustick.

Christmas Candies.

Candies for Christmas, a large and varied stock. Come to me for your Christmas delicacies.

S. W. SHEPPARD.

See Browning & Co. for lunch and dinner baskets, nice and cheap. Just the thing for school children.

We are prepared to fill your entire fall bill of groceries and provisions, and at prices excelled by no one.

Chenault & Hand.

The Mail reaches a class of folks that read advertisements.

Stepped Against a Hot Stove.

A child of Mrs. Geo. T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night bath, stepped back against a hot stove which burned him severely. The child was in great agony, and his mother could do nothing to pacify him. Remembering that she had a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, she thought she would try it. In less than half an hour after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Kellar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment and especially valuable for burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

For Sale—A lot fenced, good well, northeast corner of block, close to business part of town, not crowded, in good neighborhood, high and dry. Apply to S. M. Sewell, Merkel, Texas.

Fashions come and go. What then? HAWES Hats are worn by a million men.

J. T. MOUNT, Abilene, Texas.

Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing hon some firemen lately dragged a sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death ne It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do Dr. King's New Discovery consumption gives perfect protection against all throat, chest and lung troubles. Keep it near and avoid suffering, death, a doctor's bills. A teaspoon stops a late cough, persistent u the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Rust & Pittard Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

We make a specialty of handling only the best grocerie fresh from the markets, and they are not old or musty when you get them. Give us a trial. Chenault & Hand.

Nursery Stock.

I have 10,000 trees en route and much new stock on hand. If you want fruit trees, shade trees, vines, shrubbery, etc., should be glad to figure with you. No better nursery stock to be found, and the prices are low. J. D. BORN

...MONEY ON LAND...

Our inspector will be in this territory again about the 5th of December, which will be his last trip here until after the holidays, so if any one wanting to borrow money on their land between now and the first of February will have to see us and make application between now and the first of December. We can give you from five to ten year annual payment loan, 8 per cent interest. Can take up and extend the time of payment of the notes now against your land, if any, relieving you of any payment at all this fall, or make you a straight loan if your title and security is satisfactory to us. Cost you nothing to write us for terms and particulars. Do it at once if you are going to want a loan within next three months

COMPERE BROS.:

Land Dealers and Money Lenders, : ABILENE, TEXAS.

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT 25

OR ONE-FOURTH OFF ON ALL

Mens, Boys, Childrens Clothing and Ladies and Misses Jackets

Beginning Thursday,

Nov. 27

and continuing 15 days.

\$2,500

Worth of New and Seasonable Clothing Slaughtered.

This 25 per cent reduction means less than the Manufacturer's Cost on some lots of these goods. Now's the opportunity to buy your Fall Suit, Overcoat or Jacket for less money than you have ever been able to buy them before.

We have the Finest Stock of Clothing in this town; Clothing that Fits; Clothing that will wear, and impress you as being the correct things. And we offer you the profits on them.

Today is worth a dozen tomorrows, so come now and let us fit you up, as this sale will positively not last but a few days. Its object is to extend business, draw people to our store, make friends of them, and so impress them with the uptodatensness of our goods and simplicity of our prices that they will continue our customers. Our time and best efforts we devote willingly and exclusively to the futherance of this Clothing Sale for the next 15 days. Now will you let this opportunity pass without supplying your wants? You can't afford it. Work Clothes not included in this sale.

Come to see us for Stylish Clothing and the Lowest Prices.

Watson & Bacon,

The Spot Cash Merchnts.

Successors to Austin Fitts, : Merkel.

Four Handsome Presents.

Will be given away at our Grand Opening of Holiday Goods, Saturday, Nov. 29. One for a Lady, one for a Gentleman, one for a Girl and one for a Boy. Each visitors name will be registered and numbered and numbers drawn.

Its strong talk, but we have the finest assortment of Christmas goods in Texas and every reader of The Mail is invited to pay us a visit. We have filled one house with Christmas goods alone.

Bass Bros. Drug Co.,
Abilene, Texas.

The First National Bank has ordered and will soon install a Burroughs adding machine. This is one of the greatest of time-savers and money-makers, and will be hailed with delight by the book-keepers. Nothing is too good for employes of this bank.

Tax Collector Baylor Crawford was issuing tax receipts here this week.

J. P. Copeland arrived from Arkansas Sunday and his daughter, Mrs. Horn, came in Tuesday. The family ate Thanksgiving dinner with Dr. J. H. C. King.

Elsewhere it is stated that the railway company will move the stockpens west of town, but the report is incorrect. The pens are being treated to a coat of white paint, which belies the statement that they are to be moved.

Agent McCord is snugly domiciled in a box car, but will no doubt hail with delight the completion of the depot.

