

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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8 PAGES

## THE DISTRICT COURT

First Case Disposed of in Favor of the Plaintiff—Two Murder Cases.

## HAVE A HEAVY CIVIL DOCKET

Court Adjourned Tuesday Out of Respect to W. H. Graham, Court Stenographer Whose Brother Had Died.

District court disposed of the case of Mrs. M. J. Stimpson vs. D. G. Hill in a suit for back taxes on land purchased from defenat in favor of the plaintiff. The amount of the judgment was \$342.79.

The case of the state vs. Carl Howerton, charged with burglary, was set for next Monday. Monday, March 12 the case of the state vs. Will Drake, charged with murder in Eastland county will come up. This case was reversed by the court of Appeals and goes to trial with great interest.

Cases set for this week are as follows:

- First State Bank & Trust Co. vs. H. A. McMinn et al.
- W. E. Kirk et al vs. R. S. Woodrum et al.
- Henry Sales, Jr., vs. R. L. Copenhaver et al.
- W. F. Robinson vs. L. B. Biggs et al.
- Friedman, Shelby Shoe Co. vs. E. G. King.
- W. McCullough vs. W. A. Cozort et al.
- R. H. Burges vs. Claude E. Jones et al.
- C. F. Witherspoon & Sons vs. R. N. Leggett.
- Jesse Cannon vs. W. M. Stephens.
- Boone-Muller, Hardware Co. vs. W. P. Dorris et al.
- Darnell Lumber Co. vs. W. H. Maxwell.
- J. D. Carrington vs. B. F. Townsend et al.
- E. P. Sandell vs. W. W. Tomlinson et al.
- J. W. Carter vs. J. A. Snell.
- L. D. Harris vs. H. Turner et al.
- Henry James vs. George W. McDaniel.
- Jim Neal vs. M. M. Hill et al.
- King Roberts vs. R. H. Grimes et al.
- Guaranty State Bank vs. B. E. Oliver.
- Francois C. Martin vs. Robin A. Jones.
- W. D. Girand vs. W. F. Martin.
- Mrs. H. M. Turknett vs. W. H. Turknett.
- P. T. Grogan vs. John Spaulding et al.
- T. R. Rhodes vs. Fuller Barnett et al.
- J. R. Creath vs. J. H. Revell et al.
- Geo. G. Murray vs. unknown heirs Sententious et al.
- T. C. Brazwell vs. H. T. Armstrong et al.
- M. C. Hobson vs. A. N. Pledger et al.
- T. R. Rhodes vs. Fuller Barnett et al.
- L. C. Scott vs. Jim Luallen.
- J. L. Baldwin vs. V. S. Cardwell.

Phone 170 for your dry goods and grocery wants. They will have prompt delivery. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

## NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

### Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

in the state of Texas, at the close of business Feb. 20, 1912:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$102,156.48
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	586.64
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,250.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	200.00
Furniture, and fixtures.....	2,800.00
Other real estate owned.....	1,397.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	10,708.70
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks.....	44.82
Due from approved reserve agents.....	51,989.78
Checks and other cash items.....	2,719.19
Bills of exchange on cotton.....	7,238.66
Notes of other National Banks.....	4,995.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	219.90
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	12,021.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	312.50
Total.....	\$203,680.42

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	7,586.05
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	8,575.10
Individual Deposits subject check.....	136,244.27
Cashiers Checks outstanding.....	35.00
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	None
Total.....	\$203,680.42

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, Thos. A. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thos. A. JOHNSON, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of February, 1912. H. C. Williams, Notary Public  
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, J. T. Howard, Directors

## NO. 354 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of

### First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 20th day of February, 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 1st day of March, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral.....	\$15,572.70
Loans, real estate.....	2,735.00
Overdrafts.....	588.15
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	\$8,836.54
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net.....	7,467.82
Cash items.....	5.29
Currency.....	2,537.00
Specie.....	404.70
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment for Guaranty Fund.....	20.11
Interest depositors guaranty fund.....	272.00
Total.....	\$39,770.37

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund.....	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,510.23
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	25,048.61
Cashiers checks.....	211.53
Total.....	\$39,770.37

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, R. B. Johnson as vice-president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
R. B. Johnson, Vice-President  
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of February, A. D., 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, L. E. Adrian, Directors

## Early Morning Fire.

Tuesday morning about six o'clock fire broke out in the home of T. M. Robertson, near the north ward school building. A bucket brigade held the fire in check until the department could respond, and had it not been for the chemical engine the fire no doubt would have destroyed the building, owing to something hanging on hose cart No. 1 and not permitting the reel to unwind.

A defective flue is supposed to be the cause of the fire, as it caught in the kitchen ceiling and burned out through the roof of the house.

Damage is estimated at about \$200, all covered by insurance. Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Rates.

For District Offices.....	\$7.50
For County Offices.....	7.50
For Precinct Offices.....	5.00
For City Offices.....	2.50
Subscription price, per year.....	1.00

### ALWAYS CASH IN ADVANCE

## TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES

- For District Judge 42nd District Dallas Scarborough
- For Representative Taylor County J. M. Wagstaff
- For Sheriff: S. E. Taylor (of Hamby) T. C. Weir (for re-election) Felix R. Jones
- For Treasurer: J. H. Thornton G. B. (Blue) Tittle J. W. Red J. W. Christopher
- For County Attorney: H. Rob. Keeble
- For County Clerk: W. J. (Dub) Young
- For Tax Collector: D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo) Baylor Crawford J. C. Burleson
- For Tax Assessor: W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene) C. B. Manly
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 2: J. L. Banner
- For Public Weigher, Merkel: H. H. Tittle

## JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES

- For Tax Collector W. R. Cranston

## Interesting W. O. W. Meeting.

The Shiloh and Nubia camps were well represented at the W. O. W. Meeting of the Merkel camp last Friday night. About forty members were present including nine visitors. Prof. Dubose of Shiloh was initiated, though he was a member of the camp of that place but had only taken part of the obligations, as their lodge was small and not prepared to initiate members to the full extent. The team work was very interesting there being a full team at work.

Several talks of interest were made by some of the visitors as well as some of the home members. Just before closing the session cigars and fruit were passed around which were enjoyed very much and to add more fun to the occasion several side degrees were given and many good hearty laughs were derived therefrom. The interest among the members of our camp is rapidly growing and the team work is being practiced every Wednesday night. All members are urged to come out and encourage the boys in this work.

We have now three full cars of Light Crust flour. Flour is advancing every day. We can sell you light Crust Flour now for what you pay for inferior grades. Try a sack. Light Crust Flour is better. Merkel Dry Goods & Goods & Grocery Co.

## NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Notice the label on your paper and see when it expires. For example, if the figures "11Aug12" appear on the wrapper, your paper will be out the eleventh of August 1912. Watch this and renew before the time is out so as to avoid missing a copy.

## NO. 10052 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

### The Southern National Bank

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Feb., 20, 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 97,983.89
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	858.19
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	14,000.00
Other real estate owned.....	8,484.42
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt).....	75.65
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks.....	7.00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	15,123.94
Checks and other cash items.....	2,252.68
Bills of Exchange on cotton.....	25,336.30
Notes of other National banks.....	3,960.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	188.00
Lawful Money Reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie.....	\$5,099.00
Legal-tender notes.....	5,010.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	625.00
Total.....	\$191,509.16

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	2,966.29
National Bank notes outstanding.....	12,500.00
Due to other National banks.....	2,455.33
Individual Deposits sub. to check.....	106,669.14
Cashiers checks outstanding.....	4,418.50
Bills Payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	10,000.00
Total.....	\$191,509.16

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1912.  
(SEAL) W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.  
CORRECT—ATTEST: C. L. Barker, H. C. Burroughs, M. Armstrong, Directors

## NO. 366 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

### The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 20th day of Feb., 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 1st day of Mar., 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral.....	\$30,025.73
Loans, real estate.....	3,219.50
Overdrafts.....	790.96
Other real estate.....	2,617.44
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,122.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net.....	\$16,954.54
Cash items.....	696.94
Currency.....	3,867.00
Specie.....	1,047.74
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	339.93
Other Resources as follows: Assesment Guaranty Fund.....	30.68
Total.....	\$61,712.31

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	602.45
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	43,347.10
Cashier's checks.....	1,212.76
Other Liabilities as follows: Dividend unpaid.....	50.00
Total.....	\$61,712.31

State of Texas, County of Taylor:  
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
J. S. Swann, president.  
R. O. Anderson, cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of Feb., A. D. 1912. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.  
(SEAL) W. W. Wheeler, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: R. O. Anderson, B. C. Moore, J. C. Moore, Directors

## New Engines for T. & P.

There have just been completed plans and specifications that will give the Texas & Pacific twenty new locomotives, ten of which will be used on the Rio Grand division. They will be of the consolidated class, ten wheelers and will weigh 120 tons when turned out of the shops, and in road condition are said to weigh near 200 tons.

These new engines will be placed in service in July to handle heavy freight on this division. The other ten will be used on the eastern division for passenger service.—Big Springs Herald.

## HEAVY WIND DAMAGE

Velocity of Wind Perhaps Reached Seventy Miles Per Hour.

## SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE INJURED

The Principal Damage is Done to Windmills, Barns and Outhouses—Merkel Oil Mill is Heaviest Loser.

The wind that continued throughout Sunday did damage of approximately \$12,000.00 in and around Merkel. Over twenty windmills were demolished and some fifty are damaged to the extent of having the wheels torn from the tower.

The heaviest losers are the Continental Oil Co. Their hull house was a complete loss while some sixty feet off the large seed house was blown away. The total loss cannot be clearly ascertained but will no doubt reach \$7,500.00. Many of the farmers throughout the country report losses of mills and barns.

At Baird two men who were under the new Texas & Pacific car sheds at the time of the wind were caught by the falling timbers of the shed and painfully if not seriously injured, while at Elmdale the six year old daughter of Mr. Johnson was struck by a flying timber and cut about the body but not seriously injured. A barn falling at that place killed two cows that were under the sheds.

Reports from all parts of the state say it was one of the worst straight winds that has swept the country in many years.

## Fireboys Entertain.

Tuesday evening the fire boys gave a farewell entertainment in honor of assistant chief N. C. Sinclair and Letcher Hunnycutt. The affair was enjoyed by every one present. After the regular business was finished hamburger lunch was served, followed by a battle royal among some of the local White Hopes.

Mr. Sinclair left the following night for Belton and in doing so deprived Merkel of one of the most ardent members of the department. Since the time of organization Mr. Sinclair has taken great interest in the welfare of local fire fighters and has done all in his power to make the department efficient in all its branches. It is with regret that we give him up.

Letch Hunnycutt will soon leave the ranks of the fire fighters and answer the call of the National game of baseball and we trust that he will make Merkel as famous as Baker did Philadelphia. The department wishes them well and hopes for their return to Merkel.

## Box Candles at Cost.

Our line of box candles, Lowney's, Hughes' Bike's, Blanke-Wenneker and Brown's, the best made are offered at cost. The entire line is fresh but our stock is too large and must be reduced before summer. Now is the opportunity and we will give you a chance at a free box with every purchase. Elite Confectionery.

