

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## TWO-YEAR MULES BRING \$440.00

The biggest price ever paid for a pair of two-year-old mules was that received by E. D. Massey Saturday from S. A. Overton of the Ross Commission Company, \$440.00.

The Panther City buyer did not waste ten minutes in looking the animals over and making the purchase at the price of the owner for one of the local buyers in the presence of our reporter stated that he was going to offer \$450, but he did not get the chance and the new owner refused to consider an offer of less than \$500.00.

In the opinion of local stockman the young team are as good as ever raised in Missouri or any other state and the local stockmen who wanted to buy them stated that if he could have gotten them he would have exhibited them at the Dallas Fair and Fort Worth stock show and challenged the world with them as the best pair ever picked up off grass.

Both were mare mules, extra good color, bone and shape, measuring 16½ and 16 1½ high. The only criticism to be made was they were thin, having been raised on grass and just recently broken. A month's feed and good care will put enough flesh on them to make them bring \$600 on any good mule market.

## MERKEL IS BEST STOCK MARKET

The reputation of the Merkel country for stock-raising is to be given the credit for making our town one of the best markets in this part of the state for all kinds of live stock.

There is no denial of the fact that the sales and shipments of cattle, mules, horses and hogs from this point have been the largest of any town in this section. In the last month more than thirty cars of cattle have been shipped from Merkel and a number of cars of horses, mules and hogs and our editor knows of a number of other cars that will be shipped to eastern buyers and markets in the next few weeks.

One buyer S. A. Overton of the Ross Commission Company of Fort Worth has within the past few weeks disbursed among our farmers and stock-raisers about \$25,000 for mules. He shipped a car Monday, making a total of six cars of mules bought and shipped from the Merkel market.

The prices paid for all of this stock have been the highest reported by any town and very satisfactory to the sellers.

Courtney Hunt of Haskell and Master Deo visited the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys Sunday and Monday. Mr. Hunt says that the cotton is better in the Haskell country but that Merkel will market 2,000 to 3,000 bales more than the northern city. It must be because we have the best cotton market in this part of the state.

## THE MAIL HAS A NEW PRESS

This issue of our paper is printed on our new press.

The machine is a high-class drum cylinder and made to print a six-column quarto, making it possible for us to enlarge our paper for we are figuring on a bigger and better paper and the speed which permits us to print 1500 to 1800 per hour will enable us to take care of our growing circulation and yet always have our paper on time. It is one of our hobbies to have our paper out on time and in four years under the present management the Mail has failed to go out to our subscribers on time but once and that was when we were moving to our present quarters. Our papers go out on the routes Friday morning and thus our readers and advertisers get the full benefit of our medium for their trading Saturday.

The addition of this newspaper press, another Hoe cylinder press, new job press, new type, cabinets, electric motor, etc, to our office makes this one of the best country newspaper plants in the state. In the last four years in spite of the depressed conditions the Mail has added more than \$2,500 worth of machinery and type and replaced all old style machinery and type with the very latest and improved and modern material. Our business has justified this improvement and it is our hope to keep our paper and plant up in harmony with the town and country we represent. We have the best town and country in the state and we feel that this should be the best newspaper and plant in a town of this size.

This issue will be mailed to many who are not subscribers and we hope to make them regular readers and friends of our paper. All that we ask is that you look over our paper and pass judgment. It is not expected that you will like everything we write or print for that is impossible but we give the local news of interest, do what we think to be right and give everybody a fair and square deal.

Our subscription is strictly cash-in-advance and the paper stops when the time is out which is the only way to run a newspaper. If you want the paper you will be glad to renew and if you do not want it we do not desire to try and make you take it. This is a free country and this is an independent newspaper.

Please read our subscription clubbing offers on another page and let us add your name to our list of readers. Your name will help us and we will always be on the job and at work for our mutual good.

## Buy at Merkel and Sell at Merkel

There was just logic in the location of Merkel at the beginning and its growth as a market, a place for the people to buy and sell has been but the result of the advantages it possessed in location.

Of course it is our desire to give full credit for the progress and enterprise of the men and merchants who did and do business here and as much more to the good farmers who have from year to year marketed their products and bought their supplies at this point. These and many other factors worked to make this a market but then back to the result of the natural conditions and advantages.

The success of Merkel as a trading point would have been impossible if the country, trade territory and actual business did not justify the efforts and enterprise of the business men for all trade conditions seek their natural level. Just like every other town within our knowledge there was a time when the growth of this town in the business and residence sections surpassed the country and the result was a backward slide of the town and its values. There were too many merchants, too many business houses and too many undesirable residences. The progress of the town and country must be the same. The merchants must keep time with the farmer and vice versa and both should work together for their mutual benefit.

The history of our town is very short measured in years and when one fairly considers our growth as a town and market in

this short time and under the conditions which obtained the conclusion as to our future is certainly a very optimistic one. This is but the beginning of the making of one of the best residence towns and business points in this section of the state if our people will but get the full benefit of their present position of supremacy and work together for the promotion of their mutual interests. It will not do to let well enough alone for eternal vigilance and by way of parenthesis everlasting energy and advertising is the price of business success of a town as well as that of an individual. There is always hard competition and then there are other things beside the quality of merchandise and the price.

There were never assembled together a more enterprising and progressive list of merchants, bankers, business and professional men than those in our little town and if there is anything we like it is the proper cooperation. The building of the best town on the map is possible if we will do the work. It is true that we are doing good but we should do better and let's not forget stagnation begins with satisfaction with our efforts. There must be the same cooperation between the people of the country and the people of town for next year the country man may be in town and the town man following the plow and anyway we are always in the same boat, and must paddle our own canoe.

It is said that nothing succeeds like success and in the same

meaning nothing helps business like more business. The secret of the success of Merkel merchants has been the volume of business they could do, a maximum for a small town in comparison and with the minimum expense. We could give here a long list of men who made their money jumping counters and measuring cloth here and we could count all the failures on the fingers of one hand and then have enough uncounted to run our typewriter. Reflect that 95 per cent of business men fail and then you will know just how much better this town is than the average country trading point. In the words of one successful merchant we have twice as much territory as one unacquainted would suppose and then it is the best class of trade that ever came to town. The merchant who trades and traffics with dagoes and niggers does not dream of such delightful merchandising as that enjoyed by Merkel business men. It is a good credit town and our merchants and their customers have a rating and credit among the best anywhere.

In the past our merchants have lost few opportunities to extend their mutual interests and in spite of the building of more railroads and more towns in our territory we have people here trading every week who live 20 to 25 miles distance. They come here to sell as well as buy and this makes a market. It would be unbecoming for us to make these statements in bold type if we did not know that our town, merchants and trade did not bear us

## KILL BEEF THEN CARRY PART AWAY

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 6.—The height of impudence was reached Tuesday night, when with ten men, a portion of them on guard, in the immediate vicinity, some unknown person entered the stockpen of the E. P. & S. W., killed a steer and partially skinned it, carrying away the best portions of the meat.

The steer belonged to Coggin & Scott, and was in the pen with about 1,000 others which had been dipped and were being held while awaiting a second dipping. No one was seen in the neighborhood and the matter remains a mystery.

Andrew Coggin, who reported the affair, stated that the theft was not discovered until daylight.

The Mail later received a communication from Douglas in which was added the loss of two mules both of which belonged to T. J. Coggin. It seems that there were ten men on guard the night the steer was killed and the mules taken but for some reason the loss was not known until next day. The cattle were awaiting the second dipping in order that they could be transported across the line from Agua Prieta the border town just across the line from Douglas.

## ABILENE COTTON RECEIPTS 2,500

Abilene cotton receipts reached the 2500 mark Saturday afternoon, the L. W. Ross yard having received 2250 bales while the receipts of the Farmers' Union yard reached the 250 notch. The receipts Saturday were 250 bales, 200 of them being received by the Ross yard and 50 by the Farmers' Union yard.

For the first time the blockade at the gins disappeared yesterday although each of the Abilene gins are running steadily and expect to continue to do so.

Farmers are gathering the crop rapidly and many were inquiring for pickers yesterday but there seemed to be a dearth of them in the city and country.

Prices ranged Saturday from 11.25 to 11.45.—Abilene Saturday Reporter.

out. Merkel delivers the goods.  
A Cotton Market.

This is the best cotton market in the county and has been for a number of years, good and bad. In 1906, one of the best over 23,000 bales were marketed here and last year, one of the worst more than 11,000 bales were sold on the Merkel street, almost one-half of the total amount raised in the county. We do not know what the production of our county will be this year but there will be sold at Merkel 8,000 to 10,000 bales of the fleecy staple. If you are not selling your cotton at Merkel and buying your supplies here, then we would suggest that you talk to your neigh-

# OVER 100 PER CENT

DEPOSITS SEPTEMBER 4, 1912.....	\$67,353.03
DEPOSITS SEPTEMBER 4, 1911.....	\$31,077.06

The above was the increase in our deposits within the last year and this growth tells and shows the appreciation of the people of Merkel, Trent and the country of a Guaranty Fund Bank. If you are not a customer now of our bank we want you to call and let us explain to you the advantages we have to offer. We will appreciate your business and care for your wants.