Love is the most sacred word ever framed by celestial lips. It embraces all that is holy in human life. Every gleam of supernal glory that radiates from the immaculate throne of the infinite. Of love was born every grace and beauty in heaven and earth, every holy inspiration, every hope of immortality. It's the law of life, the harmony of heaven, the breath of which the universe was born the divine essence incarnate of the ever living God.—Ex.

All the best brands of cigars at Burroughs & Mann's.

Mother

Lost Reason After LaGrippe.

Daughter Had Frequent Spasms.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Cured Them Both.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is a specific for nervous disorders. It removes the cause and effects a speedy and permanent cure.

"I feel it is my duty to let you know that your medicines have cured my little girl of nine, of spasms. She commenced having them at the age of three. Our family doctor said she would outgrow them but she did not. We took her to another physician who said her trouble was epileptic fits in a mild form. He did her no good either. She was so nervous she could hardly walk. As I had already used Dr. Miles' Nervine and found it a good remedy for myself I commenced giving it to my child. I gave her in all ten bottles of the Nervine and one of the Blood Purifier. That was over two years ago and she has not had an attack since we commenced the treatment. She is no longer troubled with nervousness and we consider her permanently cured. I enclose her picture. My mother-in-law lost her reason and was insane for three months from the effects of LaGrippe. Six bottles of Dr. Miles' Nervine cured her. My sister has also taken it for sick headache with good results. We all thank you very much for your good medicines and kind advice. I don't think there is any other medicine half so good. I send my daughter's photograph so that you may see what a sweet little girl she is out in Arkansas."—MRS. HANNAH BARKETT, Springdale, Ark.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.



WHEN YOU WANT

A Wagon that will not "fall down" when you need it the most, get an "OLD RELIABLE MITCHELL." It is the Strongest, Most Durable, Best Finished, Best Proportioned and Lightest Running Wagon on the Market.

ONE QUALITY ONLY—THAT THE BEST.

ED S. HUGHES & CO.,
ABILENE, TEXAS

S. W. SHEPPARD

Groceries,
Vegetables
Fruits
Country
Produce
and Fresh
Meats, etc.

We sell almost everything afforded by the market, and sell at reasonable prices. Come to us for your groceries....

Groceries, Furnishings, Notions

WE have moved into the building next door to Warnick's Bank. Our stock embraces Groceries, Furnishing Goods and Notions, and we flatter ourselves that you will not find a better, nicer or neater stock in the town. We are making very low prices, quality of goods considered. A trial order is all we ask and we are sure you will always be our customer.

Remember, our stock is fresh and new; we have no shop-worn stuff to work off.

HILL & MARTIN.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

We have moved into the big corner building formerly occupied by the Globe, where we should be pleased to have you call on us when in Abilene. We will make it to your interest to do so.

ROLLINS & YOUNG.

A Dangerous Month.

This is the month of coughs, colds and acute catarrh. Do you catch cold easily? Find yourself hoarse, with a tickling in your throat and an annoying cough at night? Then, you should always have handy, a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. J. A. Anderson, 354 W. 5th St., Salt Lake City, writes: "We use Ballard's Horehound Syrup for coughs and colds. It gives immediate relief. We know it's the best remedy for these troubles. I write this to induce other people to try this pleasant and efficient remedy." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard's.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. The DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS gives the facts in the case

SPECIALLY EDITED

If you'll read The News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention. It is specially edited, that's why. Brains and not hap-hazzard go into The News' make-up.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED ...

You need THE MERKEL MAIL, because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need The News, because it gives you all the State news. The Merkel Mail and The Semi-Weekly News one year for only \$1.75, CASH IN ADVANCE. The News is promptly stopped at expiration of time paid for. Subscribe now.

Advertising is the secret of success in every business.

THE

BIG COST SALE

STILL CONTINUES.

We are selling **MORE GOODS** and **BETTER GOODS** than you ever saw for the Sum of Money we are **SELLING THEM**. For. Come to US for

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Etc.

WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY. WE MUST REDUCE OUR STOCK BEFORE WE LEAVE MERKEL. And this is a Good Chance to get your **FALL SUPPLIES** at a great saving.

WE DON'T ASK YOU TO PAY US A PROFIT, EITHER. All we want is your help in reducing our stock of goods.

COME IN AND LOOK THROUGH
WITH US...

THE - GLOBE.

MERKEL, - - - TEXAS

Startling, but True.

One knew what a
vicine Dr. King's
s," writes D. H.
town, Pa.,
all you had in a day.
weeks' use has made a new
n of me." Infallible for consti-
pation, stomach and liver
troubles. 25 cents at Rust &
Pittard's.

During our removal sale you
can buy Hamilton-Brown \$2.50
shoes for \$2.25 and our \$3.00
Thoroughbred hats for \$2.70.

J. T. Warren.

Tragedy at Wingate.