Don't forget the post card sale at Armstrong Drug Co.

# The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers State Bank of Merkel, Texas

AS REPORTED TO COMMISSIONER OF BANKING FEBRUARY 20, 1912

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$33,245.23	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Overdrafts	790.96	Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93	Undivided Profits	602.45
Assessment Guaranty Fund	30.53	Bills Payable	None
Furniture and Fixtures	2,122.00	Other Borrowed Money	None
Real Estate	2,617.44	Dividends Unpaid	50.00
Cash and Exchange	22,566.22	Deposits	44,559.86
Total	\$61,712.31	Total	\$61,712.31

We call your attention to the above statement of our condition on the 20th of February, and on the merits of this statement ask at least a part of your business. We call attention to the large reserve which we carry of over 50 per cent. This is a Guaranty Fund Bank and we are glad to offer you the protection afforded by The Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas.

"IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY"

J. S. SWANN, President  
J. C. MOORE, Vice-President

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier  
B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

ORGANIZED 1904

STATEMENT

## Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller February 20, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$102,723.12
U. S. Bonds	6,250.00
Premium on Bonds	200.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	4,197.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Exchange	89,997.55
Total	\$203,680.42

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,586.05
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	144,844.37
Total	\$203,680.42

The above statement is correct.

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Under One Management Since Organization.  
OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren      C. P. Warren      G. F. West  
Ed. S. Hughes      Henry James  
J. T. Howard      T. A. Johnson

'12 OUR GOOD READERS '13  
The Old and The New

The Merkel people are feeling good over the present prospects for a bumper crop in this section of the state this year and keep pitching dollars at us on subscription. The following are the new and renewals since our last report:

City: Southern National Bank, T. J. Coggin, T. E. Collins, L. E. Sanders, B. J. Rhodes, T. J. King.  
Rural Routes: Miss Ida Hail, John Dodd, E. E. Wheeler, Ford Smith, W. E. Adams, J. R. Curb, W. A. Simpson, Jr., E. C. Spurgin, S. T. Anderson, H. B. Chambliss.

Others: Geo. W. Howard, Dallas, (by J. T. Howard); Mrs. E. A. Oualline, Mew Caney; W. C. Hill, McCauley; Rev. R. S. Heizer, Clarendon; Wm. Lanus, Fort Worth, (by C. M. Largent); J. T. Curb, Marion, Afa., (by J. R. Curb); J. C. Moore, Trent, (by B. C. Moore); Isaac Lloyd, Trent; J. R. Adams, Texarkana, (by G. H. Adams); Miss Laura Cary, Snyder; Wm. A. Rhodes, French Lick Springs, Indiana.

Week-End Revival Services.

The week-end revival services will be held at the First Baptist church this week. Services at the usual hours Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday morning and night. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend.

NEW NUMBER.

I have just returned from market where I purchased a nice line of hats which are now on display at J. T. Dennis' store. Call and see them. Lizzie Mae Freemon.

Merkel camp No. 79 U. C. V. will meet in regular session March 2 at 3 p. m. Important business. Election of officers and election of commissioners to the Macon, Ga., reunion.  
A. A. Baker, Com.  
W. H. Hawkins, Adj.

## PAINTING And PAPERHANGING

Adds greatly to the attractiveness of a home. I do painting and paperhanging of all kinds in a most satisfactory manner and at very low prices. Let me tell you about it.

J. W. POWELL  
The Painter and Paper Hanger

## The Real Estate Business IS MY BUSINESS

To be a real estate man you must know property values, be practical, persistent, honest with yourself and clients and not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing.

The statement below is what I have accomplished during the last 60 days, or since January 1st, 1912, through my labor and affiliation with other men of the craft.

Sold for—

E. M. Barbee 400 acres of land, consideration	\$ 6,000.00
J. P. Frederickson 7½ lots with dwelling	2,500.00
First National Bank 492 acres land	12,500.00
Henry James of Abilene, stock of merchandise	9,000.00
Total	\$30,000.00

Any piece of business intrusted to me will receive my very best attention and efforts, and if the nature of it is confidential it will be treated strictly in that manner.

## LEWIS H. KING

## The City Tailoring Co.

Have equipped their shop with new boards and many other necessities for cleaning, dyeing and pressing ladies garments.

## Franklin & Renfro, Props

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Oualline came in Friday afternoon from Houston on a visit to friends and relatives. Mr. Oualline returned to his business Monday but Mrs. Oualline will spend a month or longer here for her health.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Sinclair left Wednesday night for Belton where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Sinclair will engage in the grocery business with a brother and we wish for all of them continued success and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis returned from Abilene Friday afternoon with their son Herbert who has from all indications completely recovered from the operation for appendicitis.

FOUND.—On Kent street recently a gray coat bearing trademark of Wm. Connolly & Co. of Hico and Clifton. Owner may have same by paying for this ad.

FOR SALE.—A good mare. Anchor Hardware Company.  
Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

J. P. C. Hunt returned from Chicago Wednesday afternoon where he has been buying new goods for spring and summer. He was accompanied on the trip by Miss Jessie O'Briant who looked after the interest of the millinery department.

J. D. Southworth, Jno. T. Skillen, J. C. Neal, Jack Smith, Chas. Hutcheson, J. T. Williamson and Ed Massey were among the Trent business visitors here Saturday.

COTTON SEED HULLS at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3

Mrs. T. J. Coggin is reported to have contracted pneumonia and though she has been quite sick her condition is not regarded as serious.

Texas almanacs at Armstrong Drug Co.

G. B. Tittle and J. S. Barnes were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

On the rabbit drive that took place north of Abilene last Thursday week there were over 200 rabbits killed. The day was enjoyed by everyone and nothing of serious nature marred the day. A slight injury was received by C. W. Coden who by accident got in line with a shot gun and was sprinkled with shot.

Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want day or night at the Merkel Garage? Give us a trial.

T. J. Coggin and Miss Zora went to Abilene last Friday, Mr. Coggin returning next day, Miss Coggin remaining with friends until Sunday afternoon.

BULK GARDEN SEED at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3

Free air for tires. Merkel Garage.

J. H. Kitchen of Newark, Tarrant county, has moved his family here and intends to make this country his home for better or worse. Mr. Kitchen has bought 160 acres of land in what is known as the old Robertson Ranch. He has 100 of that in cultivation and is coming here to make good crops.

Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage.

Miss Allie Jennings, Miss Ona Johnson and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker were pleasant callers in Abilene Wednesday. Miss Jennings remained with friends, but Miss Johnson and Mrs. Whitaker returned that afternoon.

MILLETT SEED at G. F. West & Sons. 1t3

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

ALL THESE MEN HAVE  
WORKED FOR THE  
SAFETY OF YOUR MONEY  
WHEN IT IS IN A  
NATIONAL BANK



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# The Southern National Bank

Solicits your business for the New Year  
and promises the most liberal service  
consistent with our conservative policies

John Sears, President

C. L. Barker, Vice-Pres.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Base ball goods at Armstrong Drug Co.

Buy her a box of candy. The Elite.

C. L. Smith of Trent was here Saturday enroute to Oklahoma.

Jones' Barber Shop for best service. Hot and cold baths. 2313

Judge N. D. Cobb and Dem Rust were callers in Abilene Tuesday.

Your needs in window and door glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

Little Lilly Ayers has been very sick for the past week, but is now resting some better.

Herbine cures constipation and re-establishes regular bowel movements. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Mrs. J. B. Bell is spending this week in Abilene visiting her sister, Mrs. M. L. Stinchomb.

We will buy and sell all kinds of produce. Give highest market price. Howell Produce Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Behrens of Abilene are here this week visiting the family of E. P. McMillen.

A new line of linen and val lace arrived this week. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Rossie Newberry returned from Dallas Sunday after visiting relatives and friends.

Five cent post cards, one cent each, Saturday only. Armstrong Drug Co.

J. L. Hunter, an old Merkel citizen, is here this week from Fort Worth shaking hands with friends.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. No one case of rheumatism in ten requires any internal treatment whatever. This liniment is for sale by all dealers.

W. L. Harkrider returned from St. Louis Wednesday morning where he has been for the purpose of buying new goods for spring and summer.

12,000 new and up-to-date post cards at one cent each, Saturday only. Armstrong Drug Co.

Miss Lizzie Mae Freeman returned from Dallas Sunday night where she purchased part of her stock of millinery.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing applications of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

You judge a man not by what he promises to do, but what he has done. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judged by this standard has no superior. People everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

Supt. Krigbaum of our schools received a letter from the Summer Normal Committee under the direction of Dr. J. D. Sandefer of Simmons College asking him if he would accept a position on the faculty of the summer normal that meets at Simmons this summer. The offer comes from a personal acquaintance between Dr. Sandefer and Mr. Krigbaum, Dr. Sandefer having known of Supt. Krigbaum's ability and for that reason recommended his services to the Committee. Mr. Krigbaum could not accept the offer owing to his having made other arrangements for the ensuing year.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

## NIGHT LETTER

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 26, 1912

The Merkel Mail

Merkel, Texas.

Our great fire sale will open Wednesday Feb. 28th and continue ten days, sweeping many reachable reductions in prices covering every item in our mammoth stock. The greatest of all buying opportunities is here. You and your friends are urged to take advantage of it.

Minter Dry Goods Co.

11:40 P.M.



USE "ALBATROSS" FLOUR  
BRADSHAW GROCERY COMPANY

### A Pleasant Physic.

When you want a pleasant physic give Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets a trial. They are mild and gentle in their action and always produce a pleasant cathartic effect. All Dealers.

Miss Fannie Tippett of Abilene spent from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning with her sister Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the house a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It may be needed at any time for cuts, wounds, sores, sprains or rheumatism. It is a powerful healing and penetrating remedy. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

H. L. Propst of the Trent community in conversation with our reporter stated that his land was in as good condition as it has ever been. He has not planted yet but has 350 acres in the proper shape for planting, working 225 of the land with only one hired hand while the remaining part of the land is rented out. Mr. Propst is another Merkel country farmer that says he is going to make a crop and did not say "If it rains."

PIGS FOR SALE.—Will have at Merkel stock pens on or about March 9 a car of good shoats and pigs for sale. Good healthy hogs and good stock. R. H. Collins.

Mrs. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe, who has been here visiting Mrs. W. O. Boney, her sister, returned to her home Tuesday afternoon.

We guarantee Dr. Hess stock and poultry food. Armstrong Drug Co.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A free box of candy to be given away. The Elite.

Vickey Thompson of Dallas has returned home after a two weeks visit here.

Twenty-eight different kinds of face powder at Armstrong Drug Co.

W. A. Simpson, Jr., handed us a dollar and asked that we send him the Mail for one year.

The new restaurant is open on Kent street. Serves dinners and short orders.

G. W. Moore and Hurley Boden were official callers to the county court house last Saturday.

Dress goods of every description including messalines, voils, etc. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

W. A. Hogue of Van Horn is here on a visit and prospecting trip. Mr. Hogue is a brother of our townsman A. L. Hogue.

Spot cash for your chickens and eggs. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings was here last week from Trent visiting Miss Pearl Rawlings, returning Saturday afternoon.