**BRING US YOUR COTTON CHECKS FOR DEPOSIT.**

## OUR STATEMENT

### RESOURCES

Loans.....	\$57,543.33
Interest Guaranty Fund.....	339.93
Assessment Guaranty Fund.....	43.44
Furniture, Fixtures and Real Estate.....	4,868.34
<b>Cash and Exchange.....</b>	<b>33,432.09</b>
Total.....	\$96,227.13

The above statement is correct

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	1,500.00
Undivided Profits.....	874.10
Bills Payable.....	11,500.00
<b>Deposits.....</b>	<b>67,353.03</b>
Total.....	\$96,227.13

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

## SAFETY - RELIABILITY - COURTESY, "GET THE SAFETY HABIT"

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

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

bor who does. We have heard a hundred farmers say this is the best town to sell products and buy supplies in the state and they know. The cotton market is a big factor and is made by the bidding and buying of local merchants who appreciate the benefit of a good live market to make business. It is the same kind of a market for cattle, horses, mules, chickens, eggs, butter, milk, wood or anything else to sell.

#### Our Banks and Stores.

The banks of our little town are among the strongest in the state and offer many advantages. They have ample capital and deposits to offer and give the best of service. Our merchants have the money and credit to buy in quantities and operating at the lowest possible expense are in position to meet competition in this section or anywhere else.

This is written more in an effort to inspire you with what Merkel will be with your trade and assistance than to impress upon you what Merkel is at the present. If you are not now a friend and customer of Merkel come to see us and meet our merchants and see what they have to offer. It will be to your interest and we suggest that you get some idea of the opportunities offered by reading the advertising in this issue. It is straight talk from straight business men and if any fail to make good their claims if you will let us know we will deny to them in the future the use of these columns for this paper is an honest advertising medium for honest merchants to reach our honest readers and we will not be a party to fraud and misrepresentation if we know it.

If you sell at Merkel you will get the highest market prices and if you buy here you will get the most for your money. Trade at Merkel.

### STATEMENT

## Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller Sept. 4, 1912

### RESOURCES

Loans.....	\$136,528.94
U. S. Bonds and Premiums.....	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,900.00
Real Estate.....	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
<b>Cash and Sight Exchange.....</b>	<b>78,462.11</b>
Total.....	\$232,090.80

### LIABILITIES

Capital paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	27,980.88
Circulation.....	6,250.00
Bills Payable.....	None
Rediscounts.....	None
Other Borrowed Money.....	None
<b>Deposits.....</b>	<b>172,859.92</b>
Total.....	\$232,090.80

The above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

With DEPOSITS of over \$172,000 and AVAILABLE RESOURCES of \$230,000 we are amply able to handle all business given us. We invite your account.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

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**Rust & McCauley**  
Drug Company  
THE REXALL STORE

## PROGRAM SOCIAL CENTER MEETING

Following is the programme of the Social Center Mass Meeting to be held at the tabernacle on the 20th., of this month, altogether by local talent:

- Music—Scheidler Orchestra.
  - Piano Solo—Miss Lucile Sutphen.
  - Conservation in Education—B. D. Black.
  - Piano Solo—Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler.
  - Public Drinking Cup—Dr. J. A. Adkisson.
  - Music—Orchestra.
  - Business Man's View of Education—T. A. Johnson.
  - Instrumental Duet—Misses Madalin Adkisson, Lucile Sutphen.
  - Vocal Duet—Dorothy Lee Potter, Clara Saffle.
  - Music—Orchestra.
  - Jug of all Sorts—R. L. Krigbaum.
  - Quartette.
  - Vocal Solo—Miss Louisa Stuart Roe, Colorado, Texas.
- No collections of any character. This is a free entertainment and all are invited.

Mrs. E. A. Hargrove who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt left for Abilene last Friday to visit her sister Mrs. Chas. Fryar after which she returned to her home at Dallas.

O. E. Cordell returned from Oklahoma last week where he went in answer to a telegram telling him of his mother being very low. He reports her condition some what improved.

NO HOT AIR---JUST

# A Good Bank GOOD SERVICE FOR GOOD PEOPLE All Good Business Solicited

John Sears, President. C. L. Barker, Active V-Pres  
J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK At the Close of Business Wednesday, September 4, 1912

### RESOURCES

Loans	\$121,952.03
United States Bonds (at par)	12,500.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	14,000.00
CASH: Cotton Drafts	\$25,721.93
In Vault and other banks	53,126.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,482.23</b>
	\$227,300.26

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	7,435.94
Circulation	12,500.00
Bills Payable (not due)	35,000.00
DEPOSITS: Of Other Banks	None
Cashiers' Checks	24.14
Certificates of Deposits	311.30
Individual Deposits	122,028.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,364.32</b>
	\$227,300.26

### PROFESSIONAL

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DENTIST

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O. F. McMASTER  
DENTIST

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Fresh meats of all Kinds.

Always pay top prices on fat cattle and hogs.

Phone 77—Front street, Merkel, Texas

Messrs J. E. Adams and H. G. Rude of Mangum, Okla., were here this week looking after the hog market but on arriving here found that the bunch they came to buy had already been sold.

The Merkel Mail and Dallas S-W Farm News, both one year, \$1.65.

## SOAP--TALCUM--SOAP

Invoicing our stock recently we found we had too much soap and talcum powder. Our stock must be reduced and we have decided to let the price and printer's ink do the work. For two weeks we are going to sell standard brands of soap and talcum powder at prices one-half to one-fifth of their regular value. Now is the time to buy your soap.

### Soap Specials

All two-bit values for a nickel	
Johnson's Medicinal Toilet, Oriental	5c
Jergens' Special Regal Honey	5c
Dr. Keown's Skin Soap	5c
Behren's Toilet Carbolie	5c
Jergens' Juniper Tar Soap	5c
Graham Carbolie Animal Soap	5c
Bazin & Sargent Animal Soap	5c
Graham's Cochin-Coco	5c

### Talcum Specials

Eastman's Antiseptic Verona Violet, regular price 25c, now	10c
Allan's, guaranteed the highest quality for adults and infants, worth 25c	10c
Lane's Talcum, borated and perfumed, worth 25c, now	10c
Phieffer's Borated Powder, softens and preserves the skin	10c
One pound Keown Talcum, regular price 25c, now	10c

### Soap Specials

All dime values for a nickel	
Lama Oil, Buttermilk and Glycerine	5c
Graham's Ioderma, Antiseptic	5c
"Our Baby Soap," best made	5c
Swan Violette D'Espagne	5c
Jergens' Creme de Parma	5c
Glycerine, Ruby and Vernon	5c
Johnson's Sublimate Toilet	5c
Genuine Imported Castile	5c
Jergens' Mottled Castile	5c

## GRIMES DRUG STORE Jim Gilliam, Manager

See "Soapy Jim" at Grimes.

John M. Rice was in Abilene Saturday visiting and on business.

When you are in town spend the evening at the Airdome and enjoy the pictures.

Mrs. J. T. Warren visited relatives and friends in Abilene last week.

Paté & Son Barbers are in line for a share of your business.

E. L. Mangum of Trent was on the streets Friday mixing with the local cotton buyers.

Go to the Tin Shop for pipe fittings.

Mrs. M. D. Ussery was in Abilene last week visiting the family of W. H. Free.

A Basket of Soap for 50 cents at Grimes Drug Store.

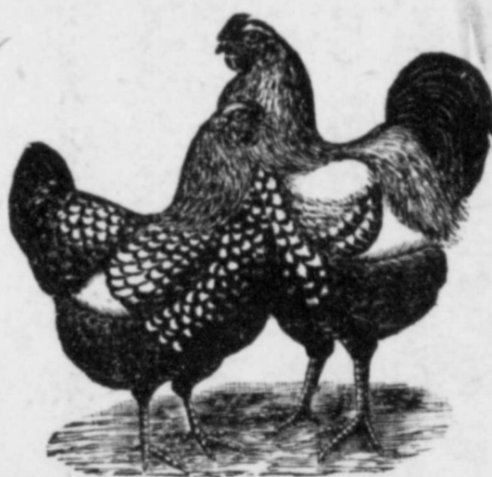
Mrs. A. C. Rose left Saturday afternoon for Blackwell to visit her sister Mrs. Proctor.

Homer Dunning, Assistant Cashier of the Bank of Eskota was a visitor in Merkel Tuesday.

**We do not charge school books. Burroughs Drug Store.**

A. P. Floyd of east Texas returned to those parts last week after a visit with his brothers Rota and Walt Floyd.

Misses Ruth Merritt and Aileen Sanders were visiting in Abilene the latter part of last week. They were joined by Ben Merritt on Sunday and spent the day in the capital city visiting friends.



### NOTICE

If you want cash for your chickens, eggs and butter, bring them to the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company. We always pay the highest prices.

W. P. DUCKETT, Buyer.

### Small Farm For Sale.

5 1/2 acres all good valley land 3 room house, 37 acres in field, well and barn. \$25 per acre, \$733 down balance easy at 8 per cent. Would take team. Write or see Sam Grayson, Merkel, Texas, R. F. D. 2. 4tpd

J. S. Hutson, one of the old timers here says that there is not one of the early settlers but who appreciates Merkel as a trading point. There is no town that gives its customers a better deal all of the time than our little place. Trade at Merkel.

Misses Almede and Minnie Harris and Mae Southworth were visitors in Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Winship came in last week from Fort Worth to visit Mr. Winship's father Mr. John Winship at his ranch on the Clear Fork. On arriving here Mr. Winship found his father very low owing to an attack of acute indigestion. Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. F. Christain of Shreveport, La., came in together with her sister Mrs. N. P. Davis of San Antonio and brother S. A. Winship of Fort Worth and on arriving here found their father some better and his condition continued improving until he was able to leave here Friday night for a sanitarium where he went for treatment. His condition is still regarded as critical.

Get Grimes' goat—buy soap now.