News was brought here Sun-
day by Mr. Slaten of a tragedy
which occurred at Wingate in
Runnels county, 30 miles south
of here, Saturday, in which
County Commissioner C. J. Nor-
ton shot and killed a merchant
by the name of Earl Moore, then
killed his own wife and finished
his bloody work by committing
suicide.

No further particulars of the
deplorable affair are obtainable.

The new school building will
hardly be ready for occupancy
before the second term, Jan. 1.
The brick work was rounded off
Saturday, and the carpenters are
now in charge of the building.

Elder G. E. Pike of the Chris-
tian church will preach at the
Presbyterian church next Sun-
day, morning and evening.

Mr. Mayberry and family, with
two neighbors, of near Taopi,
Fisher county, marketed 15
bales of cotton Thursday, and
loaded out with about \$400 worth
of supplies. Fisher county peo-
ple know where to get bargains.

Will Woods, formerly drug
clerk here, was married near
Ballinger, last week, to Miss
essie Cook, daughter of ex-
-iff H. B. Cook.

owdrift—the best lard com-
nd made—can be found only
Chenault & Hand's. Try a

Quite a lot of Abilene amateurs
nted out the country for birds
t week, but few were bagged.
ail are scarcer this year than
r before. Farmers say that
the young birds were drowned
ing the July floods, and that
old birds migrated. Ducks,
ever, are plentiful and by
son of the rank vegetation
l large number of insects are
y fat and fine eating.

Geo. S. Berry and family
ited in Abilene Sunday.

The editor of The Mail last
ek sold to C. E. Evans lots
ud 8 in block 42, situated just
st of Geo. S. Berry's residence.
of. Evans will likely build on
m in the near future.

The Merkel Independent School
x is now due and payable at
office.

John Elliott,
Tax Collector.

Always the Way.

Said Adam to Eve
One day ere the fall
Had, by the Old Serpent,
Set sin on us all,
"I wish you to go
This evening with me,
The beautiful sights
In the garden to see."

Eve bridled at once,
As women still do,
And the place for a moment
To Adam looked blue.
"How can I!" she said,
With a rancorous air;
"You know very well
I have nothing to wear."

—Wm. J. Lampton.

Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm.
Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Vt.,
got a box of Bucklen's Arnica
Salve, that wholly cured a hor-
rible fever sore on his leg. Noth-
ing else could. Positiyely cures
bruises, felons, ulcers, eruptions,
boils, burns, corns and piles.
Only 25c. Guaranteed by Rust
& Pittard.

Lots of new goods to show you.
If you want Watches, Rings,
Charms, all kinds of Buttons,
Silverware, etc., see Ustick.

A Good Man Gone.

Mr. Jas. R. Campbell died
Saturday moning at 7:20 after a
lingering illness of several
years' duration. He was in his
76th year. Funeral services
were conducted at the Cumber-
land Presbyterian church Sun-
day morning at 10 a. m., Rev.
A. A. Baker, pastor, conducting
the services, who paid a high
tribute to deceased both as a
citizen and Christian. The in-
terment took place at Merkel
cemetery immediately after the
services.

Mr. Campbell was one of our
best known and most highly re-
spected citizens. He had re-
sided here many years, but the
past few years had been com-
paratively an invalid. He leaves
a host of relatives to mourn his
loss, and with the many friends
of the family The Mail extends
to them its deepest sympathy.

The Tobacco Plant.

We have often made mention
of the numerous products and
plants that thrive here and this
time it is the tobacco that comes
to the front. Besides being a
curiosity to many here who never
saw the tobacco plant, that grown
by L. J. Nichols shows what the
product will do in this soil and
climate. A leaf of the tobacco
brought to this office measured
18 inches in width and 31 inches
in length.—Snyder Coming West.

Huse Watkins, doing a small
general merchandising business
at Nubia, made an assignment
ment Friday for the benefit of
his creditors, n a m i n g H. O.
Wooten & Co. as assignees. The
amounts are not known.

The looting of a camper's
wagon, as mentioned last week,
occurred at Freemon & Hughes'
wagon yard and not Story's.

Pictures, size 16x20, with 4
inch frames, only \$1.25 at
Browning's.

For Sale—Surry and harness,
good as new; also a gentle, well
broke mare. Cash or good
notes.

J. A. Adkisson.

It is said that the stock pens
will be moved half a mile west
of town, just beyond the section
house. This will be agreeable
news to the people, and especially
to local stockmen, the crowded
condition of the pens making it
almost impossible to pen cattle
there.

New Corporation for Sweetwater.

The Berry Hardware Company
of Sweetwater will soon apply
for a charter from the State, the
corporation having already been
organized with a capital stock of
\$20,000. Will Berry of Sweet-
water, who started the business
sometime ago, W. Burton of
Ft. Worth, who is manager of
the Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.,
and Geo. S. Berry of this place
are the stockholders. It is a
strong aggregation of business
men, which insures the success
of the institution from the be-
ginning.