Just received a barrel of fine kraut. Phone your wants to 170. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Abilene was well represented here Saturday afternoon in the persons of B. A. Cox, H. Rob Keeble, Sheriff Weir and J. C. Burleson.

One hundred pieces new gingham just received. Nice spring patterns. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

A. L. Hogue returned from Abilene Saturday evening where he has been with his son Maurice who has not fully recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

Notice the "Night Letter" in this paper received from Minter Dry Goods Company.

The noted Evangelist Gipsy Smith passed through here last Thursday enroute to Dallas from El Paso where he delivered some of his famous sermons.

Paints, oils and varnishes at Burroughs Drug Store.

J. D. Gaither and mother Mrs. B. C. Gaither were callers in the capitol city Friday last, Mrs. Gaither remaining with friends while Mr. Gaither came back that afternoon.

Children who have worms are pale, cross, fretful, and sickly most of the time. To rid the little body of these parasites White's Cream Vermifuge is an approved remedy. When the worms have been driven out the child grows strong, healthy and robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

# LAST CALL

## For The Great Close-Out Sale

Closes Saturday Evening 6 O'clock

**WOODROOF BROS.**  
ONE PRICE-THE LOWEST

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

#### THE REPORTER HAS A NEW PRESS.

Sunday before last the Abilene Daily Reporter appeared in a 7-column size and was the first issue printed on a large new press which has just been installed in the Reporter office. We wish to compliment the Abilene Printing Co. on the appearance of the paper as it looks more like a real large city daily and believe it one of the best dailies published in the state. The following article was clipped from that issue:

In buying this fine machine and increasing the size of the paper to seven column we have had in view the giving to this section of Texas a real live daily paper that will represent the growth and progress of the country. In other words, we are going to give you a good daily paper—one which you will enjoy and be glad to support. The change to the enlarged service will require a few weeks to get in perfect order, and our friends will bear with us until such time as we can become accustomed to the new conditions.

#### WIN A PRIZE.

Every man, woman and child in the state of Texas who lives on a farm and can supervise or cultivate a crop should compete for one or more of the prizes offered this year by the Texas Industrial Congress. There are 142 of these prizes amounting to \$10,000, and the crops are so varied as to offer an equally fair opportunity to everyone in the state, it matters not in what section he may live. If you do not win in one class you may in another.

There are absolutely no charges or fees connected with this contest, the only requirement of a contestant being that he give a little additional time and attention to the cultivation of his crop according to directions, and at the end of the season he may not only receive a goodly sum as a prize, but he will also have his crop—perhaps the finest his land has ever produced. The sole motive of the congress in offering these prizes is to aid in developing the agricultural possibilities of the state and making Texas what it ought to be, "the garden spot of the world."

Write today for full particulars regarding the contest and ask for your entry blank, addressing the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas.

#### TEXAS NEEDS A MILLION HOMESEEKERS.

President B. B. Cain of the Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association addressed the Immigration Convention in Baltimore, Md., recently and his speech was considered one of the strongest of the session. Mr. Cain said in part:

"Texas needs a million homeseekers to settle her idle lands. We are getting 60,000 people per annum from our neighboring states and we appreciate the generosity of our sister commonwealths, but we want to tap the congested districts of Europe and provide happy homes for the great masses of restless humanity that are seeking blindly to better their condition. We believe that if the citizenship of the congested districts of Europe were fully informed of the possibilities in Texas and other states, that a desirable citizenship would flock to us. We favor the federal government more actively encouraging immigration and assisting in the distribution of homeseekers according to the occupation and ability of the immigrant and the opportunities of the state and section."

There were 350 delegates present, representing eighteen states.

#### JOHN HENRY BROWN AN' ME.

We use to be the best of friends,  
John Henry Brown an' me,  
But now we pass each other by  
As silent as can be;  
The same old hate, you've heard it all  
A dozen times I 'low;  
I had an' old ramshackled fence,  
John Henry had a cow.

An' when she come across the line  
My foolish temper riz,  
An' with a stick of goodly size  
I beat that cow of his.  
An' thus we passed some angry words  
In language loud an' strong,  
Each one of us too mad to see  
That both of us wuz rong.

I know that I was much to blame,  
Sometimes I think I'll go  
An' beg his friendship back ag'in.  
But something whispers "no"—  
Bless God! he's out there at the gate,  
John Henry come right in,  
You want to take my hand you say  
An' be my friend ag'in?

Well here's my heart, and here's my hand  
A thousand times to you,  
You've done what I have never been  
Quite man enough to do.  
Not all the crops in Christendom  
Nor all the cows that be  
Could make us hate each other now,  
John Henry Brown an' me.  
—Whitney Montgomery.

Contestants for the \$10,000 in gold prizes for the largest crop yields grown in Texas this year are being received at the headquarters of the Texas Industrial Congress in Dallas at the rate of fifty daily. Two entries received in the same mail recently were notable in illustrating the wide range of interest that is being taken in the contest, one being from a nine-year old girl from away up in the Panhandle in Dallam county and the other from a citizen of Anderson county in east Texas, whose age is 72. On the same day five entries in classes A B C and D were also received from one man who wrote: "My family and I wish to grow some prize-winning crops this season over here in east Texas." Application to enter the contest should be made to the Texas Industrial Congress at Dallas.

One of the curses of country life is muddy and impassable roads. Good roads are now being built throughout the country, and these will do much toward making country life attractive, because they mean ease of access and more intimate association, as well as economic advantages.

Our big state boasts, and justly, of the greatest possibilities any people in the world can see in future cotton fields, sugar and orange lands, coal, iron and oil deposits and fer stretches of grazing country.

The man who does not touch the fresh-turned sod, make his way through the forest, follow the plow in the field or gather the cattle at night is missing one of the charms of existence.

The best way to statewide success is by building up the state's resources, and the farmers are the chief resources upon which the business of the state depends.

#### MERKEL AT THE FAT STOCK SHOW.

The date, March 18 to 23 inclusive, for the National Feeders and Breeders Show is drawing near and while the Merkel country promises to be well represented we believe that we could and should make a better showing. The Largent Blue Ribbon Herefords which have won more money and premiums than any other herd owned by an individual are in better show shape than ever before and there will be more entries. This suffices to insure that the Merkel country will be the big winners on Herefords but why not the same showing on hogs, mares, mules, jacks and other stock. The Mail editor knows several who could make entries and compete with the best in the south and here is hoping that you will do it. Let's show to the world we have the best stock farming country on the map and the best stock. Go to the show and then come to Merkel.

## Merkel Country

Farmers, Property Owners

Prospectors and My Friends

If you have a farm, ranch, stock farm or other desirable property for sale at a bargain or to trade worth the money I want it on my list with full description, price, terms, etc.

The good season and improved conditions in our country make our section look good to the men with money in other parts of the state looking for an investment. I have been advertising extensively in this section and have many bona fide prospectors who have promised to come and look at our country and my propositions. We need new men and new money to help us develop and improve our country and the way to get them is to go after them and then sell them a bargain when they buy. It is my idea and my policy.

I spend my money advertising and then deliver the goods when they come. If you have a good proposition show it to me and then I will in turn show it to my prospector.

As a business proposition I can have no time nor money for inflated values, nor junk deals, but on the other hand can sell or trade any bona fide proposition of real merit, or break a trace chain pulling at it.

I am now planning my advertising campaign for this season which will be larger and more extensive than last year and want to include your place if listed with me at the right price. My commission, in event of a sale, is 5 per cent, no more and no less, and please do not give me your deal unless you are willing to pay for my services when I make you a sale or trade.

The Merkel country offers the best opportunities right now in Texas and remember this: "If there are any special bargains, I've got them."

YOURS FOR BUSINESS

## JOHN G. JACKSON

Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel

P. S.—If you want a loan on your farm give me an opportunity to place it for you.



Three-Button Novelty  
Sack, No. 779  
Slanting Lower Pockets

# April 7 is Easter

You haven't any time to lose if you want your  
Spring Clothes made to order for the occasion by  
**OUR FAMOUS CHICAGO TAILORS**

## Ed. V. Price & Company

Woolens not shown elsewhere are contained in their handsome assortment of over 500 patterns at our store, and it's wisdom to make a reservation before any particular fabric is sold out. See us and our prices before placing your orders.

# THE STAR STORE

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See our ad next week. Howell Produce Co.

W. L. Gibson of Blair made a business trip to Baird Tuesday.

Post card sale Saturday at Armstrong Drug Co.

Mrs. L. I. Valentine has gone to Woodson to visit her daughter.

Large stock of glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

Jno. Sears reports a light damage from the wind on his ranch north of town.

Do you want a good horse? Cash or credit. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Hurley Boden and R. D. Tyler made a business trip to Eskota Monday afternoon.

Just received a half barrel of fat juicy mackerel. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

J. W. Daniel, E. Barnes, J. D. Gaither were Abilene visitors Monday.

Try a sack of that good Peacemaker flour. None better. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mrs. J. W. Brown of Tye was here this week visiting Mrs. O. C. Able.

We have something new in stationary. Come and see. Armstrong Drug Co.

J. P. Sharp went to Dallas Tuesday to buy new goods, going on from there to St. Louis for the same purpose.

The great Fire Sale of the Minter Dry Goods Company, Abilene's progressive store, is now in progress. Read their "telegram" to the Mail in this issue.

Joe Provine, formerly a banker of Merkel but now of Van Horn, is here this week visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Provine resigned his position at Van Horn and has entered the insurance business, holding an option on the Van Horn position for a month, but does not think of returning, as the new work is more promising.

Shell corn, corn chops, corn meal, pure kaffir corn chops, pure wheat shorts, bran, oats, cotton seed meal, hull and meal mixture, prairie hay, alfalfa, and johnson grass. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

S. H. Garrison of Abilene was here Monday afternoon shaking hands with friends. Mr. Garrison is an old timer in this country, having served as county clerk for a number of years.

Swell line of Ladies and Misses Oxfords and pumps in patent, vici and gun calf both black and tan. Also black and tan velvets and white canvas received this week. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Governor Colquitt has three companies of Texas Rangers on the borders, looking after the safety of the border people. There are two companies at El Paso and one at Brownsville.

PIGS FOR SALE.—Will have at Merkel stock pens on or about March 9 a car of good shoats and pigs for sale. Good healthy hogs and good stock. R. H. Collins.

In the third ball game of the season Merkel was defeated Saturday by a score of 6 to 3 at the hands of the Stith aggregation.

You may say goodbye to constipation with a clear conscience if you use Chamberlain's Tablets. Many have been permanently cured by their use. For sale by all dealers.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

This column is for the interest and benefit of our readers. If you have anything to sell, trade or give away, if you want anything, lose anything, find anything or can do anything, say so in a Merkel Mail Want Ad. One cent per word, each insertion.