Jno. D. Porter lives about twenty miles south of Merkel but is in town every few days with a bale of cotton. He is one of the many good and successful farmers and stockmen of the Divide country who buy and sell at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrick of Collin county came in this week with a car load of household goods, implements and teams. Mr. Derrick will take charge of the Noodle Valley Stock Farm recently sold to his father-in-law B. D. Rogers and the place is to be improved and stocked.

Pullets wanted, highest prices paid, cash on delivery. Leghorns, Rocks, Rhode Island Reds etc. J. W. Johnson 1119 San Antonio St., El Paso, Tex. 13-4tpd.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Ever use soap?—See Grimes.

H. M. Rainbolt was a visitor in Abilene Monday.

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

F. A. Whitley was a business visitor in Abilene Saturday.

Bath tubs, Sinks, Pipe and fittings at The Tin Shop.

Mrs. J. N. Routh was a visitor in Abilene during last Saturday.

**We do not charge school books. Burroughs Drug Store.**

Chas Hutcheson of Trent came down Tuesday to look after business.

We handle all kinds of plumbing. W. M. O'Briant.

R. O. Anderson, banker and business man from here was a visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Smith are the proud parents of a fine girl, born Saturday of last week.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett at Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co. for best prices.

Jim Eoff is among those from hereabout down at Abilene on court matters the first of the week.

We show every night except Wednesday's. Bring you family out for the evening. The Airdome

Mrs. J. A. Buford was in Abilene Saturday visiting relatives and friends.

WANTED—All the egg and butter in Taylor County. Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

S. W. H. Busby of Rising Star returned to his home Saturday. He has been here for a few days visiting relatives.

Dr. J. M. Brittain, Eye, Ear and Nose specialist of Cisco, will be in Merkel Friday, Sept. 20. Office with Dr. Cranford. 13t2

Miss Ona McLane of Liverpool, Texas who has been here for some time visiting relatives returned to her home Tuesday.

Good music at the Airdome every night. Come out and spend the evening with your friends.

Miss Rena Reid of Winters who has been here visiting her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Eoff returned to her home last week.

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## GRAND JURY MAKES OUT FINAL REPORT

The Grand Jury, which has been in session eight days during the present session of District Court, adjourned last Friday and submitted to Judge Blanton the following report:

To the Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, Judge of the 42nd Judicial District of Texas:

We, the Grand Jury, for the August term, of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, beg leave to submit this our final report.

We have been in session eight days and have faithfully and impartially inquired into all violations of the law coming to our knowledge and have investigated everything that has come to our knowledge in keeping with the instructions given us by Your Honor.

We have examined 143 witnesses, and as the result of our deliberations, have returned in to open court twenty-two bills of indictment, thirteen felonies and nine misdemeanors.

We have carefully examined the jail and find that the jail is well kept and the prisoners well cared for, as far as the present conditions will permit. We recommend to the Commissioners Court that they purchase new beds and bedding for the jail and that the bath tubs in the jail be reenameled in order that more sanitary conditions might obtain.

The court house has also been examined and, as is commonly known, it is in a deplorable condition and we earnestly urge that the Commissioners Court take steps toward the erection of a new court house and we earnestly urge all citizens to aid them in this direction.

During our deliberations, we have found that crime in Taylor County is largely on the decrease for which we are duly thankful.

The janitor of the court house keeps the building and the lawn in excellent condition considering the conditions that obtain and we commend him for it; Uncle Tom Richards, who has been acting as Door Bailiff, has been faithful, honest and impartial in the discharge of his duties, very punctual in his attendance, and has been of great service to us.

We desire to thank Your Honor and the various officers for the courtesies extended us; we have finished our labors and ask that we be finally discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. West,

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Attest: F. C. Digby-Roberts,  
Secretary.

### Bold Crime at Dallas.

The daily papers of the state gave an extended account of one of the boldest robberies that ever occurred at Dallas in relating the experience of Mrs. Arthur Swann last Wednesday night. She was awakened in the middle of the night, attacked, bound and gagged while her room was searched and all money taken and left in that condition until discovered by other parties in the house.

Her husband was formerly of Abilene and was visiting in that city at the time of the crime and robbery. Two young men were arrested on suspicion.

School books are cash at Burroughs.

### A New Newspaper.

Our little town is to have a new paper at least during the fall.

It is launched without any salutatory or apologies for its existence and about the only excuse is made by the editor that people should know more about furniture and the advantages of spending their money at home and with Behren-McMillen Furniture Company.

They have chartered a half page in the Merkel Mail and all copy will be edited by Editor E. P. McMillen. In fact Maok is to be editor, reporter, devil and manager and no one else is responsible.

In his first spasm he challenges all competition anywhere in the world. We believe that it will pay our readers to keep tab on what he does and says. The position is the back page of our paper.

### Notice, Farmers.

Please read our ad in this issue and when in town make yourself at home in our bank.

If you are not a customer of this bank we invite you to call and let us explain the guaranty feature and the service we can offer. Our business has more than doubled in the past year and we want more business for the next year. This is the "little big bank," and we want you to help us grow. We believe we offer you the best protection for your money and will give you the best service possible. We try to take care of the wants of our customers and do a safe, reliable and courteous banking business. We know we appreciate your help more than anybody and will try to show it and help you.

Our bank and facilities, desks, tables and office are for your use and just make yourself at home. The Farmers State Bank,  
R. O. Anderson, Cashier

### Notice, Merchants.

The Mail will appreciate it as a personal favor if you will give us the names, initials and address of all people within a radius of 25 miles of Merkel who occasionally trade at Merkel or who might be interested in our town and country. This is for our mutual interest and we should have the help of every merchant, banker and citizen of Merkel. We promise that your competitor will not get the personal use of our list as it is for our general use and for the benefit of our advertisers in a general way only. He may already be one of our readers or on our list now but if so there will be no harm done. Give us all names and addresses possible.

### Your Fall Business.

We have furnished and carried more farmers over during the last three years than any firm in Merkel and have had a hard pull. Our good customers are coming out all right with money to pay cash for what they want this winter, we are meeting all cut prices and think we are entitled to your patronage at the prevailing prices we are making.

Thanking you for your past business, we invite a continuance of same. Yours truly,  
Hamblet & Rogers.

### Nineteen Miles a Second.

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No griping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Read Grimes' soap ad.

Harve Paylor went to Clyde Tuesday for a short visit.

School books are cash at Burroughs.

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore left for Fort Worth last week where she went to accept a position as stenographer with a law firm of that place.

2 Features and 3 regulars 10 and 20c at the Airdome Saturday night.

W. M. Hope a former Merkel country man was in our midst last week for a short visit. He returned to his home at Winters Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Robbins have returned to Merkel from Tennessee and Kentucky where they went to make their home some weeks ago.

Mrs. Iva McCoy has returned from Portales, New Mexico where she has been for some weeks looking after property she has in that country.

It will pay you to read all of the advertising in this and every other issue of the Merkel Mail for the information will enable you to make your dollars buy the most goods. Trade at Merkel.

J. E. Paylor came in from Big Springs Sunday to spend the day with his family. Mr. Paylor is connected with the construction of some business houses of that place.

Miss Maud Dean and Miss Sigler of Tulia stopped here this week to visit the family of J. S. Swann before going on to Abilene where they entered Simmons College.

One thing about our little city and that is a Merkel country farmer feels at home for we are nothing but just a good country town and we have got sense enough to know it Trade at Merkel.

City Marshal Hall has recently built one or two watering troughs for the convenience of those who trade at Merkel. The troughs are of cement and will last forever and then some unless destroyed beforehand.

J. L. Banner is nursing a very bad hand this week caused from getting a splinter stuck deep into his hand between two fingers. The injured member has been giving Mr. Banner no little trouble.

J. G. Hale has returned from a visit to his parents and old friends in Hood county and says there are several families in that section who would like to acquire good farm homes in the Merkel country.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Britain came in Monday night from Snyder where they have been making their home for the past few months. Mr. Britain only remained here between trains, going on to Fort Worth on the last train.

### Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauqua at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.

## Gave Up Hope

"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourn, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

## TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

For more than 50 years, Cardui has been relieving woman's sufferings, and making weak women strong and well. During this time, thousands of women have written, like Mrs. McPherson, to tell of the really surprising results they obtained by the use of this purely vegetable, tonic remedy for women.

Cardui strengthens, builds, restores, and relieves or prevents unnecessary pain and suffering from womanly troubles. If you are a woman, begin taking Cardui, today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. ]

## SCHOOL DAYS

Stationery for School Children. Tablets, the big kind for a nickel. Pencils by the bunch.

To the first 200 School Children making 10 cent purchases of School Supplies from our store we will give a 5 cent package of popcorn free.

Make our place headquarters for your school materials. Send your children and let us wait on them.

## The Elite Confectionery

## ICE AND COAL

In connection with my ice business I have leased the coal sheds of Jno. B. Bell for the ensuing winter months and have in stock already two grades at \$6.00 and \$8.50 per ton. These prices will hold good through September. Place your order now for winter coal. I will keep three grades of coal at all times so as to supply my patrons with coal at desired prices.

## H. M. WARREN

THE ICE AND COAL MAN

## High-Class Tailoring

is always the cheapest. Good service from good Tailors. Try me for the best.

## C. L. Cash The Tailor

# We Have Everything For Everybody

Quality is first, last and all the time the important consideration in our goods. We always show the newest and best styles and our prices are always exceptionally low but the quality is always there too. Try our goods once then you'll know we are prepared to show you an assortment of Dry Goods, Ladies' and Gentlemen's apparals that for Style, Beauty, Quality and Prices are not excelled anywhere. Come and see for yourself.