A Great Removal Sale!

In Order to Reduce Stock before moving into
our new Building we offer...

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT
on ALL DRY GOODS, SHOES, HATS, CLOTH-
ING and FURNISHING GOODS.

This sale will be on for 20 or 30 days and it will give
everybody a chance to buy their winter bills of new and
seasonable merchandise at 10 per cent less than actual
value. No shoddy, shelf-worn goods, but everything
new and bright. To get the benefit of this sale

Cash Must Accompany the Order!

Positively no goods charged at these prices. The goods
are here for everybody. Come and get your choice.

This sale begins Friday, Oct. 24, 1902.

J. T. WARREN.

MERKEL, TEXAS....

Beautiful Clear Skies.

Herbine exerts a direct in-
fluence on the bowels, liver and
kidneys, purifying and strength-
ening these organs, and main-
taining them in a normal con-
dition of health; thus removing
a common cause of yellow, mothy,
greasy skin, and more or less
of pimples, blotches and black-
heads. 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

We have the nobbiest suits in
town at 10 per cent discount dur-
ing removal sale.

J. T. Warren.

To The Public.

Those who have second-hand
goods for sale take them to J. C.
Watkins.

Burroughs & Mann now have
a large and complete stock of
drugs and sundries. They want
your trake. Next door to First
National Bank,

McDonald \$1.00 overalls for
90c till we get moved.

J. T. Warren.

Buy school shoes for your
children while you can get them
for 10 per cent less than real value.

J. T. Warren.

Bring us your prescriptions.
Gur drugs are pure and fresh.
Burroughs & Mann.

Ever ready, always reliable,
are Cheatham's Laxative Tab-
lets. They cure a cold quicker
than any known remedy. Easy
to carry, pleasant to take. Guar-
anteed. Price 22c.

Choice of our \$10 overcoats for
\$9 at the removal sale.

J. T. Warren.

All the best brands of cigars at
Burroughs & Mann's.

MONEY SAVED

By Buying
Your.....

FURNITURE

Rockers
Bedsteads
Chiffoniers
Fold. Beds
Writ.Desks
Iron Beds
Dressers
Tables
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Full and Complete Line of....

Undertakers' Goods, Funeral Robes, Gloves and Shoes.

We are showing a nice
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Rugs—all grades, and the
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ery purse, large or small.

We are not subject to
spasmodic spells of sell-
ing goods cheap for a
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**Best Goods at Lowest Liv-
ing Prices, 365 Days in the
Year.** Come and be con-
vinced.

Yours truly.

W.P.Browning and Company.

The Mail gives all the news.

At best life is but short. Do
not make it shorter yet by rank
neglect of that cough of yours,
when one bottle of Simmons'
Cough Syrup would cure you.
Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50
cents.

Cut Half in Two.

During the next few days, in
order to reduce stock, I will sell
all Bracelets at exactly HALF
Price. Every one a rare barg-
gain.

Ustick.

W. P. Browning & Co. will
give you a bargain in Sideboards
and Folding Beds.

Remember to bring the cash
to get advantage of the 10 per
cent discount offered at Warren's.
This is done to reduce stock prior
to moving into his new building.

Those beautiful \$1.50 waist
patterns can be bought at re-
moval sale for \$1.35.

J. T. Warren.

Don't buy your holiday goods
until you inspect our stock; it
will interest you. Will be opened
up soon.

Burroughs & Mann.

Ustick has moved his jewelry
store into the Thornton old
building; call and see him.

Stock Ranches and Farms For Sale.

If you want to purchase a
stock ranch, any size, from 640
to 8,000 acres, with or without
stock, situated in Taylor, Jones,
Fisher, Nolan or Mitchell coun-
ties; or if you want an improved
farm, 80 to 320 acres, near good
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W. W. Wheeler,

Merkel, Texas.

First National Bank Building.

Now's the time to advertise.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT THE GREAT FAMILY MEDICINE

Theford's Black-Draught has saved doctors' bills for more than sixty years. For the common family ailments, such as constipation, indigestion, hard colds, bowel complaints, chills and fever, biliousness, headaches and other like complaints no other medicine is necessary. It invigorates and regulates the liver, assists digestion, stimulates action of the kidneys, purifies the blood, and purges the bowels of foul accumulations. It cures liver complaint, indigestion, sour stomach, dizziness, chills, rheumatic pains, sideache, backache, kidney troubles, constipation, diarrhoea, biliousness, piles, hard colds and headache. Every druggist has Theford's Black-Draught in 25 cent packages and in mammoth size for \$1.00. Never accept a substitute. Insist on having the original made by the Chattanooga Medicine Company.

I believe Theford's Black-Draught is the best medicine on earth. It is good for any and everything. I have a family of twelve children, and for four years I have kept them on foot and healthy with no doctor but Black-Draught. A. J. GREEN, Illwaco, La.