PIGS FOR SALE.—Will have at Merkel stock pens on or about March 9 a car of good shoats and pigs for sale. Good healthy hogs and good stock. R. H. Collins. 1t2

STRAYED.—One black horse mule, three years old, 14½ hands high, branded "U" or "T" on left shoulder. Strayed from near Truby. Five dollars reward for return or information leading to recovery. J. S. Swann, Merkel, Texas. 1t2pd

FOR SALE.—Full blood Rhode Island Red eggs. 15 for \$1.00. Mrs. P. B. Causseaux, Merkel, Texas. 16t4pd

FOR SALE.—Mebane cotton seed that made bale to the acre. Selected out of the first picking. S. F. Haynes, Merkel, Texas. tf

FOR RENT.—80 acres of land in Jones county. 65 acres in cultivation, good house, small barn, well of water, close to school. See L. H. King. tf

REPAIR WORK.—Automobiles, gasoline engines, motor cycles, bicycles or any machinery. All work at reasonable prices and guaranteed. Merkel Garage. tf

KEROSENE.—Order Familylite or Chrystallite oil of your grocer and you get the best. Merkel Garage. tf

GASOLINE.—One auto owner who uses Texas Company oil and gas has traveled 4500 miles and never had a dirty spark plug. It's best and we meet any competition as to prices. Merkel Garage. tf

ZERO TEX.—Made by Texas Co., best lubricating oil on market. Merkel Garage. tf

All kinds of disinfectant and insect powder at Armstrong Drug Co.

United States Post Office Inspector, Chas. G. Kinzel was here this week giving instructions to the local forces as how to manage the Postal Savings Bank that will be opened here March 7. Miss May Derstine will have charge of the accounts and will act as the local cashier.

Stop at the new barber shop located on Elm street in rear of Southern National Bank building. All barber and tailor work guaranteed to be satisfactory. J. E. Martin.

W. R. Bigham, C. D. Mims, Judge Potter and W. A. Hogue were visitors in Abilene Monday. Mr. Bigham stated that he was going for the purpose of entering suit against Tom Coggin, alleging false accusations.

When buying white goods ask for Linweave and take nothing but linweave. There is no other just as good. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

O. W. Dean and family of Haskell are here this week visiting Mr. Dean's sister Mrs. J. S. Swann. Mr. Dean will spend a few days here after which he will go west on a prospective tour.

Watch the big Fire Sale at Minter Dry Goods Company, Abilene's progressive store. Read the "Night Letter" in this issue received by us telling of the great reductions in prices.

The damage from wind in Trent is reported to be some where between \$150 and \$200, that being confined to windmills and barns.

Take Herbine for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Post cards 5c per dozen at the Groene Art Store.

The latest in perfume and toilet water at Armstrong Drug Co.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson made a professional call to the capitol city Wednesday.

Best Chocolate and Bon Bon candy at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. Pettit, mother of our local telephone man, is reported quite sick this week.

American Beauty Flour is best. Guaranteed. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Miss Cula Boyd, who has been here visiting her brother, Austin Boyd, has returned to her home at Abilene.

Will buy a few good short term first lien notes on land in the Merkel territory. T. A. Johnson. 2t

S. Johnson, a merchant of Trent, was in our little city Tuesday buying of one of our wholesale firms.

Phone us your orders for groceries. The very best of goods and prompt service. Hogue-Hamilton Company.

Mrs. R. Conner of Hamlin returned to her home Tuesday after spending a week with her father, W. B. Farmer.

Plenty of tooth paste and powder for everybody at Armstrong Drug Co.

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore returned from Fort Worth Friday afternoon where she has been employed as stenographer for the Texas Under-Writers Insurance Company.

Sixty Years the Standard

**DR PRICE'S**

**CREAM BAKING POWDER**

A Cream of Tartar Powder Made from Grapes  
**NO ALUM**



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**Bach Music Club.**

On Friday afternoon at four o'clock a delightful session of the Bach music club was held at the studio of Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler. Eight little girls were present and participated in the musical contest for the most artistic playing. After carefully judging the selections the judges decided that honors were even, that Misses Madalyne Adkisson and Lois Hogue had tied. Each received a group of the master musicians as a reward of merit. For a while it seemed as though it would be necessary to have eight prizes as each pupil proved herself an artist. Honorable mention must be given to Misses Louise Warren, Julia Martin, Mildred Hogue, Edith Brown and Lucile Sutphen.

**Apron Party.**

Misses Hamblet entertained Tuesday evening at their home in north Merkel. The details are meager for the meeting was held behind closed doors and the opposite sex were not allowed to show their smiling faces. A well prepared course of delicacies was served, the fruit salad being highly spoken of. All guests came according to plans and specifications so the evening was a most enjoyable one, giving the girls a chance to discuss their troubles alone.

Those present were Misses Nesbitt, Sheppard, Burroughs, Paylor, Johnson, Merritt, Barnett, Rister, Warnick, Jones, Allday, Bertha and Minnie Harris, Mary and Flay Gunn, Tate of Abilene.

The Twentieth Club met with Mrs. W. H. Dickson Feb. 24 at 3:30 p. m. In the absence of the president and vice-president Mrs. Otho Williams presided. Mrs. L. Sparkman was appointed recording secretary for the afternoon. Eleven members answered to roll call with appropriate quotations from the lesson. Mrs. M. D. Angus was elected to membership. The lesson, Much Ado About Nothing, Act V, was conducted by Miss Duncan Browning. Miss Evelyn Williams substituting for Mrs. Hamilton gave a brief review of the play. Mrs. W. H. Dickson read a sketch of Washington's Life. They will meet with Mrs. Hamilton March 9.

Monday afternoon Miss Etna Cox and Ira Moore were married at the residence of Rev. A. A. Baker, Rev. Baker officiating. We join with their many friends in wishing them much happiness and a long life.

Miss Dorothy Duckett entertained a number of her school mates and friends Friday night. All kinds of games were enjoyed by the young people present. Fruit and cake were served.

**What We Never Forget**

according to science, are the things associated with our early home life, such as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that mother or grandmother used to cure our burns, boils, scalds, sores, skin eruptions, cuts, sprains or bruises. Forty years of cures prove its merit. Unrivaled for piles, corns or cold sores. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

Advance shipment of new goods all through the house. Call and see them. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

For Needs of Humanity

By B. L. Palmer, Layman  
Houston, Texas

No movement of any character has ever attained great proportions or held an important place in the history of human activities unless it was founded upon the needs of humanity and had for its objective the improvement of conditions under which mankind lives.

Some of these movements have been along the lines of scientific research, and had for their purpose the gaining of greater knowledge, by which the human race should be benefited. Some have been political movements to give to mankind a more perfect system of government. From the days of Martin Luther down to the present time there have been various movements of a religious nature which have had for their purpose the correction of improper conditions and the raising of mankind to a higher plane of spiritual life. But whatever has been the character of the movement, each one which has attained success has been founded upon some human need, and has been successful only in the measure in which it satisfied that need. The laymen's missionary movement is destined to be successful and to occupy a prominent place in the history of the church because its only purpose is to supply a human need, and because it has adopted proper methods for accomplishing its purpose.

The work of the laymen's movement is not revolutionary in its nature. We do not propose to do a new work, but to take a new hold upon the old task and do it right.

Perhaps you think the work of the church has been well done all the time, but if you think thus, it is because you are uninformed, and the first work which the laymen's movement purposes to do is to inform you.

We are at present engaged in a great campaign of education throughout the whole land.

It is our purpose to give to every man in the church a thorough knowledge of conditions.

We confidently believe that information is the only thing wherein the church is lacking.

We believe that churchmen have the love of Christ in their hearts, and the desire, the intelligence, the energy and the means to do the work which Christ began.

For he only began the work—no more—and then as a sublime evidence of his faith in his followers. He intrusted the completion of the task for which he gave his life to frail humanity.

When Christ's work ended man's work began.

From time immemorial, mission work has been left to the preachers and the women.

The men of the church have felt that their full duty was done when they had contributed to the support of their local church, and perhaps shared in the administration of its temporal affairs. The laymen's movement exists today for the sole purpose of disillusioning men—of awakening them and arousing them to a sense of their full duty as the sons of God.

We have been too prone to think of our duty to the unevangelized people of the world as a collective duty—the duty of the church as a body. If the world is to be evangelized within the present generation, it will be done only after we have come to realize that we have a personal duty and a personal responsibility in connection with the salvation of mankind.

But you ask, how can I apply my individual efforts to the work? You may study, pray, give and serve.

Study that you may know the need, pray that God may bless your efforts. The efforts of others to supply the need, give that those who are devoting their lives to the work may have the means to carry it on, and serve in whatever place God may find for you to do a service, no matter how humble and unimportant it may seem. Yes, you admit that you have not given much time to study and to prayer, but you assert that you have given to the support of missions for years. That's a fact. The statistics of the church show that we have been giving to missions, but how much have we given? The Protestant churches of America have in recent years given on an average the sum of 42 cents per member each year to this cause.

Forty-two cents! If you have given more than that, you have given more than the average.

Forty-two cents to carry salvation to those who dwell in darkness! And then we sing, "Will there be any stars in my crown?"

Brother, do you want a 40-cent star in your crown?

It is really surprising to note how many churchmen there are who devote themselves with great energy to

Are You a Woman?

TAKE

**CARDUI**

The Woman's Tonic

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**Universal Telephone Service**

Provides a way for the farmer to place himself shoulder to shoulder with the business man in the city. The man in the country may talk to practically any one anywhere. Otherwise much benefit is lost. Write our nearest manager.

**The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company**



**Junior League Program.**

Songs. 3:07  
Prayer. 3:15  
Subject, prayer. 3:20  
Leader, (Capt.) Mamie McNees.  
Response to roll call with scripture verses.

Who prayed on a house top?—Lillie Ayers.

Who prayed under a fig tree?—Julia Martin.

Who prayed on top of a mountain?—Ruth Clements.

Who prayed in the field?—Jewel Young.

Who prayed inside a whale?—Agnis Rister.

Read Nehemiah 1:2-11—Laura Beard.  
Read Daniel 6—Wilma Garrett.  
Repeat Lord's Prayer in concert.

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured**

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co. props., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**WEDDING GLOVE FOR BRIDE**

Third Finger is Left Unstitched So That the Ring Can Be Slipped On.

A happy era has dawned for the bride at the fateful moment when the ring is about to be placed on her finger.

Instead of the usual struggle to remove her left hand glove she will now be able to uncover the third finger without effort and without losing her composure.

This delightful result is to be obtained by an ingenious "wedding glove" device. The inside seam on the third finger of the left glove is unstitched, so that all that the bride need do is to slip her finger through the slit to receive the ring. The finger can just as easily be slipped back into the glove after the ceremony.

The device will be greatly appreciated not only by the bride, but also by the nervous bridegroom.

The story of the origin of the wedding glove has come to light. Some time ago a girl who had lost her right arm in the hunting field asked for a single wedding glove.

She remarked on the awkwardness of having to remove her glove with the help of her teeth, and it was then seen that matters would be greatly facilitated for the bride if she only had to uncover the ring finger.

The experiment was so successful that it aroused the interest of other prospective brides, who saw in it a boon which would save them from the usual difficulties of removing a whole glove in the moment when the ring is about to be put on.—Exchange.