## Dress Goods

Beautiful showing of Autumn Dress Fabrics  
A pleasure to show you. A magnificent  
and unmatched showing of new dress materi-  
als embracing Velvet Corduroys at 90 cents  
to - - - - - \$1.25

Silk Corduroys, per yard = - - - 75c  
Cotton Corduroy, Bedford Cord, etc, per yard  
10 to - - - - - 50c  
Suitings 10c and up to - - - - 35c  
Galatea Cloth - - - - - 15c  
Ginghams, per yard 7½c to - = 12½c

## HOSIERY HOSIERY

HERE are stockings that can't  
be surpassed for wear, yet are not coarse  
and are guaranteed fast color—

*Wayne Knit*  
**PONY STOCKINGS**  
FOR CHILDREN

They wear better because of their strength  
and better quality, not because of the thick-  
ness of the material put into them.

They feel cool, comfortable on the feet no matter  
how energetically the child plays. Each point of  
wear is heavily re-enforced. The heels and  
toes knit with four threads—the knees and  
soles double strength.



Don't make your children wear coarse, heavy stock-  
ings that you yourself *wouldn't* wear. It isn't  
necessary when you get "dressy" appear-  
ance, strength and wear that is *guaran-  
teed to satisfy* in Wayne Child-  
ren's Pony Stockings.

We have many different  
styles in stock—Please ask  
to see them.

For Sale By



## SHOES!

Mens' Patriot Shoes in  
Gun Metal and Russian  
Calf Tans \$4.00 to.. \$4.50

Pilgrim \$3.50 to.. \$4.00  
And many others all of  
the Star Brand \$2.00  
to..... \$3.00

Ladies' shoes in Tans,  
Gun Metal, Kid and  
Kangaroo \$1.50 to.. \$3.50  
Childrens all kinds and  
sizes 50c to..... \$3.00

All of the celebrated  
Robert, Johnson &  
Rand make has no  
substitute for leather.  
We will show you shoes  
cut up to prove they  
are solid leather.

## HATS

John B. Stetson, white  
or black..... \$4.00  
Our Worth Hat . . \$3.00  
Our Eversale..... \$2.50  
Our Ruler \$1.50 to \$2.00

## Sheeting

Per yard, 7½ to . . 12½c  
Unbleached Sheeting  
4-4 LL at..... 6c  
4.4 LL Seaisland at . 8c

## Ladies' Coats

Price \$5.00 to . . \$20.00  
Childrens Coats \$2.00  
to ..... \$7.50

## Ladies' Sweaters

Coats all grades and  
colors in Middys Blazers  
and many others not  
named here.



Copyright 1910  
The House of  
Kuppenheimer  
Chicago

## MENS AND BOYS' CLOTHING

Mens' Serge Suits at \$10.00, \$15.00  
and . . . . . \$20.00  
Mens' Worsted Suits at \$15.00, \$20.00  
and . . . . . \$25.00  
Boys Suits \$1. to . . . \$7.50

# J. P. SHARP, The Quality Store

Lowest Prices Are Guaranteed.  
J. W. Behrens, Pres.

# MACK'S FURNITURE NEWS

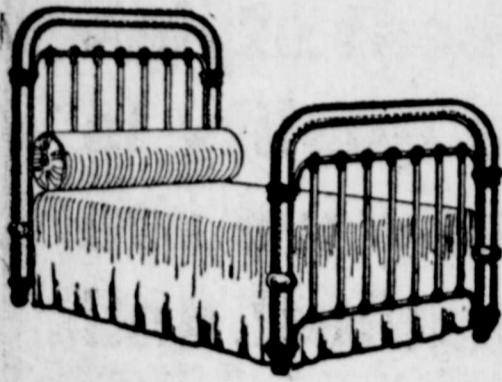
We Meet All Mail Order Quotations.  
E. P. McMillen, Mgr.

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MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, SEPTEMBER, 1912

NO. 1

## Some Facts You Should Know About Furniture



A special in a 2-inch pillar Bed massive and strong, our price only.....\$7.25 This price includes slats with each bed, no freight to pay, look the bed over if you like it the bed is yours. Weight 130 lbs, width 4-6 inches, colors-white enamel Vernis Martin (gold color) either furnished with slats \$7.25. 25c less without slats. This price good until Oct 15th.

Mattress 40 lb, full size, art tick, roll edge, special price until Oct 15th.....\$5.90

You'll be convinced if you watch this paper this fall.

Get your Double Cane Chairs of Mack 65c each, for six..\$3.90

### Kitchen Cabinet for \$10.50

This Cabinet is oak, 2 glass doors, two shelves for dishes, two large bins one for sugar and meal, one meat board, one bread board. Size of table top 36x48 inches, height of Cabinet 72 in. Our price for Sept and Oct. \$10.50

Compare this cabinet and price with any of your catalogues or better still bring in your catalogue and compare it with our cabinet.

### Cracked Window Shades

When you consider the vexation and discomfort caused by unsatisfactory window shades it does seem that a poor shade at any price is expensive—further more, since a good shade will wear much longer than a poor one. The cost of a good shade is really less than a poor one. Let us prove our statement that they will not crack or break.

### DOES PICTURE FRAMING INTEREST YOU?

If you are waiting for a convenient time, let us frame them now. It's convenient for us any time, but a little more so now than just before Christmas. Besides the longer you wait the more chances there are for the picture to become damaged. Bring them today. Prices right.

## Be Sure to Compare Mack's Prices With Others

### We Know Retail Mail Order Books Better Than You Do.

We are careful students of the retail mail order catalogue. We know it better than any of our customers.

This is why we say without hesitation that we can do better by you than they can. There is a whole lot in a person's knowing what he is talking about when he makes a statement of that kind.

We know this, and we can prove it.

We know something else we can prove

We know—and remember we stand ready with the proof at any time—that we can save you money in the aggregate of your purchases. We will figure up with you on any rugs or furniture and actually show you where we can SAVE YOU MONEY.

Now, we wouldn't dare make such a statement as that were we not familiar with the mail order catalogue.

Some merchants have been asking you for justice. We don't want it. All we ask is a fair chance to prove what we can do.

We have no quarrel with the people for trying to make their money go as far as possible. That is natural and proper.

But when we say WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY we have established the right to a chance to prove our case.

And when we HAVE PROVED it, that gives us a claim on your trade.

That's a straight business proposition which we think you will agree with.

Let us prove our case!

### DUSTING FURNITURE.

While dusting use a little Golden Star furniture polish on your DUST RAG.

It will hold the dust.

Will not injure the finest finish.

Does not leave the surface sticky.

Is easy to use.

Does not have to be shaken.

Is a germ destroyer.

Get it at Behrens-McMillen's.

Merkel is the best town in Middlewest Texas and, excuse our modesty, but has the best furniture store in the state.



Make your book case larger when you get more books. As illustrated plain oak.....\$11.75 Quartered oak.....\$13.75 In any finish to suit your other furniture.

### THIS IS YOUR STORE.

We want you to feel that Behrens-McMillen's store is yours. We invite you to regard us as your central buying agency. Tell us what you want and how you would like to have us present it. We are eager to please you. We will, too, if you give us half a chance.

Don't knock the town. It's a good place despite its faults. Let's boost together and fix it where it needs fixing.

Come in and see Mack whenever you come to town. You don't have to buy unless you want to. Don't be backward about making yourself at home in the store at any time.

### GOLDEN STAR POLISH

Is the best use it when dusting price 15c, 25c and.....50c Mack will give you a trial bottle free if you have never used it. Yours for the asking.

### "Your Furniture Like the Baby, Looks Best Clean"

Then use Golden Star Furniture Polish when dusting you get the polish at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Window shades of different colors to match your room at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

### FACTS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT RUGS.

Do not sweep NEW RUGS very hard, use a medium-weight smooth broom or carpet sweeper. All pile fabrics including WILTON, AXMINSTER and velvets are sheared when finished at the mills, consequently some fuzz or loose wool will sweep off for some time. This is a natural feature, not a defect. Body Brussels and Tapestry Brussels being a loop fabric should be used for at least two weeks before the first sweeping. This will settle the pile and materially help the wear. Should a few loose threads wear up clip them off, do not pull them.

Don't forget there is nothing this store cannot sell you. We either have it or we will get it. Give us a fair chance at your trade. This is all we have a right to ask.

We wouldn't tell a lie in our advertising even if we wanted to. It doesn't pay. Merchants have to be on the square these days whether they want to or not.

A woman customer the other day expressed surprise that we should have such good furniture in a town of this size. Why shouldn't we? The people have just as much sense here as in the city—more, for that matter—and so why should we not give them the best furniture and the best everything else of which we are capable?

### Shades That Will Not Crack

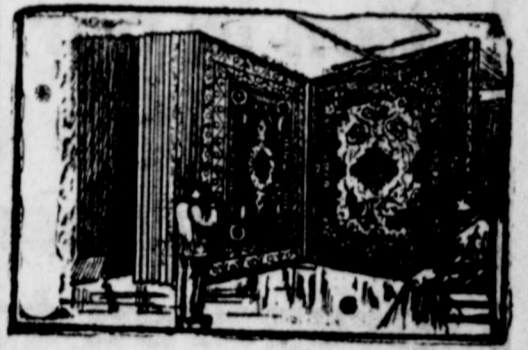
Lux-or Window shades 6000 threads to the yard. Lux-or shades can not wrinkle, crack or break and are positively sun proof.

### FREE RUBBER TIRES

for your baby carriage to those who have bought of us and have failed to get satisfactory wear and service.

"Have you been married Bridgett?", "Twice mum." "And have you any children?" "Yes mum, I have three. One by the third wife of my second husband and two by the second wife of my first husband, mum."