Holiday Goods.

Don't buy holiday goods until you have examined our stock. It is the largest and best we have ever carried.

Rust & Pittard.

All itching diseases are embarrassing as well as annoying. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and permanently cure all forms of such diseases. Guaranteed. Price 50c.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, but Simmons' Cough Syrup soothes any breast; if same be afflicted with coughs, colds and like troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

"Chronic cases" that's what the doctors call them, which in common English means—long sickness.

To stop the continued loss of flesh they need Scott's Emulsion. For the feeling of weakness they need Scott's Emulsion.

It makes new flesh and gives new life to the weak system.

Scott's Emulsion gets thin and weak persons out of the rut. It makes new, rich blood, strengthens the nerves and gives appetite for ordinary food.

Scott's Emulsion can be taken as long as sickness lasts and do good all the time.

There's new strength and fresh in every dose.

We will be glad to send you a few doses free.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Scott's Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE,
Chemists,
109 Pearl St., N. Y.

Sold at all druggists.

You can pay \$5.00 for a Hat and be no better satisfied than with a HAWES for \$3.00. 4t
J. T. MOUNT,
Abilene, Texas.

Worm Destroyer.

White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Rust & Pittard's.

Sam Bass, a successful young farmer near Edgewood, said Tuesday that he had noticed in last week's Chronicle the method of burning stalks, etc., as suggested for the prevention of chinch bugs, boll worms, boll weevils and other insect pests. He said he tried that plan this year and is sure that it is a great thing. He is making a bale and a half of cotton to the acre on land that he tried this on, while his neighbors were eaten up by the bollworm. There is no question but this method will be a great benefit to the farmers if carried out.—Wills Point Chronicle.

Advertised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, and if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office Dec. 1. When calling for them please state advertised.

MATTIE R. WITT, P. M.

- Burk, John
- Cordill, W. T.
- Daniels, Miss Ellie
- Henderson, Elias.
- Henderson, Mrs. S. J.
- Prater, H. H.
- Strawn, Miss Frona

For catarrh and colds in the head, Hunt's Lightning Oil inhaled is a safe cure. A few drops taken internally relieves and cures cramp colic, cholera morbus and such troubles. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

NO. 5661 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank of Merkel

At Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business, Nov. 25, 1902

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$102,544.81
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	9,064.63
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	15,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	956.25
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	6,000.00
Due from Natl Banks (not reserve agts).....	2,754.14
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	7,785.63
Due from approved reserve agents.....	5,405.78
Checks and other cash items.....	837.19
Notes of other National Banks.....	615.00
Frac. paper currency, nickles & cents.....	3.15
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ	
Specie.....	698.00
Legal-tender notes.....	8,198.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	750.00
TOTAL.....	\$159,904.20

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus fund.....	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	3,133.07
National Bank notes outstanding.....	15,000.00
Due to other National Banks.....	86.12
Due to approved reserve agents.....	167.27
Individual deposits subject to check.....	79,774.59
Time certificates of deposit.....	2,000.00
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	143.15
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	13,900.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	10,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$159,904.20

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, ss:
I, Geo. S. Berry, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. S. BERRY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26, day of Nov., 1902.
W. W. WHEELER,
Notary Public.
[SEAL]
CORRECT—Attest: Taylor Co., Texas.
J. T. WARREN,
G. F. WEST,
J. O. HAMILTON, Directors

To Whom It May Concern.

Parties who owe interest on notes given for Grimes County School Lands please remit. The interest is now past due and I am compelled to report all delinquents to Commissioners' Court Nov. 1, 1902.

Haynes Shannon,
3t County Atty. Grimes Co.

..ALWAYS BUY THE BEST..

THE BEST GOES FARTHEREST

And when combined with Low Prices you have a combination that will win out.

In making our selections for this season we were careful in getting dependable goods only. It is best to buy the best, worthy goods at worthy prices. Two things that have made this store the most popular in this country: First, all that is latest, all that is good you find here. Second, our prices are absolutely the most reasonable. ∴ Come to us and let us verify these statements to your own satisfaction. We can do it easily.

Our Goods Are Right! Our Prices Are Right!

Handsome Premiums Free.

We have filled a pint jar with beans and the first person guessing the number of beans the jar contains will get the premium, a ladies' watch, 25 year case, 15 jewel Waltham movement. Every purchase amounting to \$1 entitles you to a guess. In addition to this, with every 25c purchase of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc., we give a coupon which is redeemable in Holiday Queensware. Look at them.

Yours for Fall Trade,

J. P. Sharp & Co.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL

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GEO. S. BERRY, CASHIER.
T. A. JOHNSON, ASST. CASHIER.

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SURPLUS, \$ 9,000



Agreeable Business Relations may be Permanently Sustained only by the exercise of a spirit of Mutual Consideration, Fairness and Courtesy. We try to give our friends "value received for the business done with us. At the same time we want them to know that we appreciate their patronage, as well as the active interest they have shown in our general welfare.