**Uncle Ezra Says**

"It don't take more'n a gill uv effort to git folks into a peck of trouble," and a little neglect of constipation, biliousness, indigestion or other liver derangement will do the same. If ailing take Dr. King's New Life Pills for quick results. Easy, safe sure, and only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

**Economy of Nature.**

"Nature knew what she was doing when she deprived fishes of a voice."  
"How do you make that out?"  
"What of a fish had to cackle over every egg it laid?"

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be depended upon. Try it. Sold by all dealers.

**Very Serious**

It is a very serious matter to ask for one medicine and have the wrong one given you. For this reason we urge you in buying to be careful to get the genuine—

**THE FORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT Liver Medicine**

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not imitate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined.

SOLD IN TOWN F2

**PROFESSIONAL**



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Eyes tested and fitted by up-to-date methods

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**H. M. WARREN**

Phone 48 in City Barber Shop

# REDUCING SALE

**Trade-Giving**  
**ing, January 6**  
**night, January the 20th**

## OF SURPLUS STOCK AT A SACRIFICE

our store and incidentally to realize that which 99 per cent of the merchants "hustle out" thousands of dollars worth of beautiful and magnificent stock lots were flushed with a highly successfully past season, rapidly increasing in the cotton market, which has caused the conditions now existing in the territory to have lots of goods that must be sold, this leaves us but one alternative and that is at mercantile sales of this season, a sale that will loosen the purse strings of the most which we offer. Every convenience has been arranged for satisfactory shopping. ed into service displaying bargains in merchandise with bold price tickets attached AND BEHOLD THE MARVELOUS BARGAIN OFFERINGS THAT GREET YOU

**LOOKING FOR THESE MANY DAYS**

### ENTIRE STOCK

INCLUDING ALL DRY GOODS & GROCERIES at special prices. We intend to make this the most Extraordinary Sale ever held in Merkel.

#### Notions, Notions

Hair Barretts in an elegant assortment, all in this fall styles, specials at 20c, 25c and . . . . .50c  
 Belt buckles and pins, every one new, in grades of 25c, 50c and 75c for 25c, 35c and . . . . .50c  
 Handkerchief Specials—A large assortment of ladies' handkerchiefs, extra specials at 5c, 10c and . . . . .15c  
 One case good hair pins, per paper . . . . .1c  
 2000 dozen good pearl buttons, per dozen . . . . .2c  
 Specials in Veil and Jabot pins 15c, 25c and .35c  
 Hat pins 2½c to . . . . . \$1.50

### Boys & Mens Furnishing Goods

Men's 35c Neckties, absolutely new goods, this sale 23c  
 Boys' 20c and 25c Windsor ties, in this great sale . . . 11c  
 Men's 75c wool knit gloves for . . . . .43c  
 Men's \$1.00 calf gauntlet gloves, in this great sale . . .75c  
 Men's \$1.25 calf gauntlet gloves, in this great sale . . .98c  
 Men's \$1.75 Reindeer gauntlet gloves, this sale . . . \$1.39  
 Men's \$1.25 unlined calf gloves, in this great sale . . .98c  
 Men's \$1.50 fine horse hide and calf gloves . . . . \$1.23

Men's \$1.25 Mocha dress gloves, price 98c  
 Men's \$1.75 Mocha and dress kid gloves . \$1.43  
 Men's Shirts, with collars on and collars off, full and regularly made many styles and patterns, positively and absolutely worth 75c or your money back any time during this great sale; the price is . 43c



Men's 50c and 60c genuine pepercill elastic seam drawers. 90c special high grade make; this sale per pair . 38c

#### Dress Goods

35 inch novelty suiting—Pekin stripes and Glasgow suitings. These are choice new fall cotton dress goods and absolutely worth 35c and 20c the yard, this sale 23 and 14c  
 50c and 60c Fabrics—Showing all the new styles demanded by fashion, full 36 inches wide, beautiful Poplins and Cashmeres, new fall styles, that are positively and absolutely worth 50c and 60c, in this great sale the price is, per yard, 39c and . . . . .33c



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Our Silk Department is one of the most complete in this section and the many new creations of patterns which we are showing could hardly be described in the space allotted us, but you may take our word for it that we are offering bargains in this department that will be well worth your while to investigate.

### Boys and Mens Furnishing Goods

Guyot's president or other popular grades, worth 50c and 75c; this sale price only . . . . .39c  
 Same as above, only 35c qualities; this sale price only . . . . .19c  
 Our entire line of the very highest grade silk neckwear for men, all this season's goods, in new up-to-date patterns and positively worth 50 and 75c or your money refunded; this sale, price only . . . . .39c

#### Childrens Shoes

All sizes for youths and misses, worth \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.35 for \$1.25 and . . . . . \$1.00  
 Another lot only smaller size, this sale, prices 88c 78c, 70c and . . . . .50c

### Grocery Department

Extra high patent Kansas flour, per 100 pounds . . . . . \$2.75	Imperial gallon Pickles . . . . . 75c
1 gallon can kraut . . . . . 25c	1 gallon bottle Elko vinegar . . . . . 55c
1 dozen cans kraut . . . . . 95c	1 dozen cans hominy . . . . . 90c
3 packages 10c crackers . . . . . 25c	1 dozen cans corn . . . . . 90c
4 pound 4X Coffee . . . . . 90c	1 bucket Good Enough Coffee . . . . . 80c
10 pound bucket Soda . . . . . 50c	1 dozen boxes matches . . . . . 40c
30 pound broke rice . . . . . 1.00	4 cans Giant Lye . . . . . 25c
8 boxes hippo washing powder . . . . . 25c	2 1 lb. cans Jack Frost baking powder . . . . . 35c
6 boxes Argo Starch . . . . . 25c	10 lb. pail Plato Lard . . . . . 1.00
10 lb. pail Snowdrift Lard . . . . . 1.10	Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, gal . . . . . 50c

**ALL MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE**

## Record-Breaking Sale

Attend this wonderful price-wrecking sale and secure a share at the lowest limit. Hundreds of people throughout this entire territory. It will be a lesson in economy to attend this sale.

# WID GROCERY COMPANY



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mr. Wesley Edwards assisted by his mother Mrs. Lulu Edwards, and little daughter Lucile entertained a few friends in a novel manner Tuesday evening.

A camp fire was built on the lawn where the guests were most cordially greeted. Meats had been barbecued, eggs roasted, an Irish stew and biscuits cooked in a skillet together with coffee was served camp style. After serving the guests with cake they were invited into the house where a musical program was given by request. T. A. Johnson sang an Irish song, Miss Laura Jenning playing his accompaniment. Nuts and fruits were served. The host then invited his guests to go with him to the moving picture show. Those who participated in the pleasures of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown, Mrs. Lulu Edwards, Misses Bessie Medlen, Melissa Smith, Laura Jennings, Little Lucile Edwards, Messrs. Paul Cranford, James Guitart and the host.

Friday evening Dec. 29 Misses Virginia and Venona Hamblet entertained informally for their young friends. Various games were played. Every one reports a good time.

Those present were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Jessie Sutphen, Inice Moon, Irene Rister, Clara and Margie Saffle, Mary and Flay Gunn, Jennie and Clairette of Abilene, Isla McDonald, Tommie Louise Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Eunice Smith and Eunice Nisbitt, Messrs. Rufford Evans, Choc Jones, Lewis Barnett, James West, Forest Gaither, Robert Hicks, Robert Tally, Parker Sharp, Frank Ferrier, Burnie Prester, Raymond Touchstone, H. C. Burroughs, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Edna Adams, John West, Frank Smith, Paul Leeper, Duke and Carl Roberts.

W. T. Potter entertained Tuesday evening Dec. 27 in honor of daughter Miss Dorothy Lee Potter. Reception rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery and

Those present were Misses Margie Lurlyne Long, Inice Moon, Irene Rister, Eunice Nisbitt, Venona Virginia Hamblet, Flay Gunn, Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard, Warren, Ezma Allday, Pauline and Dorothy Lee Potter, Will Joe Largent, Choc Jones, Swann, James West, Oly, Parker Roscoe Sharp, Duke, Rufford and Evans, Taylor Jennings and Lyttoward.

Games and amusement afforded amusement version for the evening. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served hot coffee and cake.

Irene Rister were hostesses Thursday evening Dec. 28 to a number of friends. A delightful evening was spent in playing various games. Salad, cake and hot chocolate were served to Misses Eunice Nisbitt, Warren, Margie and Clara Teaff, Inice Moon, Fannie Grimes, Alice Williams of Abilene, Johnson, Jessie Sutphen, Eva Mamie, Gene and Carol Rister, Sam Swann, Choc Jones, Will Joe Largent, John Barnett, Rufford Evans, Rupp, Lowe Barnett, Duke Cordell, Robert Tally and

A pretty Christmas affair was given Saturday evening by Mrs. Rister and Flay Gunn. A novel feature of the program was to have the guests write proposals. The proposals were written by the boys. Miss Virginia Hamblet and Parker Sharp were the prize winners.

Salad was served to Misses Fannie Burroughs, Margie Saffle, Jessie Sutphen, Mary, Flay Gunn, Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, Rufford Evans and Parker Sharp, Choc Jones, Grimes, Robert Tally,

A dance was given at the Thursday evening Dec. 21. The hostesses were Mrs. J. W. Hunt and Mrs. J. T. Dennis. Those present were Mrs. J. T. Dennis, Misses Sadie Collins, Inice Moon, L. Dennis and Madalin Hunt.

Deavenport Gaither and Lanier Brown, Messrs. J. E. Faucett, Paul Cranford, Oly Sharp, Lanier Brown, L. D. Gaither and C. Hunt. A stringed orchestra furnished the music.

The XX Century Club met with Mrs. W. H. Dickson Dec. 30. Mrs. Hale was elected to membership. The lesson, Much Ado About Nothing, was greatly enjoyed. The next hostess will be Miss Allie Jennings, Jan. 13. Let every member be present. Important business. Let us start in the New Year with a firm resolution for duty by being in our places at this meeting.

Social Hop.

The dance Friday evening at the Thornton building was one of the social features arranged for the holidays. A stringed orchestra furnished music for the following dancers:

Misses Annie T. Daniel, Zora Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Jessie O'Briant, Mabel Collins, Lulu Thornton, Miss McMurray of Colorado City, Mrs. A. G. Crouch of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Mitchell of Midland, Messrs. and Mesdames Lanier Brown, J. W. Daniel, and Deavenport Gaither, Messrs. Colemann and Gambel of Colorado City, Ernest Faucett, Clayton Brown, Oly Sharp, C. Hunt, W. R. Walker and T. J. Coggin.

Leap Year Party.

The bachelor girls were hostesses to their boy friends Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

Boys were not left to come alone or stay at home. Each was escorted to the party by a fair young maiden. The boys met together at one place with the exception of four timid ones who waited at home for their "company." All went well until a gun exploded that had been arranged in one of the gates causing some "nervousness" and a "scream" or too. Enroute to the party the crowd stopped at the moving picture show.

Mrs. Hunt as a hostess is always a success. It is always pleasant to be a guest at her home. Music and games were the diversions planned. Every one wrote New Year resolutions which were then read.