Call for your sample bottle of Golden Star Furniture Polish.



Low priced, good wearing Brussel Rugs, size 9x12, weight about 27 pounds, good patterns, price.....\$10.50

Good wearing Velvet Rugs, size 9x11, price.....\$14.00

Best grade Axminster Rugs 36x72, price.....\$3.50

### How To Care For Linoleums.

You will have no complaints on Linoleums if you heed the following:

Handle very carefully, particularly in cold weather. Under no circumstances attempt to unroll until the goods have stood in a warm room at least 60 hours, then unroll cautiously.

More important still is the laying. Remember that Linoleum will stretch. If you tack it down all around when first laid, it is bound to bulge, and where it bulges, it will break. To avoid this, put brads along the seam if in two pieces, and at the doorways, to prevent the Linoleum from being kicked up. When the cloth stretches, and the fullness or "bulge" appears, trim the outside edges. It may be necessary to do this two or three times, or until the cloth becomes set to the floor, then tack permanently, using 3/4 inch brads, which we furnish free.

About the cleaning. Here, too, care must be used. Very little warm water is necessary, and under no circumstances should be allowed to get under the Linoleum, as it will rot the cloth. Linoleum Luster keep the surface from wearing off.

Don't get the blues, read Mack's News.

Window shades at Behrens-McMillen priced as low as 25c.

How do you like Mack's addition to the Merkel Mail?

Linoleum Luster makes old Linoleum LIKE NEW.

A child can apply Linoleum Luster and it will dry over night.

One quart Linoleum Luster will cover 160 square feet.

## MERKEL SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 23RD

School will begin the 23rd of September, and it is important that all children enroll the very first day. If you keep your children out two weeks or a month, they will be a month behind their class with their work. Hence they cannot do the work with their class, and they will be required to go in a lower grade.

All children that have never gone to school must enter the first day. If these children stay out two weeks or a month, there

will be no class for them until after Christmas. Therefore, it is urged that you start them the first of school. No one that is not practically six years old will be admitted to school.

All pupils below the eighth grade who live in the Merkel Independent School District north of the rail road, must go to the North Side School. All pupils in the High School will go to the South Side School.

The South Side School is very much crowded. Twenty-five or more students were crowded last year into a small room 15 by 17 feet. This is not conducive to health. You can not ventilate well a room so badly crowded. Hence, the students inhale the

carbonic acid gas, which is very poisonous. To have good health 2,000 cubic feet of fresh air per hour is required for each person.

A room ten feet high, twenty feet long and ten feet wide is required to contain 2,000 cubic feet of air.

We need more room for the physics laboratory last year is 15 by 8 feet. Into this room we crowded 24 students. We do not believe the good parents of Merkel desire this condition to continue any longer. We have several vacant rooms at the North Side. Therefore, on account of this crowded condition, the school board has ordered that the sixth grade on the South Side be moved to the North Side. All

parents and children will please remember that the sixth grade pupils on the South Side will go to the North Side when school begins on the 23rd of September.

The teachers wish to make this school year the best in the history of the school. They can not accomplish this keen desire without the hearty and sincere co-operation on the part of the parents. Let us have your encouragement. The school does not belong to the teachers, but the people of Merkel are the sole owners. It behooves you to do every thing you can to build it up. When any person knocks on any institution in his town or community, he is trying to destroy its good influence which is

being exercised for his own family. Let us boost every worthy enterprise in our little city. Let us join hands for the good of each other, and therefore for all.

"The Holy Supper is kept, indeed, In whatso we share with another's need—

Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare; Who gives himself with his alms feeds three—

Himself, his hungry neighbor, me.

R. L. Krigbaum,

Few, if any, medicines, have met with the uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The remarkable cures of colic which it has effected in almost every neighborhood have given it a wide reputation. For sale by all dealers.

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PART 2

## ANOTHER KILLING BOYCE-SNEEDCASE

Amarillo, Tex., Sept. 14.—John Beal Sneed, the wealthy Amarillo banker, who shot and killed Captain A. G. Boyce in Fort Worth on February 14 last, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock shot and killed Al Boyce, son of Captain Boyce.

The killing took place in front of the First Methodist church. Sneed was disguised as a farmer, wearing dirty overalls and a beard, and carrying a double-barrelled shotgun. Two loads were fired through Boyce's body at close range.

Today's killing is the tragic climax of a series of startling killings, which began when Al Boyce eloped with Mrs. Lena Sneed, wife of the slayer, last winter. Mrs. Sneed just before the elopment had been placed in a Fort Worth sanitarium by her husband. When the couple eloped, Boyce carried with him \$100,000. The couple went from here to St. Louis and New York, and were arrested at Winnipeg, Canada.

Al Boyce had been in Amarillo only one week. It was not known that J. B. Sneed was in the city, so completely had he hidden his identity. Al Boyce until he came here a week ago was running a big ranch in the western part of Canada.

Boyce did not recognize Sneed on the street and his death was instantaneous. Sneed immediately surrendered and refused to make any statements. Feeling is running high here as the Boyces have thousands of friends and supporters in this section of the state.

Sneed lay in wait for Boyce behind a corner of the Methodist church. He carried his gun in a long covered box.

There are three other Boyce brothers, all rich cattlemen and bankers, and all of them dead shots with a gun.

In the trial last winter, Linn Boyce, brother of the slain man, attempted to attack both Sneed and one of his attorneys, but was overpowered. Al Boyce, the slain man, was also a cowboy, cattleman and expert shot.

## MERKEL COUNTRY AND CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris who have been here visiting their many friends left the first of this week for their new home in California, where they moved last year. The move was made in the hope of bettering the health of Mr. Harris and the change has proven very beneficial as remarked many times by his friends during this visit.

It was for that alone they moved and Mr. Harris retains a great deal of property interests in our town and country and says we have as good opportunities here as they have in California. In talking to our reporter about Los Angeles and the California country Mr. Harris made some

## A B C TALK ABOUT ADS

Our time and space is too precious to be wasted arguing with a man who does not believe that it pays to advertise for he is so far behind the times and age that he will never catch up well enough to be of any benefit in our short life but we love to talk and help the man who knows that it does pay but does not know how to make it pay the most.

It is our desire to give every advertiser service worth the money and more and know we have a medium that will get big paying results for the right kind of advertising. The greatest trouble with our advertisers and our biggest criticism is that their ads are too general. A general ad occasionally is good and keeps your name before the people and brings results in a general way but the special ad with a special purpose about some special article or line brings the direct and best result. Any merchant will spend a half hour talking to one customer about one particular line or article and then claim he does not know how to write an ad for our paper about that same article or line. It is all the same, only in your ad copy you are talking to several thousand readers about the same article or line instead of one.

The readers of the Mail are all intelligent and can read the description of any article if properly described and this information with the price is all they want to know. If they need that article and know you will make good what you say they will patronize your store. The idea we wish to convey is that it is best to specialize and not generalize. There is little value to great, big extravagant claims and "high faluting" words about your store. Our readers are just plain, every-day sort of folks and want plain, every-day sort of talk and fair dealing.

The advertising in this issue is way above par and will be satisfactory to both advertisers and our readers and we want to compliment our customers and urge them to make even better bargains and write even better advertising copy. This kind of advertising will help your store and help our town. If every merchant will make some special bargains and then use some special energy and advertising we will pull new trade to Merkel and make it a better trading point, and the more we do the more we can do for our trade.

It is our suggestion that we have a "Dollar Day" at Merkel and every store advertise some specials—just what they will sell on that day for One Dollar. It has proven a winner at other towns and should be a good drawing card and saving for our trade.

good points. He said: "The land in California is no better or more productive than that in the Merkel country and lots of it not so good although it sells for many times the same price. It is just a delightful climate and the people are wealthy and progressive and have made the city and country what it is. They built the very finest of roads and other improvements and made the properties attractive for other men of wealth. California has gone through some equally as trying times as this part of Texas. It is now a good and very beautiful country but was nothing much until the people improved and developed it."

### A Boost For Simmons.

At the opening of the term for Simmons College at Abilene Tuesday there was subscribed by friends and patrons in attendance a total of \$25,000 to be applied toward the erection of an administration building. C. W. Merchant, J. N. Parramore and Geo. L. Paxton were among the largest contributors giving \$2,000 to \$3,000 each. W. R. Walker, one of our local citizens was in attendance and contributed \$100. He stated to a Mail reporter that the meeting was an enthusiastic one and will be good for the great Baptist college. This same spirit and liberality will make a college, build a city or accomplish any other united purpose of a good people.

Miss May Robertson of Trent returned to her home Sunday after a visit here with Miss Mae Valentine.

W. E. Adams of Abilene was a social visitor in Merkel Sunday.

## CASE AGAINST BERRY

The Last Grand Jury Makes Case Against Former Merkel Man.

## EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGE

It is Reported Case Comes as Result Technical Complication Regarding School Funds and Bond.

The following account of the case made against Geo. S. Berry, formerly of our little city is taken from the Abilene Reporter:

George S. Berry, former president of the First National Bank of Merkel was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Saturday on an indictment alleging embezzlement of forty-five hundred dollars, the bill having been returned by the Taylor county grand jury last week. As soon as the information was returned papers were forwarded to the Sheriff's department at Tulsa, where the defendant has recently been making his home, and Sheriff Weir was notified Saturday by telegraph message that Mr. Berry would return to this county without protest. Geo. S. Berry was formerly one of the most prominent, prosperous and popular citizens of Taylor county, and his friends are numerous in all of this section of the country. For a long time he was prominently connected with an Abilene bank, a good part of the time serving as cashier, where in which capacity he made an enviable record. He moved from Abilene to Merkel, where he became president of the First National Bank, and was a leader among the citizenship of that place until he severed

his connections a few years ago and moved out of the country.