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the kidneys, purify the blood and cure rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50c at Rust & Pittard's.

We are sole agents for the celebrated HAWES Hats. The latest novelties in the Alpine and Derby.

J. T. MOUNT,
Abilene, Texas. 4t

Best Liniment on Earth.

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Tex., writes, Nov. 2, 1900: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liniment to be the best liniment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, sciatic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liniment, you will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Rust & Pittard.

Wanted—One hundred horses to pasture. Grass good. Address

J. D. Magee,
Abilene, Texas.

For a Bad Cold.

If you have a bad cold you need some good reliable medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to loosen and relieve it, and allay the irritation and inflammation of the throat and lungs. For sale by Rust & Pittard.

W. Burton came in from Fort Worth Friday and spent the day here looking after his large interests.

Don't Become Discouraged, But use Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box). Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see THAT IT'S "Purifier" and manufactured by A. C. Simmons, Jr. Med. Co.

A brand new Davis sewing machine worth \$65 for sale for \$35 cash or good note. Time for suit purchaser. Call at this office.

A Great Sacrifice Sale!

Our \$60,000 Stock of brand New Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes must be sold, yes sacrificed, regardless of what it cost. We have bought too many goods, are overstocked and in order to turn them into **MONEY** we are going to sacrifice them. This enormous stock was bought when "Cotton Prospects were better;" we anticipated a 30,000 bale crop, tho it will not reach more than half that, and so our object of this sacrifice sale is to turn our goods into **CASH**. It matters nothing to you whether we sell at cost or below. "Our loss is your gain;" we figure this way, that we would rather take cost and less than cost on many articles, rather than carry them over until next season. Remember this is no **FAKE SALE, FLIM FLAM** nor **BLUFF**, but we mean exactly what we say, we must turn our stock into money regardless of value. We have closed our Books and most positively will not Charge goods to any one until after Jan. 1, 1903. Not only a few **LEADERS** as a bait, but every article in our store is a **LEADER**. Our aim is not to make money, all we want to do, and must do, is to turn our stock into **CASH** regardless of what it **COST**. Read carefully the Price List below. **BRING PRICE LIST WITH YOU** and see if what we say is not the truth. Remember this sale lasts until Jan. 1, 1903.

Staple Department

Read carefully the sacrifice price in this department; compare them with our competitors' cost price and see if we don't offer them for less.

5000 yds calico, all standard brands, such as Simpson, Garners, American Indigo, in fact any piece of calico in our store, go at sale price 3½c

5000 yds L L brown sea island domestic, full yard wide, weighs 4 yds to the lb, goes at sale price 3½c

2000 yds zephyr gingham and toll du norde, no better gingham made, former price 12½, sale price 8c

2000 yds Amoskeag gingham in apron checks and dress styles, are cheap at 8½c, sale price 5c

50 yds table oil cloth in colored white and marble, former price 20, sale price 12½c

1200 yds Lonsdale and fruit of the loom domestic, was 10c, sale price 6¼c

1500 yds "Good as Gold" domestic, yard wide and positively no starch, was 8½c, sale price 5c

1000 yds clover brand bleach domestic, positively no starch, was 6¼c, sale price 4c

900 yds dress gingham, new, neat patterns, formerly sold for 7½c, sale price 3½c

2000 yds Outing in solid colors, light and dark plaids, was 10c, sale price 7½c

1000 yds Knights finished cambric, was 8½c, sale price, 6c

1000 yds dress Outing, all this line sold for 6½, 7½ and 8½c, sale price 5c

10 pcs 10-4 brown pepperell sheeting, was 25c, sale price 17½

10 pcs 9-4 brown pepperell, was 22½c, sale price 16c

5 pcs 10-4 bleached pepperell, was 22½, sale price 18½c

5 pcs 9-4 bleached pepperell, was 25c, sale price 17½c

5 pcs good brown sheeting in 10-4, was a bargain at 20c, sale price 12½c

15 pcs ACA feather tick, was 16½c, sale price 10c

20 pcs good mattress tick, formerly sold for 7½ and 8c, sale price 5c

1500 yds brown cotton flannel,

extra heavy quality, was 12½c, sale price 8 1-6c

1500 yds brown cotton flannel, good heavy quality, was a bargain at 10c, sale price 5c

1000 yds good brown cotton flannel, was 7½ and 8c, sale price 5c

1000 yds cotton crash toweling, this is a hummer, was 6 and 7½c sale price 3½c

50 five lb calico rolls, this is what is known as the \$1.00 roll, go at sale price for 75c

Blankets and Comforts

Here is where we lose sight of cost and value. We are overstocked, hence the sacrifice.