Salad, crackers, olives and hot chocolate was served to Messrs. Choc Jones, Rufford and Carl Evans, Jesse Ferguson, Frank Ferrier, Bill Sheppard, Lester Ellis, Lowe Barnett, Sam Swann, Luther Grimes, Parker, Oly and Roscoe Sharp, John West, Lyttoward, Tyre Sublett, Taylor Jennings, Misses Mattie Paylor, Fannie Burroughs, Eunice Nisbitt, Elma Sheppard, Venona and Virginia Hamblet, Ezma Allday, Winnie Warren, Pauline Johnson, Winnie Barnett, Ruth Mims, Maude Martin, Mary and Flay Gunn, and Maggie Roberts.

Tour of Nations.

The Tour of the Nations was a complete success. Although it was too muddy for the automobiles floats were used to convey the travelers and pleasure seekers from the station, Rust & McCauley's. Our first stop was at Italy, represented by a garden, decorative palms, hammocks and flower beds. Here was Romulus and Remus, and Wolf Dog. The hostess Miss Flay Gunn assisted by Mrs. Boney, Misses Margie and Murtice Saffle, Miss Virginia Hamblet represented a nun. Music was furnished by Miss Fannie Burroughs. All were beautifully dressed. Cheese straws and macaroons were served.

The next stop was Spain represented by a picture gallery. Here we were introduced to Queen Ena Victoria, Miss O'Briant, and King Alfronzo. Miss Rister; a Spanish Matador, Will Joe Largent; a gypsy tent and a fortune teller, Mrs. L. Sparkman; a nun, Miss Saffle; lady in waiting, Miss Daniel. Mrs. W. A. Scott hostess. All were beautifully dressed. Lemonade and cake was served.

We were then off for a visit to Japan where Mrs. J. T. Warren was the hostess, assisted by Misses Roxie Moon, Mary Lee Hicks and Maggie Wheeler. Japanese lanterns, parasols, screens, etc., together with soft music gave us the feeling that we must be really and truly in Japan. Tea and peanut butter sandwiches were served.

Our next stop was in Holland. While we were disappointed in not seeing Queen Wilhelmina, we were royally entertained. The typical Dutch girls, with dusters, met us at the door. The decorations were blue and white, dutch shoes and windmills. Mrs. C. Hunt was hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Dennis, Misses Sadie Collins, Inice Moon, L. Dennis and Madalin Hunt.

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The Woman's



The Ingathering  
By Wilbur D. Nesbit

"And the feast of ingathering at the year's end."  
—Exodus xxxiv, 22.

So the year dies, and so  
Into the afterglow  
All the year's days go.

We count them, one by one  
Days filled with shade or  
Days of great tasks begun,  
Days of achievement,  
Days when we, weak and faint,  
Felt all our courage fail,  
When we, benumbed and pale  
Met our bereavement.

And far and far away  
We find the year's first day—  
But was it sad or gay,  
Can we remember?  
Slowly they die, the days,  
As does some ruddy blaze—  
Ever in a smoking haze  
Or crumbling ember.

Joys—there were joys to spare,  
Griefs—there were griefs to bear,  
Ah, and the joys all fair  
Spent on the morrows!  
Joys were the clinking gold  
Dropping from out our hold—  
We, like to misers old,  
Clung to our sorrows.

And this is stranger still,  
Sorrows that worked us ill  
Nor grow as sorrows will,  
To things we cherish;  
And out of all the year  
We find that sigh and tear  
As blessings now appear  
And cannot perish.

So do we count the days  
Down all of time's long ways  
And with dim peace we gaze  
On bond and fetter;  
And know at last that all  
Of the blind blows that fall  
And the cups brimmed with gall  
But make us better.

So dies the year, and so  
Gently we come to know  
How fair the afterglow.

"Weiners", butter milk and sour kraut was served.

After leaving here we turned our faces once again to dear old America where Uncle Sam, Robert Hicks, the Goddess of Liberty, Miss Ruth Mims, together with Mrs. E. Hall hostess, assisted by Misses Bowler, Murphy and Saunders, gave us a hearty welcome and served us with coffee and ham sandwiches. The decorations were red, white and blue.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Paul Leeper who visited his mother Mrs. George L. Hamilton during the holidays returned to Waxahachie Monday to resume his studies in Trinity University.

Miss Fanny Pearl Moore who is a stenographer for the Texas Underwriters Insurance Company at Fort Worth visited her parents and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and children of San Angelo were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown Christmas week.

Miss Winnie Warren spent the holidays at home returning to Waco Tuesday to resume her studies in the Baylor University.

Miss Annie T. Daniel left Sunday morning for Dallas where she will take a special course in music.

Miss Lucy Leonard of Abilene was the little holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Farms for Merchandise.

Improved and at cash price to trade for dry goods or groceries, any amount \$1,000 to \$25,000. Jno. G. Jackson.

Wear a Benjamin and you wear the best clothing made. For sale only by Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.



# NATIONAL PRICE CUTTING

Best Merchandise During Our Great Pre-Inventory Sale, Beginning Tuesday, January 2nd, CLOSING SATURDAY, JANUARY THIRTEENTH

Stock is much heavier than it should be at this season, and we have decided to defer closing until January 15th in order to reduce stock to a minimum before beginning the arduous task of taking stock. Frankly, we have more stock in practically all departments than we are going to carry. We know how to reduce it. We are going to cut the price far below any "Sale Prices" that you ever had quoted you, and move the goods out during this 11 days sale. Read our prices carefully; compare them item by item, with any sale prices you have quoted you. Then remember you have larger stocks, newer styles and better qualities at this store than any in this section of the state from which to make selections.

## Your Best Judgment Will Point You to This Store

### SILKS & DRESS GOODS Pre-Inventory Prices

One lot of Messaline, Taffeta and fancy silks almost a complete line of colors, values up to \$1.25 per yard. Our cut price only **69c**

52 and 56 inch fancy mixtures in the newest weaves and shades, in woolens, values up to \$1.75. Our cut price **\$1.19**

Broadcloth in colors, the best \$1.50 grade. Our pre-inventory price per yard only **95c**

Serges and fancy weaves, woolens values up to \$1.25 pre-inventory price per yard only **69c**

A line of 50 and 60c values in woolens. Our cut price per yard only **35c**

25c and 35c cotton worsteds. Special price to close **15c**

25c and 35c grade of fancy poplins, cut price **19c**

75 pieces outing mottled flannel and daisy cloth in 10c and 12c grades pre inventory price only **8 1/2c**

Red Seal Gingham, 12 1/2c quality **10c**

### Great Blanket Special

50c and 60c Blankets per pair **35c**

\$1 00 grade blankets, per pair **85c**

\$2 00 and \$2 25 grade blankets choice per pair **\$1.85**

\$3 00 grade blankets, per pair **\$2.50**

\$4 50 grade blankets, per pair **\$3.50**

\$6 50 grade blankets, per pair **\$5.00**

\$7 50 grade blankets, per pair **\$6.00**

\$10.00 and \$11 00 grade blankets, per pair **\$12.00**

### EXTRA SPECIAL

85 pair ladies shoes in broken sizes all popular leathers and styles. Values up to \$3 50, choice only **\$1.45**

30 pairs of Men's \$5.00 shoes in patent and tans, while they last only **\$2.95**

50 pairs children's shoes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2, all styles, values up to \$1 50, choice while they last, per pair **80c**

50 dozen men's 50c and 60c fleeced underwear, special **37 1/2c**

25 pair Edwin Clapp \$6.00 and \$6 50 shoes broken sizes, while they last choice **\$3.75**

Special pre-inventory prices on every pair of shoes in our entire stock. Come and be fitted in first-class dependable footwear.

Ladies long Kid Gloves in dark red and brown, \$3 00 grade. Special **\$1.75**

Ladies heavy street gloves, tans, browns, navy and gray \$1.50 quality, special **\$1.15**

\$1.25 quality of ladies kid gloves, assorted colors, special **85c**

Ladies outing gowns at pre-inventory prices.

Ladies fancy petticoats in silk and heatherbloom at pre-inventory prices.

Ladies' knit and silk scarfs at pre-inventory prices.

Fancy chiffon waists at pre-inventory prices.

Line of Ladies and Misses sweaters at pre-inventory prices.

Men's and boys' gingham rompers, 50c and 60c grades, special price **35c**

### LADIES' SUITS, COATS AND DRESSES

Pre-Inventory prices. It will pay you well to buy one of these handsome stylish garments if you do not use it until next season. You may choose from our entire stock of suits, coats and dresses **AT EXACTLY HALF REGULAR PRICE.**

All \$8 50 Suits, coats or dresses **\$4.25**

All 10 00 suits, coats or dresses **5.00**

All 12 50 suits, coats or dresses **6.25**

All 15 00 suits, coats or dresses **7.50**

All 16 50 suits, coats or dresses **8.25**

All 18 50 suits, coats or dresses **9.25**

All 20 00 suits, coats or dresses **10.00**

All 22 50 suits, coats or dresses **11.25**

All 25 00 suits, coats or dresses **12.50**

All 30 00 suits, coats or dresses **15.00**

All 35 00 suits, coats or dresses **17.50**

All 40 00 suits, coats or dresses **20.00**

Come in early and make your selections as these garments will not last long at above prices.

### Ladies and Misses Hats Exactly Half Price

Come in and select a new and fashionable hat from the largest and best stock in the west as follows:

All \$2 50 hats, choice **\$1.25**

All 3 00 hats, choice **1.50**

All 4 00 hats, choice **2.00**

All 5 00 hats, choice **2.50**

All 6 50 hats, choice **3.25**

All 7 50 hats, choice **3.75**

All 10 00 hats, choice **5.00**

All 12 50 hats, choice **6.25**

All 15 00 hats, choice **7.50**

All 20 00 hats, choice **10.00**

### FINE SUITS AND COATS

Pre-Inventory. We have our entire stock of Men's fine suits in three lots and quote you the following reductions:

**Rack No. 1**

Is about 80 suits made by H. and other high grade clothes new up to date cuts and patterns run \$25 00, 27 50 and 30 00 of this rack only **12.50**

**Rack No. 2**

Is about 90 suits all high and splendid patterns \$22.50, choice of lot **11.25**

**Rack No. 3**

Is about 80 suits in all shades and choice of colors **10.00**

Overcoats and suits all grades **5.00**

Beautiful **5.00**

\$5 00 to **7.00**

10.00 to **12.00**

Above **15.00**

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# Dry Goods

W. J. NEENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE

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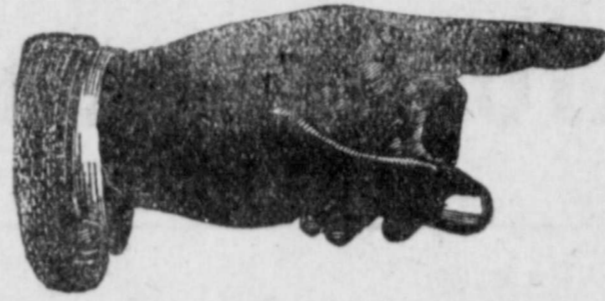
## ENTIRE STOCK

INCLUDING ALL DRY GOODS & GROCERIES at special prices. We intend to make this the most Extraordinary Sale ever held in Merkel.