Attorneys Hardwicke & Hardwicke who will represent Mr. Berry in the case now pending against him, authorize the statement that they have been in communication with the accused man since the return of the complaint and that he would return to Abilene without extradition process. They were also assured by him that he would be able to satisfactorily explain all his actions which may be under a shadow, and clear himself before his friends and acquaintances of any intentional wrong doing.—Abilene Reporter.

The Mail has no information beyond that contained in the above article but understand that the case is the result of a technical complication regarding the use of school funds and the liability of bondsmen during the time when Mr. Berry was treasurer of the school board. It seems that in a recent investigation by lawyers there existed a discrepancy of a few days between the time of liability of old and new bondsmen, the different bonds being made for different terms and as a result of this technical fact which relieved the bondsmen of liability the indictment was the inevitable result.

In the course of his residence here and during the time of financial losses and reverses as well as prosperity the accused ex-banker made many worm friends and of course some enemies as the result of his friendly and liberal disposition and aggressive style of business but it is the hope and belief of all that he will be able to clear himself of any suspicion of intentional wrong in the eyes of the law as well as our liberal people.

## THE PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COURT

The trial of Earl Baldwin, charged with the murder of Alf Cogdell, has been postponed and the trial of J. T. Couch, charged with the murder of W. S. Gardner at the Epileptic Colony, was set for Wednesday. There remains but a few cases to be disposed of and in all probability the ending of next week will see the close of this court for this term.

Manor Reed withdrew his appeal and accepted sentence of two years on the charge of burglarizing a chicken house and taking four chickens, and Judge Blanton passed sentence upon him.

In the case of Bernardo Acosta charged and convicted of burglarizing a store at Merkel, sentence was duly passed but attorneys for defendant took an appeal to the court of criminal appeals at Austin.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:

Mrs. Mary Cowden vs. J. D. Cowden, divorce granted.

F. E. Hayes vs. Max Siebert et al., suit on note and foreclosure, jury verdict for the plaintiff against Seibert and verdict for Seibert against G. W. McDaniel.

T. W. Allen vs. P. K. Taylor, suit for specific performance of contract for sale of real estate, instructed verdict for the plaintiff Allen.

On trial, Mrs. Harrison vs. J. L. Morrow, suit for \$1200 alimony past due according to decree.

Attorneys in the Sam Spicer burglary case, say appeal is being perfected, he having gotten two years sentence on that charge.

### Quarterly Conference.

The quarterly conference, the last one for the conference year was held at the Methodist church here Monday night.

Presiding Elder Barnes of Abilene district was in attendance and Rev. Meadows of the Haskell Methodist church was here on a visit to the conference. Rev. Clements our local pastor was engaged by the meeting to take charge of the protracted meeting at Stamford which will start October 7th.

## DR. WARNICK BUYS MORE STORE STOCK

In a realty transaction made last week between W. O. Boney and Dr. J. H. Warnick the latter acquired another block of the stock of the Hogue-Hamilton Company, one of our oldest mercantile establishments.

This addition to the shares held by the merchant and banker gives him a one-half interest in the total capitalization of the enterprise, the rest of the business being owned by J. O. and Seth Hamilton. No change will be made in the management of the business as a result of the deal. The block of stock acquired by Dr. Warnick was that held by Mr. Rister.

# Columbia Graphaphones

ONLY \$15 TO \$50

We want to sell our present stock of Graphaphones and offer them on unusually liberal terms.

\$2.00 DOWN AND \$1.00 PER WEEK

## TOYS AND TABLETS

In order to close out our stock of Dolls and Toys before receiving our big Christmas shipment we will sell them at greatly reduced prices. Your child wants one of these bargains. We have the biggest and best tablets and school supplies. :: A full line of fresh Box Chocolates.

## THE ELITE, Frank and George

### CLASSIFIED ADS

STOCK FOR SALE—Two mares and three horses. All gentle and in good shape. Joel H. Counts. 13t2

FOR SALE—A few young White Orpington cockerels. Mrs. W. L. Diltz 13t3

LOST—Somewhere in Merkel open-face gold watch. Reward for return to me or Merkel Mail office. T. J. Toombs. 13t2

GOOD MILCH COWS FOR SALE—Durham and Jerseys, good milkers. See H. L. Propst. 13t3pd

LOST—Child's gold bracelet, "Evelyn" engraved on little gold heart. Reward for return to Mail office. 20t2

LOST—Pair gold framed glasses in case on Streets Saturday. Return to G. M. Sharp. 1t

WANTED HOUSE IN MERKEL—I will exchange team of mares, wagon, buggy and farming implements for small house and two lots in Merkel. J. W. Tally, R. 1, Trent, Texas. 20t4pd

### MERKEL'S COTTON RECEIPTS NOW 4900

At the time of going to press this Thursday afternoon the receipts at the two Merkel cotton yards have reached a total of 4900 and will surpass the 5,000 mark by one or more hundred by the end of the week. More cotton has been and will be shipped from Merkel than any other point on the Texas & Pacific between Fort Worth and El Paso and this is the case almost every year.

The prices paid Wednesday and Thursday up to the time of going to press ranged from 11:20 to 11:47½. You get the best turn-out, the best weights, the best price and the best service here. Bring us your cotton, then leave your money in our banks and trade with our merchants.

Doss Sheppard left for Dallas Saturday night where he goes to accept a position with the Trinity River Lumber Company of that place.

Master Alton Johnson of El Paso came in Sunday morning to be with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler during the coming school year.

Miss Eugene Rister left Monday morning for Abilene where she went to enter Simmons College.

Miss Maud Ferguson came in Saturday afternoon from Abilene where she has been visiting friends.

### Dollie Harrison Dead.

The Mail received the sad news of the death of Little Miss Dollie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison of the Blair community yesterday just before going to press. Typhoid fever was given as the cause and death came about 5 o'clock Thursday morning. The Mail joins with the many sorrowing friends and relatives of this good family in mourning and extend to them our sincerest sympathies in their sad bereavement.

## 1-7-5-0

This is the number of copies of this issue, printed, mailed and distributed and figuring the average of five readers to each copy 8,750 people will see a copy of this edition. We printed 10 to 15 extra above this number for good measure. We guaranteed our advertisers 1600 copies. We accept regular advertising on a guarantee of over 1,000 copies per week and to say the least not many country weekly newspapers can do this who run their papers on a cash basis. The cash system insures you that the people appreciate and read our paper or they would not take it and pay for it and the man who pays for his paper, pays for his supplies and all other bills. It is the best trade.

There are approximately 5,000 readers of the Mail every week and you should talk to them regularly about your store and your business.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the schoolboard of the Independent School District of Merkel, Texas, will receive bids from any resident citizen or domestic coporation of the state of Texas, as the law provides, for custodian of the school funds of said district for the current year beginning Sept. 1, 1912. Said bids to be based on the rate of interest which such persons or coporations so bidding shall pay for said funds based on the daily balances of same.

Said bids may be filed with the secretary, Dr. J. H. Warnick, at any time before 12:00 noon of said date of Sept. 25, 1912. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

All persons desiring any further specific information relative to such treasurership, will confer with the said secretary or L. S. Allen, president of the board. 30t4 I. S. Allen, President.

Attest: J. H. Warnick, Sec.

## SPECIAL CLUBBING RATES

The Mail should go to the home of every good citizen of Merkel and the Merkel country every week—51 issues during the year. It gives you the local news and will save you more than one dollar during the year.

In order to increase our list and collect for all renewals without the expense of a subscription solicitor we are going to make the following special offers for the next thirty days:

### SPECIAL FOR 30 DAYS

New subscribers only, the Mail from now until January 1, 1914 for \$1.00

### CLUBBING RATES

The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and Mail, both for one year \$1.65

The Abilene Semi-Weekly Reporter and Mail, both from now until January 1, 1914 \$1.75

The Fort Worth Semi-Weekly Record and Mail, both for one year \$1.75

Texas Farm & Ranch and Mail, both one year \$1.50

Holland's Magazine and Mail, both one year \$1.50

Memphis Commercial Appeal and Mail, one year \$1.25

### BIG READING BARGAIN

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Daily and Sunday, with full Associated Press and all markets daily, delivered every morning in town and on the rural routes and the Mail, both for one year \$3.75 (Star-Telegram to start Dec. 1, 1912.)

We will save our subscribers 25 to 50 per cent on any paper or magazine desired. We keep a record and register and no chance for mistake or misunderstanding. All subscriptions cash-in-advance and the papers stop when the time is out.

Now is the time to subscribe or renew for the Mail and have us renew or order your other reading matter—no matter when your time expires. Order today.

## MERKEL MAIL

Homer Easterwood, Sub. Manager.

Tracy Barlow, our fast type-sticker and assistant job and ad man visited his grandmother and friends south of Dallas this week.

W. A. Scott was a business visitor to Abilene Monday.

Miss Juanita Harris visited Miss Annie T. Daniel this week.

246 new solid gold and set rings to select from at McClain's Drug Store.

There is some class to the advertising in this paper. Our merchants are not expert trained ad writers but learned by experience and that is the best school of all.

## YOUR WANTS IN THE Grocery Line

Need special attention. We lend all efforts at our place to give your business careful consideration. For price we meet all competition on grade and quality of goods we handle. Your patronage is very earnestly solicited, call and see us WHEN YOU ARE IN TOWN

## THE CASH GROCERY THE QUALITY STORE

J. A. Buford Mrs. A. Rose Jim Black

## NOTICE

To Farmers and Citizens of Taylor and Adjoining Counties

We are still paying the top prices for country produce and are enlarging our capacity to handle your produce at the highest market prices. We buy CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, BUTTER, EGGS, BEESWAX, TINFOIL and HIDES.