Lot 1, 8 prs white all wool 12-4 California blankets, elegant goods and bordered in silk, were cheap at \$16, sale price \$11

Lot 2, 20 prs white, gray and tan, all wool 11-4 blankets, former price \$10, sale price \$6.30

Lot 3, 20 prs all wool 11-4 blankets, they were beauties for \$6, go at sale price \$3.85

Lot 4, 15 prs all wool 10-4 blankets, extra heavy weight, were \$5, sale price \$3.30

Lot 5, any of our all wool \$4.50 blankets go at sale price \$3.10

Lot 6, any of our all wool \$3.50 blankets go at sale price \$2.35

Lot 7, any of our \$2.50 blankets go at sale price \$1.71

Lot 8, any of our \$2 white and gray blankets go at \$1.37½

Lot 9, any of our \$1.75 and \$1.50 white and gray blankets go at \$1.10

Lot 10, any of our \$1.25 blankets go at sale price 85c

Lot 11, any of our \$1 blankets go at 70c

Lot 12, any of our 75c blankets go at 55c

Lot 13, any of our 50 and 65c blankets go at 38c

5 down comforts, silk Fullord tops, mercerized sateen bottom, elegantly stitched, were \$10, go at \$6.85

7 Down comforts, extra fine quality mercerised sateen, looks like fine satin, were \$5, sale price \$3.85.

All our \$3 50 cotton comforts go at sale price for \$2.20

All our \$2 50 cotton comforts go at \$1.75

All our \$2 comforts go at sale price \$1.27½

All our \$1.25 and \$1.50 comforts go at \$1.10

All our \$1 comforts go at .72½

All our 75c comforts go at sale price 55c

Clothes Department.

\$12,500 in Mens and Boys clothing and overcoats that must sacrificed, as we have to have money, and in order to reduce this stock we are going to lose sight of the cost and value. So here goes, all the clothing is bran new and bought direct from the manufactures:

\$20.00 Mens Overcoats at \$14.30

18 " " 13.00

16.50 " " 11.00

15 " " 10.45

13.50 " " 9.25

12.50 " " 7.42

10 " " 6.25

8.50 " " 5.50

7.50 " " 5.05

6.50 " " 4.40

5.00 " " 3.85

3.50 " " 2.20

\$22.00 Mens Suits 15.95

20.00 " " 13.75

17.50 " " 12.65

16.50 " " 11.00

15.00 " " 10.25

12.50 " " 8.80

10.00 " " 7.52

8.50 " " 5.85

7.50 " " 5.50

6.50 " " 4.35

5.00 " " 3.85

\$12.50 Boys long pans suits 7.40

10.00 " " 7.60

7.50 " " 5.50

6.50 " " 3.85

5.00 " " 3.30

4.00 " " 2.70

\$7.50 Knee Pants 4.95

6.50 " " 4.40

5.00 " " 3.85

4.50 " " 3.30

3.50 " " 3.20

2.00 " " 1.23

1.50 " " 1.10

1.25 " " .85

1.00 " " .70

.75 " " .55

Suits—here is where we are also overstocked, and the greatest opportunity of your life to get a Suit, Skirt or Cloak at a sacrifice. Read carefully the prices:

\$20.00 Ladies Tailor Suits \$14.85

17.50 " " 11.95

15.00 " " 9.35

7.50 " " 5.50

10.00 Ladies Tailor Skirts 7.15

8.00 " " 5.50

6.50 " " 4.15

5.00 " " 3.85

4.50 " " 3.30

4.00 " " 2.75

3.50 " " 1.95

2.50 " " 1.75

1.50 " " 1.10

\$17.50 Monto Carlo Coats 11.50

15.00 " " 9.35

12.50 " " 8.55

8.50 " " 5.50

7.50 Ladies New Jackets 4.15

5.00 " " 3.85

4.50 " " 3.30

4.00 " " 2.85

3.50 " " 2.25

We have a few odd lots in Ladies Jackets that formerly sold for \$1.50, \$2, and \$2.50, sale price .75, \$1 and \$1.35.

\$750 invested in Childrens and Misses cloaks & reefers, that must be sold regardless of cost or value, ask to see them.

Hat Department.

\$1500 in J. B. Stetson hats and they must be sold regardless of value, so here goes:

Our \$10 Stetson Hats go at \$7.70

8.00 " " 6.60

6.50 " " 4.95

6.00 " " 4.40

5.50 " " 4.15

5.00 " " 3.85

4.50 " " 3.58

4.00 " " 2.75

3.00 Thoroughbred hats 2.20

2.50 " " 1.58

2.00 " " 1.38

1.50 " " 1.10

1.25 " " .85

.75 " " .55

2.00 Boys hats go at 1.38

1.50 " " 1.10

1.25 " " .85

1.00 " " .70

.75 " " .55

.50 " " .30

.25 " " 18.