### Children's Cloaks

- \$1.65 Child's Bearskin Cloak in white, blue and red, well made and lined, trimmed with teddy bear buttons, size 2 to 6 A. \$2.50 garment. **\$1.65**
- \$1.59 Misses Long Cloaks in light and dark colors, a good school garment, size 10 to 14. **\$1.59**
- \$3.50 Misses Cloaks in fancy striped Kersey, extra long and extra heavy, with wide storm collar, cheap at \$4.50, our price. **\$3.50**
- \$6.90 Young Ladies Cloak 45 inches long, of heavy Kersey, in brown and brown mixed. Sizes 16 to 20, sale price. **\$3.50**

## Mammoth in Scope



Beginning  
And Continues

### A QUICK MOVEMENT TO SELL THOUSANDS

PROFITS TOSSED TO THE WINDS, cost of the merchandise not considered in severely need under present adverse conditions—MONEY. A combination of circumstances of goods without the slightest regard for values. To begin at the beginning, our business and rosy prospects for a great fall trade, and were induced by persuasive price contributions to this city which has materially lessened the normal outlet for merchandise. We Sell the Goods; Reduce the Stock and get the Money. To this end we inaugurate a bold, dashing and rigid economist and put flowing into the channels of trade many hundreds of dollars owing to. In every nook and corner of the store, up and down aisles, on center counters, on the ledges and which speak with more force and eloquence than the shrewdest clerks. COME AND SPEND A

**NOW COMES THE GREAT SALE YOU**



Best ribbons in town at a mere fraction of what it costs to make them. Now is certainly the time when all ladies should take advantage of an opportunity to secure a large supply at a very low cost.

- High grade taffeta silk ribbon, all colors, extra wide, positively worth this great sale, price only **20c**
- As above, only in satin and slightly wider, worth 30c and 50c, price only **25c**
- Line of 20c and 25c silk ribbon; this sale, price only **12 1/2c**
- Ribbon, all colors, during this great sale, per yard **8 1/2c**
- Ribbon, all colors; this sale, price only, per yard **3c**

### Ladies, Men and Childrens Shoes

Department is not only the largest in this section, but is the largest stock you can find anywhere, and if you buy here you are assured of being comfortably clad. This department contains what you must see to appreciate.

- Men's patent leather or vice, all standard brands, during this great sale, price \$3.98 and **\$2.98**
- Best grades known from coast to coast as the standard, worth \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2; this great sale price **\$1.50**, also **\$1.45** and **\$1.20**
- Men's high grade boots, all styles, high tops, worth \$6.50, \$5.50, \$5, \$4 and \$3.50 at this sale **\$2.25**
- Dress shoes in patent leather; only **\$3.00**
- Dress shoes in patent leather, all sizes; this sale **\$2.88**
- Dress shoes, in patent leather, all sizes, every style **\$2.38**
- High grade dress shoes made by all manufacturers; this sale, price only **\$1.15**

**AT HALF PRICE**

### Mens and Boys Clothing

- At prices lower than any one ever dreamed of, for \$18 and \$20, suits all to match; this sale **\$11.50**, this amount entitles you to choose a suit of as fine a make and as elegant as the most fastidious dresser could desire in fine home and foreign suitings of styles and tone; this sale, price only **\$11.50**
- \$25.00 Benjamin suits with fancy vests for **\$20.00**
- 22.50 Benjamin suits with fancy vests for **\$18.50**
- 15.00 Litchfield suits with fancy vests for **\$12.50**
- 12.50 Litchfield suits **\$10.00**



### Sweater Coats

For everybody all sizes and at almost any price you could want them. You could hardly imagine the saving you would make on these goods by reading prices on paper. You have to see them to really appreciate the values.

- \$1.00 and 1.25 Sweaters **83c**
- 2.00 and 2.50 Sweaters **1.65**
- 3.00 and 3.50 Sweaters **2.50**
- Others at proportionate prices.

### Mens and Boys Clothing

- \$10.00 Litchfield suits **\$7.50**
- 8.50 Knickerbocker suits for boys **6.50**
- 7.50 Knickerbocker suits for boys **5.50**
- 6.50 Knickerbocker suits for boys **5.00**
- 5.00 Knickerbocker suits for boys **4.00**
- 4.00 Knickerbocker suits for boys **3.00**
- Overcoats at heavy reduced prices.

### This Will

and everyone who knows of these EXCELLENT Bargains should tire trade territory should



Ladies Need  
Reduced Prices  
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# Going Out of Business

We are closing out our stock of Groceries at LESS THAN COST and here are some of the prices that shall force groceries out of Pickelsimer & Allen's grocery:

- A. and H. Soda, per pound ..... 6c
- Argo Starch, per package ..... 4c
- K. C. Baking Powders, 25 ozs. .... 18c
- C. B. Coffee, 4 pounds ..... 90c
- Bacon, per pound ..... 10c
- W. C. Lard, per pail ..... 85c
- W. R. Syrup, per pail ..... 40c
- Vinegar, apple, per gallon ..... 25c
- Apples, 2 cans 3 pound ..... 25c
- Kerosene, per gallon ..... 8c

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COASTER-BRAKES, single wheels, imported roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail price.

**\$10.00** Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof **\$4.80**  
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The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce you we will sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 cash with order \$4.55.

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We have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that the "A" faces have only been pumped up once or twice in a whole season. They weigh no more than an ordinary tire, the puncture-resisting qualities being given by several layers of thin, specially prepared fabric on the tread. The regular price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are making a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same day letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you have examined and found them strictly as represented.

We will allow a cash discount of 6 percent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send FULL CASH WITH ORDER and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be returned at OUR expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable and money sent to us is safe as in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride easier, run faster, wear better, last longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. We know that you will be so well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want you to send us a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

IF YOU NEED TIRES. Don't buy any kind at any price until you send for a pair of Hedgethorn tires quoted above or write to our big tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and kinds of tires at about half the usual prices. DO NOT WAIT. Write us a postal today. DO NOT THINK OF BUYING a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It only costs a postal to learn everything. Write it NOW.

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### OF LOCAL INTEREST

Some People We Know, and We Will Profit by Hearing About Them.

This is purely a local event. It took place in Merkel. Not in Buffalo or New York. You are asked to investigate it. Asked to believe a citizen's word; to confirm a citizen's statement. Any article that is endorsed at home is more worthy of confidence than one you know nothing about, endorsed by unknown people.

H. W. Derstine, postmaster, Merkel, Texas, says: "I still believe Doan's Kidney Pills are good for kidney trouble although I never have occasion to use them any more. You are at liberty to use my statement as heretofore. Backache bothered me off and on for years and Doan's Kidney Pills procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co's. store relieved me. I believe they will cure any case of kidney trouble, if taken as directed."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### Indiana Man Here.

William A. Rhodes and wife of French Lick Springs, Ind., are here visiting his uncle B. J. Rhodes together with other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes stopped here after an extended visit through California and Old Mexico. On leaving here they will go to Eastland to visit other relatives after which they will return home.

Mr. Rhodes' business is very extensive, having the exclusive livery business of the French Lick Hotel of French Lick Springs the great health resort where he keeps 65 horses and livery is free to the hotel guests. Outside of California Mr. Rhodes says this country has the best atmosphere that he has found anywhere, it being much lighter than the air of Indiana.

### Counterfeiters Arrested.

Last week Sheriff C. M. Parker, of Fisher county, assisted by Deputy Hammitt, Constable Cozart and Peacock arrested on surprise Tom Kerns and Charlie Sherman two well known farmers of the shinnery country. The men were arrested at the Kerns home north of Newman in the eastern part of the county.

When arrested there were found on the men several counterfeit fifty cent pieces and some molds made from plaster of Paris. The evidence seems conclusive as the men were arrested after having been watched for several days. They were lodged in the Abilene jail by U. S. Deputy Marshal Peevey until they were given a hearing.

### Think it Over.

You go down the street seeking employment, and at every door you are "turned down." Why? Because you are not trained. Business men are looking for trained young men and women—advertising for them every day. If you want to qualify for a good position as bookkeeper, stenographer or the like, take the Draughon Training. For catalogue, add. Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

### Rural Carriers' Meeting.

Victor Harris, B. F. Cox and O. J. Adcock of Merkel, and Mr. Thomas, of Tye, made an overland trip to Baird Thursday of last week on their motorcycles to attend the meeting of the Taylor-Callahan Rural Carriers. They report an enjoyable trip also an instructive and enthusiastic meeting of the carriers.

### MADE EQUALS BY LEARNING

With the Same Education, Men Will Lose Their Superiority Over Women.

Rev. Anna Howard Shaw said recently in Philadelphia of an opponent of co-education:

"Perhaps he objects because he is aware that equal education does away with man's superiority. The average man, of course, won't be superior to the average woman when they are both equally well educated. His assertions won't be accepted then unquestioningly.

"Indeed his assertions already are beginning to be questioned here and there. Thus there was a young chap at the seashore last month who on being refused by a beautiful girl said:

"You have broken my heart."

"But the girl, a medical student, laid her white hand lightly on his breast a moment, and then shook her head and said:

"No, there isn't the least evidence of organic lesion. I notice a slight palpitation, due, no doubt, to the excessive use of cheap cigarettes, but otherwise the organ is quite perfect."

### Her Idea of It.

Algie Graham Livingston is going to write a spelling book, some day, if they let her, according to a writer in the Cleveland Leader.

"How do you spell 'Yaining'?" she asked the other afternoon, as the big drops came down and spoilt her outdoor play. In parenthesis he it said that she isn't big enough to pronounce the letter "r." Hence "Yaining."

Her mother gave the desired information, but Algie, whose proper name is Elsie, shook her head. Her big brother endeavored to assist her, but Algie roughly declined advice.

"Well," said her brother Bob, "how do you spell it?"

"H, e, double l," came the answer, like a flash.

And they wonder where she got it.

The barn on the Barnett farm in the Stith community was badly damaged by the storm Sunday. This property is owned by Jim Barnett of Blue Ridge in Collin county.

SEED CORN at G. F. West & Sons. 113

W. R. Bigham left for El Paso Wednesday afternoon to look after the commission business in which he is engaged.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens were in Abilene Wednesday.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers. tf

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND  
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel..10:04 p. m.  
Train No. 4 " " ..11:38 a. m.  
Train No. 6 " " ..12:19 a. m.  
Train No. 8 " " ..9:02 a. m.

WEST BOUND  
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel..4:02 a. m.  
Train No. 3 " " ..4:48 a. m.  
Train No. 5 " " ..4:28 a. m.  
Train No. 7 " " ..4:20 p. m.

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

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## SAN ANGELO BOY TAKES LIVE WIRE

San Angelo, Feb. 27.—Elbert Williams, 16 years old, had 2,300 volts of electricity to go through him yesterday when he picked up a live wire on the street, but he is still alive. The wire had been blown down by the storm and the boy undertook to remove it to one side of the street. The wire did not shock him until he stepped into a pool of water. He was unconscious for an hour after his boy friends had lassoed him and pulled him away from the wire with a rope. He was attached to the wire for five minutes before being rescued and will lose the thumb of his left hand as a result.