We will always be wide-awake to your interest with cash on hand at all times to pay for what we buy. We ask a continuation of your patronage, thanking you for the past favors and in advance for your future patronage we remain yours for business.

## Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

W. P. DUCKETT, Produce Manager.



# YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

We are here to fill that want. We will try to do so satisfactorily if you give us the opportunity. We carry a full line of DRUGS, Sundries, Paints, Papers, Stationery and ALL School Supplies. We also carry a complete line of the Nyal and Rexall remedies--every one a physician's prescription and guaranteed or your money back. Every nickel spent with us is appreciated. If you ever are or have been dissatisfied with anything you get from this store tell us, our competitors do not adjust our mistakes. Let the children come here. We appreciate the fact that it is NOT CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO DO ALL YOUR ERRANDS.

## Rust & McCauley Drug Company

THE NYAL AND REXALL STORE

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Buy talcum now—at Grimes.

V. B. Walters reports the sale of two Merkel homes this week.

H. M. Hammill of Fort Worth was in town this week visiting friends.

Messrs. R. L. Krigbaum and B. D. Black were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mrs. J. S. Barnes is in Trent this week visiting her daughter Mrs. Jno. Childers.

Eat dinner at the West Texas Hardware building Saturday and help the schools.

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Over 50 different kinds of tie clasps at McClains Drug Store.

Master Jack Walker resumed his studies at Simmons College upon the opening of the new term this week.

All country produce will bring the highest prices at Merkel and that is more than the prices paid at competing points.

Homer Easterwood, our local editor is on the ailing list this week suffering with symptoms similar to a man in love or very bilious.

Always talk Merkel and the advantages to be enjoyed by living in a good, clean little city. Tell about our schools, churches and the people. It helps.

Bracelets for the babies, little girls and grown folks, a nice new selection at McClain's Drug Store.

## We are Headquarters

For The Best Tailoring House  
IN THE COUNTRY

We made 105 Spring Suits from the Scotch Woolen Mills.

We have added the Leeds Woolen Mills \$15 Suits, no less, no more, for a 2-piece suit.

We have a complete line of Ready-Made Clothing and every thing kept in a first-class

### MENS FURNISHING STORE

The latest novelties in Hats, Ide Shirts and Collars, Sweet-Orr work Pants and Shirts, and the best line of work shoes that was ever brought to Merkel.

Florsheim Fine Shoes For Those Who Care

## THE STAR STORE

# Suit TO ORDER

\$15  
UNION  
MADE

Fall Line

now

on

Display

at

Scotch  
WOOLEN MILLS

THE STAR STORE

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Winnie Warren visited friends in Abilene Wednesday.

It is rumored that "Skinney" Evans is figuring on a job at Dallas.

G. M. Cauthen and Twyman Collins will ship some stock to an eastern point next week.

Beautiful line of Jewelry, all new at McClain's Drug Store.

A. W. Hunter loaned us 30 bales of cotton to pay for our new press if we would pick it. Help!

Now is the time to buy anything—a cake of soap, new fall suit, sewing machine, or section of land—at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black of Big Lake, Texas came in the first of the week to visit their son Jim Black and family.

J. A. Duckett of Fort Worth is in the city visiting his brother W. P. Duckett whom he has not seen for five years.

The Mail force had to double duty this week but they were equal to the emergency and need more work. Give us your ad for next week.

The Mail never loses an opportunity to help our merchants and it would not be amiss for them to occasionally speak a good word for our paper.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Annis are the proud parents of a fine boy. The young man made his appearance at the home Wednesday of this week.

Ladies look at our new line of hat pins. They are the latest. McClain's Drug Store.

**MERKEL**

GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAIL ROAD

**THE MERKEL COUNTRY,**  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

## The MERKEL MAIL

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING  
**THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED**  
 J. G. JACKSON, President HOMER EASTERWOOD, Manager  
 H. T. MERRITT, Foreman

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.00 PER YEAR, IN ADVANCE  
 Entered at the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as Second Class Mail Matter

Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

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

### WOMAN'S DUTY TO HERSELF.

If in sight of God there was ever a time when a person was justifiable in taking their life, that solemn duty would out in any case the same as Jack Johnson's white wife had to contend with.

Avoided, slandered, ridiculed, hooted at, ostracized from society where once she was welcomed, degraded in every conceivable way for her own act of violating all laws of chaste womanhood the white wife of Jack Johnson saw fit on the Wednesday of last week to take her own life. Before doing so she called her two maids into her room and placing her arm around each of them, she asked them to kneel and pray with her and on arising bade them go, hardly had they closed the door to their mistress' chamber when there was a shot and on rushing in they found her breathing her last, she had taken her life by shooting herself through the head. For any white woman under the shining sun the meditation of so heinous a crime as to affiliate herself with a black negro in any way form or fashion, deserves the severest punishment, an unpardonable crime it must be.

It is said that Jack squandered all kinds of money on his white wife in order that her life would be a pleasure and that she would be content to live and share the fortune he has accumulated through his brute strength, but it was not to be, contentment could never come from so degraded a union between man and woman but it took some two years for the atrociousness of her act to explain its self in her mind and when it did life was no longer worth living and to pass out of it she did. Duty, to herself and her people no doubt reigned supreme in her mind many days, months and even from the very minute she permitted herself to be yoked to a brute negro through all life to come and the time came when she could no longer face the race of people from whence she came with such a stain upon her soul.

To us she is gone but not forgotten, never could we forget a woman who would forsake her duty to God, her people, her country nor herself and for all time to come blacken her life and race with so black a thing as God saw fit to make and separate from all other mankind.

There is one improvement which would add more than everything else to Merkel as a town and business center and save our farmers more money and do them more good and add more value to their lands and do more for the development of our county—good roads. It is now time for our precinct to discard the old system of spending their road tax money and pay a little more and get permanent roads. These are the cheapest and best and it is up to us to get them or fall behind the times and our competitive points.

There has not been a single complaint against our gins this season for they are giving the best service and turnout possible.

### LET'S GO TO THE FAIR

It does seem that we could organize and support a business organization for there is lots of work we could and should do. It is really a sad negligence if the advantages and opportunities of our town and country are not portrayed for the thousands who will visit the Dallas Fair next month. A few dollars judiciously spent for advertising would bring good results.

Improved methods of cultivation, seed selection and diversification are making this a better farming country and that is making this a better trading point. There is no better stock farming country on the map and when our people get their farms paid for, improved and stocked then there will be something doing, sure enough. This is a new country and this is just a young town yet, but we are coming.

If it was not a fact that Merkel is the best cotton market in this section and our local buyers and merchants pay the highest prices there would be several foreign buyers on our streets. They are not here because they cannot buy the staple of our farmers at a price to make their board much less a high salary. This is a point just as plain as a bull's foot.

It is easy to understand that the more goods a merchant sells the smaller he can make his profit and that is why it pays to advertise and to trade with those who are willing to divide their profit and tell you about their bargains. Read what the advertisers have to say in every issue of our paper and take advantage of the opportunities which suit your needs.

The best way to build a town is to make it a center where people will go, not only to trade, but because they know there is a welcome there for strangers, and where they will get a smile and a glad hand. The commercial, educational and recreative features all count strong but of course trade is the chief drawing card.

It takes more nerve and a better backbone but now is the time for renters and others with money to invest to get a home at Merkel or a farm to call their own in the Merkel country. It is the time, right now.

A Merkel country farmer can sell a home-grown team of mules for enough to live in our town for a year and send his children to our schools. The high cost of living does not hurt our town.

The farmer who owns or acquires a farm near Merkel is assured the very best market for buying and selling and then he has the best of school, church and social advantages for his family.

The Merkel market has been well supplied with water melons from the shinnery land about 20 miles to the north. They got a good price and then spent the money with our merchants.

The gins at Merkel and in our trade territory are all busy and the staple continues to roll onto our streets. It is an early but busy season for the farmers, ginners and buyers.

It is proper to keep down expenses but do not be stingy. Make it a point to give and spend just as cheerfully as when the money comes your way.

You should take your home paper even if you have to quit your "chawing" or give up sugar for your coffee.

In this issue will be found two articles about our public school and be sure to read them.

# Real Estate SPECIAL

One year ago I printed the first issue, 10,000 copies of "Texas in Spots," a story of The Lone Star State in general and the Merkel country in particular, and these pamphlets were distributed at the Dallas Fair, by men and agents all over the black land belt and east Texas and a dozen other states. I am certain that the advertising was a profitable investment for me and better for our country, and it is my desire to make the issue this fall of more benefit and for that reason ask the co-operation of my clients, friends and customers.

### YOUR EXPERIENCE.

It will be honest advertising and I only want the actual experiences of our successful farmers and stockmen under the conditions as they have existed. I will tell the truth in plain language and impress upon those looking for an opportunity to acquire a home the advantages of our town and country and your experience may be worth something to me and our country. Write it for me and mail to my address at Merkel.

### NOTHING BUT BARGAINS

The expense of getting out this issue and mailing is quite a sum and I can not afford to advertise any but the very best of bargains and those listed with me exclusively. This is the only way I can be protected and be certain of the benefit of my labor and expense. It is only a fair and square deal for me—just the kind I will give to you and my prospectors and buyers, for it is the only way to do business. If you have a home in town or a farm in the country to sell at a bargain for cash, or on terms, give me a full, fair and complete description with your very lowest price and I will do my best to make a sale for you this fall or within the next few months.