The hats mentioned above are all new styles and shapes. Don't fail to ask for them.

Capes, Suits and Skirts.

Cloaks, Skirts and Tailor made

Abilene Dry Goods Co.,

Your Winter Bills...

TIME TO LOOSEN PURSE STRINGS

and get ready for fall buying. It is our ambition to serve the people well and satisfy them in every way.

We are not selling out at cost but are here to stay and will meet any and all prices made; so when you get ready to make your fall bills come in and see us, for we are making greatly reduced prices on everything in Dry Goods Clothing Shoes, etc.

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G. E. Comegys, C. C.
John Elliott, Clerk.

Ramblings Through Mexico.

By J. L. VAUGHAN.

CUERNAVACA CONT.

At the Hotel Morelos we found several American boarders and health seekers, and some wealthy Mexicans from the capitol. This is quite a large hotel occupying two buildings on each side of the main street; the cooking is done in American style, which is supplied in abundance. Strawberries are served every day in the year. Mr. Hall says he started three years ago with a few hundred vines; now he has 75,000, and it takes two men to care for them. The city is lighted by electricity, but the street cars that run between the depot and the city have mule power. The two principal churches are fine specimens of architecture. The cathedral was commenced in 1529, and the Church of Franciscans in 1535. The city has a fine public library and also public baths and swimming pools. Instead of having saloons on every principal corner they have stores and public buildings. The absence of saloons is noticeable and we did not see a drunk man on the streets. I heard of one saloon (Cantin) on a back street. The owner met us in the market and said he had some rare plants for sale, but when we learned they were near a saloon we did not go to see them.

Near the city are a number of places of interest: the Water Fall of San Anton is fine, especially in the rainy season; the residence of Maximilian and Carlotta during the Empire; the Hacienda of Atlacomulco, founded by Cortez in 1535 and still owned by his descendants; Taltenaugo ruins of the oldest sugar mills on the continent, founded by Cortez in 1530; the Prehistoric ruins of Xochicalco, and the Aztec temple of Tepoztlan, which is well preserved, are the most wonderful and grand outside of Egypt.

We received a pleasant visit from the Baptist missionary, Rev. Moore, and his wife, and from them we learned much about their work in this mission field, which is very encouraging. They have a very good congregation in the city, also several stations among the Indians in the surrounding country. In one Indian village near the top of Ajusco he has about 30 members. They are much encouraged in their work and feel that they are being blessed.

The Methodist Episcopal mis-

sion is also doing well, and they have a small church in the city, with several societies outside.

The Presbyterians have no station here, but had a good one at Chilpancingo before the earthquake; since then it has been transferred to Iguala.

Elder Hall, proprietor of Hotel Morelos, gives a glowing account of his work among the Indian population. He has several flourishing societies in the valley and on the mountain side. "One thing," he says, "characteristic of the Mormon people is their thrift. So soon as an Indian joins us he begins to save and acquire property, and you can tell him by his appearance from his neighbors." Whatever objections we may have to the Mormon doctrine, there is one thing we must admit and that is their industry. The history of Utah and the colonies of Northern Mexico testify to their industry and thrift. But I also add that the change in the lives of the converts of the other missions is equally marked.

Land can be bought at reasonable prices around the city. The Indian holdings of a few acres can be bought for from one to three hundred Mexican dollars. One of these is too small for an American, but by buying others adjoining he could soon have a respectable little farm. Some of these may have fruit on them, which would furnish him with an income till he could plant finer fruits and have them bearing. As for markets, the City of Mexico will always be a good market, and a run of four hours by rail is not expensive or injurious to the fruit.

May 27th, at 12:30, p. m., we leave for the capitol.

J. L. VAUGHAN.

The Divorce Question.

Will some one who advocates the doctrine of no divorce please tell us what should be done with the following case? Or does it come under the head of cruel treatment to animals?

A Salem, Mass., man, who sought a divorce, proved, according to a Boston paper, that his wife tore the sign from his store, put into his tea something that made him vomit, threw his clothes downstairs, filled his shoes with cold water, put swill in his overcoat pocket, threw water over him as he went downstairs, put pepper in his

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GEO. L. PAXTON,

ABILENE, TEXAS.

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Cures Headache, Neuralgia and Colds...

Your druggist authorized to refund money if it does not benefit.

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bed, made him sleep in the attic, kept in her bed an iron bar eight inches long and threatened him when he approached her, wouldn't do his washing, wouldn't mend his clothes, made him darn his socks and sew buttons on his shirts, spat on his toast when he was getting his breakfast, rocked in a squeaky chair for hours to annoy him, put grease on his

Sunday clothes, wouldn't let him have a fire on the coldest evening, so that he often had to go to bed at 7 p. m. to keep warm, and finally she rubbed a butcher-knife across his neck and threatened to blow out his brains.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Weatherford, will be in Merkel Nov. 29th.