### Real Estate Deals.

W. T. Berry and wife to Fannie Rister, fractional lot No. 1 in block 49, also 8x140 feet and north half of lot 1 in block B, Sheppard's addition to Merkel; \$2,500.00.

A. A. Baker and wife to Eunice Burkhead, 95 acres land out of section 16, block 18, Texas & Pacific land; \$3,420.00.

J. Ben Campbell to W. R. Atkins, 50 acres land off the north end of lot 28, in League 147, Grimes county school lands; \$1,675.00.

W. A. Hall to Taylor county, strip of land for road purposes off north half of section 74, in block 19, Texas & Pacific land; \$6,000.00.

I. H. Banchman and wife of Wichita Falls, Texas, to G. J. Jones, lots 7 and 8 in block 15, Noble's subdivision of College addition of Merkel; \$400.00.

W. C. Hoffman and wife to W. H. Payton of Collinsworth county, west half of black land in Merkel, conveyed to Joseph Huber by W. P. Coomer and wife, also lots 11 and 12 in block A of Boyce's first addition to the town of Merkel; \$2,500.00.

### District Conference.

The District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of the Abilene district will convene at the Methodist Church at 4 p. m. March 29. Something like one hundred visitors are expected to be present. Some of the ablest preachers of the state will be in attendance.

R. A. Clements, Pastor.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Mar. 2, 1912  
Hoard, John  
Martin, S. T.  
Smith, Miss Myrtle (2)  
Waid, Charley.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Mar. 16, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p. m.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our little Eugene. May God ever bless them in the prayer of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Baker and children.

Clyde and Bud Sears shipped a couple of hundred big steers to the Fort Worth market last week. They fed the steers through the winter and realized a very satisfactory profit.

J. S. Swann, C. E. Whitaker, R. E. Counts were visitors to the capitol city yesterday.

## NEW SPRING STYLES IN DRESSES, SUITS AND MILLINERY

Fashion's first arrivals in Suits and Dresses and attractive styles in new Millinery for immediate wear are now being shown. You are invited to inspect these new arrivals—all at moderate prices.

**Campbell's**  
ONE PRICE, THE LOWEST  
Abilene's Favorite Shopping Place

## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch News.

Feb. 27.—Bro. Odis Rainer preached a good sermon for us Sunday morning. Preaching and Sunday school were very well attended Sunday considering the high wind.

Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were visiting their sister Mrs. Hattie Hardy Saturday evening.

Odis Rainer and sister Miss Mae from Floydada are here visiting friends. Mrs. Butler was real sick Saturday morning.

Miss Mae Rainer was visiting Misses Selena and Olive Teaff Monday.

Mrs. Ada Higgins was visiting at the home of Mrs. Taylor Monday.

Clyde Williams spent Saturday night and Sunday with Brittan Jobe of Merkel.

Miss Ida Taylor spent Tuesday night with Miss Annie Higgins.

Miss Osee Teaff was visiting Misses Cora and Alma Hays Sunday.

Wesley Hardy and family were visiting at Porter Petty's Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Nona Allen and children were visiting the family of Will Higgins Monday night.

After spending several days with his sister Mrs. Nona Allen Lester Wheat went to spend awhile with Will Higgins and family.

Burley Taylor and sister Miss Oma and Miss Lillie Wheat were Merkel visitors Monday afternoon.

Miss Annie Higgins spent the day Sunday with Mrs. Mary Risinger.

Blue-Eyed Girl.

### Dora Doings.

Feb. 27.—The health of this community is good at present.

We have been having some real bad weather. One of the most severe snow storms visited this country last Tuesday that we have ever witnessed.

Tom Olives and wife were in Sweetwater Thursday.

We had a good rain Saturday night which was appreciated very much but had a severe west wind Sunday, blowing down feed stacks and every thing that was loose was swept away by the wind.

We had a hard freeze Sunday night which was bad on oats.

Mrs. Charlie Garvin was visiting Mrs. Jno. Bloxom Monday.

Miss Ethel Ensminger returned home Saturday from a visit in the canyon.

DeWitt Phillips and Glen Jones attended a party in the canyon last week. R. A. Ensminger and C. F. Sanders each lost a good mare, both dying with colic Friday night.

Mr. Hailey is on the sick list this week.

DeWitt Phillips went to Merkel Monday. Jack.

### White Church Community.

Feb. 25.—We had a nice rain Saturday night and lots of hail.

T. J. Toombs was visiting in our community one day last week.

Mrs. S. V. Boden went to Merkel last Saturday.

Our singing at White Church Sunday afternoon was a failure on account of the sand storm.

Mrs. Grider and son went to Nubia Saturday afternoon.

U. G. Riggan and boys went to Merkel Saturday.

Master Denzal Cox was visiting Murry Farmer Sunday.

Rufus Pannell and Howard Brown visited Jack Noel Saturday night.

Dolph Coats and father-in-law were visiting Nubia one day last week.

Nath Noel visited Millard Pannell Sunday night. Prodigal Son.

### The Men Who Succeed

as heads of great enterprises are men of great energy. Success, today, demands health. To all is to fail. It's utter folly for a man to endure a weak, run-down, half alive condition when Electric Bitters will put him right on his feet in short order. "Four bottles did me more real good than any other medicine I ever took," writes Chas. B. Allen, Sylvania, Ga. "After years of suffering with rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach disorders and deranged kidneys, I am again, thanks to Electric Bitters, sound and well." Try them. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

### Trent Items.

Feb. 26.—Trent was visited by a terrific sand storm Sunday which did a great deal of damage.

Miss Lamar of Merkel is visiting Miss Anie Erwin who lives west of town.

Rev. Mills of Anson has accepted the pastorate of the M. E. church.

School was dismissed Thursday evening and several of the pupils went to Merkel to see the ball game.

Altus Terry, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Terry, has pneumonia.

Joe Brown who has accepted a position in Sweetwater returned home sick last week.

Owen Jennings teacher of White Church school spent from Friday until Sunday with relatives here.

Several of the Trent people attended the opera at Merkel Friday night.

Mrs. McGregor of Coahoma is visiting her daughter Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

H. W. Harris who is sick with typhoid fever has taken a relapse and is in a very serious condition.

R. B. Johnson had business in Abilene Monday.

Miss Beulah Smith visited home folks at Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Vada Holton and little sister visited their sister Iva who has recently undergone the second operation at the Alexander sanitarium. John.

## A LAZY LIVER SPOILS DAY'S WORK

Don't Let a Torpid Liver Knock You out of a Day's Work—There is a Better Way—Read About It.

A man feels very little like working and a child don't want to go to school when bilious or constipated. If you try calomel to cure you the chances are that you will be so weakened by its after-effects that you will be laid up for two or three days more. So we say "Don't take Calomel." We have a perfect substitute for calomel right here in our store, that we can fully guarantee to cure constipation and liven up the liver just as quickly as calomel, but without any of the bad after-effects of calomel. The name of this tonic is Dodson's Liver-Tone. It is a pleasant tasting vegetable tonic that mildly stimulates the liver and causes it to work just right to cleanse the body without any danger of salivation. When you try it if you do not say that it is a perfect substitute for calomel, come right in and get your money back. Rust & McCauley's drug store.

### Eugene Baker Dead.

Last Thursday week Eugene, the 11-year-old son of E. O. Baker, who lives one and a half miles northeast of Merkel died of congestion. Burial was given the following day in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rev. Clements conducting the services. The Mail joins their many friends in expressing a heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved parents.

### For Diseases of the Skin.

Nearly all diseases of the skin such as eczema, tetter, salt rheum and barbers' itch, are characterized by an intense itching and smarting, which often makes life a burden and disturbs sleep and rest. Quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It allays the itching and smarting almost instantly. Many cases have been cured by its user For sale by all dealers.

### Lubbock After Commandry.

A committee of Masons from Lubbock called on the Plainview Commandry for a recommendation from that lodge for a Commandry of Knight Templar at Lubbock. The Lubbock lodge is very elaborate and is supposed to be one of the best equipped in the western part of the state they having one of the most progressive orders of that clan in the country.

Our full line of box candies offered at cost. The Elite.

## ZEMO MAKES ASTONISHING ECZEMA CURES

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Every day ZEMO gives relief and cures men, women and children in every city and town in America whose skins are on fire with torturing ECZEMA rashes and other itching, burning, scaly, and crusted skin and scalp humors.

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### J. C. Burleson, the People's Candidate.

I have spent twelve of my forty-nine years in Taylor county, have never asked for any office in my life before, but by a strong solicitation from a great many of my friends, consisting of farmers, stockmen and business men of Taylor county, I agreed to make the race for Tax Collector, and if I can only meet you or get you to ask about me, that will be enough. I will then trust to your voting for me.

If I succeed in getting the office I promise not to abuse your actions of placing me there. Hoping to meet you and every other voter in Taylor county, I am, yours respectfully,

J. C. Burleson.

### Crawford for Re-election.

The Mail is authorized to announce Baylor Crawford as a candidate for re-election to the office of tax collector of Taylor county. His record as an officer is good and he is entitled to your careful consideration before you cast your vote.

### Christopher for Treasurer.

The Mail announces this week J. W. Christopher as a candidate for re-election as treasurer of Taylor county. Mr. Christopher has made a good and efficient officer and we ask that you consider his claims for your support.

### Burleson for Collector.

In our column this week appears the name of J. C. Burleson as a candidate for tax collector of our county. Mr. Burleson is known to many of our people and we commend him to others for due consideration.

### Many Driven From Home.

Every year, in many parts of the country, thousands are driven from their homes by coughs and lung diseases. Friends and business are left behind for other climates, but this is costly and not always sure. A better way—the way of multitudes—is to use Dr. King's New Discovery and cure yourself at home. Stay right there with your friends and take this safe medicine. Throat and lung troubles find quick relief and health returns. Its help, in coughs, colds, grip, croup, whooping-cough and sore lungs make it a positive blessing. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

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If you can get the same goods for less money, it is a sensible business policy to do so. Whenever you order goods from a merchant if you will take the time to ask the price, you will often be surprised at the difference. When you can save 10 cents on a sack of flour or 5 cents on a bucket of syrup by taking a little trouble to inform yourself on prices, it is plain what your duty would be. We have but little expense, therefore we are not compelled to get higher prices to make the profits.

100 pounds Blue Ribbon Flour.....	\$2.90
Box Axel Grease.....	5c
10 pounds White Cloud Lard.....	90c
10 pounds Cottolene.....	1.25
10 pounds Velve Syrup.....	65c
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10 pounds Wild Rose Syrup.....	40c
10 pounds Royal Sorghum.....	45c
10 pounds P. & F. or Evangeline.....	55c
10 pounds White Lily Syrup.....	45c
1 pound Arbuckle Coffee.....	25c
5 gallons good oil.....	40c
5 gallons best oil.....	65c

We don't claim our goods to be better than the other man's goods, for we all buy about the same class and pay the same for them. Nearly all the extra high patent flour is about the same in quality and costs about the same in the market; of course some of it costs you more, but it is because the merchant makes more profit. Call and see us.

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