### WHAT I WANT

I want first-class farming, stock-farming and good grass or ranch propositions and at prices worth the money—your very lowest. If you have anything to sell or trade let me know exactly what you have and what you want. Give me all of the information and details in writing that a prospector would want to know.

Then let me have your help in advertising our town and country and doing the best we can for those who locate and cast their lots with us.

Yours for business,

## JNO. G. JACKSON

MERKEL, TEXAS

## JOHN R. DANIEL

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable  
SOUTH SIDE

### Automobile Service in Connection

Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

## A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES

Our RADIUM flour is of the highest grade. Try it. Fresh Cabbage, Turnips and Keg Kraut in stock at all times. Absolutely fresh. Phone your orders to

**R. L. BRADSHAW THE GROCER**  
PHONE NO. 214

## The City Tailoring Co. Franklin & Renfro, Props

A. S. Ford of Sweetwater stopped over here during Saturday and Sunday to visit H. C. and W. C. Reid. Mr. Ford went from here to Cross Plains and on to Brown county where he will visit. Mr. Ford is very unfortunate in not having the use of his eyes

but gets about very well, being well known over the country and having a host of friends who take a pleasure in having the old gentleman visit them.

J. W. Mayfield and son James left Sunday for Putnam on a short visit.

# FOR YEARS

We have enjoyed the exclusive salesmanship for the Merkel Country of these noted Wagons and Buggies and have had ample time to demonstrate their durability. If you are not acquainted with the line come let us show you their good points.



**Style and Comfort go together in every Studebaker Buggy**

Easy riding, comfortable seats and cushions are just as important as attractive lines and design.

All leather and cloth in Studebaker buggy trimming is carefully tested for stability of color and durability. Several attractive styles of seats are shown above.

**Studebaker**

BUGGIES are as perfect in the details of finish as in every other part of the construction. Come in and examine them—be convinced by the buggies themselves.

## THE STUDEBAKERS HAVE BUILT WAGONS

FOR  
NEARLY  
60  
YEARS

Studebaker wagons have been made for almost 60 years. The business has grown from a very modest wagon shop making only a few wagons a year to a plant covering 101 acres.

The Studebaker company would not have lasted 60 years unless they had made good wagons all of that time. Over a million Studebaker wagons in use—that tells the story.

**Studebaker**  
Wagons



are in a quality class by themselves and are the most economical to buy. Come in and let us prove it to you.

## WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD

Of New Studebaker Wagons and Buggies and have them on display at our store

## DEC. 24 WE ARE GOING TO GIVE AWAY

Absolutely Free one \$125.00 Studebaker Buggy. Make it your business when in town to see it. Your presence will be greatly appreciated at the

## Anchor Hardware Company

### '12 OUR GOOD READERS '13

The Old and The New

All of the prose and poetry ever written about spring, the green grass, flowers and trees can not make that season compare with autumn for us. The trees shed their leaves and our country prepares for the winter but then the dollars for subscription roll in to gladden our hearts and make atonement for all of the saddening effects of nature. The fall and cotton season, when our farmers sell their cotton and spare us one or two dollars out of one of the bales is the season of the year after our heart and we cheerfully give spring to the poets and those who love her most.

In the last two or three weeks the following have subscribed or renewed for our paper, advancing their figures for another year:

Merkel: A. C. Boney, W. E. Britain, Mrs. J. W. Jennings, W. P. Browning, Jno. B. Boden, S. B. Abercrombie, E. R. Strickland, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mrs. Nan Thompson, S. G. Russell, Forest Gaither, W. O. Boney.

Rural Routes: W. D. Butler, J. A. Patterson, Jr., Jim Eoff, R. M. Beasley, W. J. Shannon, R. B. Wells, J. D. Gibson, W. A. Hellums, D. W. Ashby, W. M. McDuff, G. G. Henry, J. M. Brown, J. W. Dandy, Jas. Patterson, J. L. McRee, W. J. Montgomery, S. L. Grayson, D. J. Gibson, J. M. Kelso.

Foreign and others: G. L. Anderson, Nubia; A. M. Conner, Longwood, Mo.; H. A. Barnes, Minden, La.; Jas. Clarkson, Blair, Okla.; Chas. Vinson, Pine

## Something New In Abilene, Texas

### A MAIL ORDER BUSINESS

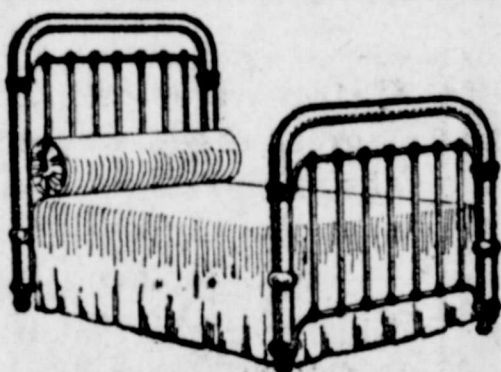
Sewing Machines, Floor Coverings and furniture for any room

in the home

AT UN-HEARD-OF PRICES

This 2-inch Continuous Post 7 Filler bed, head 58 inches high, Vernis Martin finish - **\$8.50**

This Same Bed with 5 Fillers - - - **\$7.50**



Guaranteed bed springs - - **\$3.00**

A 40-lb All Cotton Mattress Art Tick - **\$5.50**

These are some of the prices we are prepared to make—and we pay the freight to your town.

Give us an order, and if goods are not as represented, return them at our expense. We want to convince you that we sell it just as cheap as any Mail Order House. We pay the freight.

WE SAY WHAT WE MEAN AND MEAN WHAT WE SAY

## ABILENE FURNITURE CO., ABILENE, TEXAS

Both Phones 32.

314 Pine Street.

Bluff, Wyo.; T.M. Colline, Lynnville, Tenn.; Mrs. Ellen Lewis, Paris, Tenn.; Mrs. J. B. Steele, Waurika, Okla.; Mrs. V. D. Jones, Bagwell; Mrs. C. J. Gilliland, Fort Worth; Dee Erwin, Austin; D. S. Whitlow, Oenaville; E. A. Hargrove, Dallas; Jack Cannon, Detroit; C. W. Harris, Santa Anna, Cal.; V. M. Sutphen, Meridian; B. D. Rogers, Farmersville; W. B. Jackson, Stith; Mrs. T. W. Phillips,

Eastland; M. J. McWilliams, Fairlee; J. S. Blassingame, Nubia; S. S. Ramsey, Cottonwood; Mrs. Nancy Merritt, Roxton; Att Jones, Trent; A. J. Leach, Hermleigh; W. R. Parten, Mobeetie; W. F. Buchanan, Fort Worth; L. E. Perkins, Nubia; W. M. Claburn, Arab, Ala.; Miss Inice Moon, Cisco; Dock Robert Grimes, Houston; Thos. Stevens, Lone Oak; T. L. Stevens, Trent; John Lomax,

Austin; G. W. Henderson, Midlothian; Mrs. Eva Perkins, Huntington, Ore.

From a Friend.

Minden, La., Sept. 10th.

Merkel Mail: Enclosed I send money order for \$1.00 for renewal for my paper. I received your notice and thanks but I was watching the label on my paper and knew when my time expired. I am glad to see the cotton receipts at Merkel. We have re-

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Special on soap at Grimes.

E. A. Click spent Sunday in Abilene.

H. C. Floyd was a visitor in Eskota Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jaunita Harris was up from Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

John McDonald returned from Abilene Saturday where he has been for some time.

J. P. C. Hunt was over from Haskell Sunday shaking hands with friends.

Joe Davis of Marshall was here last week visiting his sister Miss Robbie Davis.

Lige Gambol came in from Fort Worth Sunday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. Thos. Largent visited friends in Abilene Friday and Saturday of last week.

B. C. Gaither of Tuscola came in Sunday to spend a day or so in the City of Clover.

C. E. Cordell was a passenger to Abilene Sunday, account court of the following Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. King left for Leonard last week to visit Mrs. King's brother Dr. Erwin.

Mrs. Geo. E. Bristow of Van Horn came in Sunday to visit her daughter Mrs. Chas. Mershon.

ceived less than 50 bales here but have a good prospect for a crop though late. Let the city in clover grow. I am always a friend to your paper, your town and your country. Truly,  
H. A. Barnes.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On account of lack of space our society news and much other local reading matter is crowded out of this issue but will appear next week with our apologies to our society editor and readers.

**Watch Fobs almost any kind and price at McClain's Drug Store.**

**Come Again.**

Jack Canon left this week for Detroit to accept a good job as engineer. He arranged for the Mail to follow him and said: "I like this country and have no kick. I came here a few years ago with less than \$20 00 and made what I have out of the ground." He sold his Stith farm one of the best in the country for all cash to a Hunt county man. Good luck to you Jack and remember you can come back.

**Dead Letter List.**

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Sept. 21, 1912:

- Barker, Wayne,
- Casey, Tollie,
- Cox, Miss Violet,
- Eason, E. B.,
- Elam, Miss Nona,
- Graves, H. H.,
- Lofton, Mrs. G. W.
- Morris, Hall.
- Rans, Mrs. V. V.,
- Strother, Wade,
- Cano, Felipe,
- Campolla, Cruz.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 5, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Dr. O. F. McMaster returned the first of the week from a trip to south Texas where he went to look after property interests there. He reported that his farms produced the best corn this year he ever saw grow and some of the land was making a bale to the acre.

Walter Duckett of Snyder was in the city Wednesday visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duckett. He made a visit to Abilene before returning to Snyder.

Misses Susie Penn, Jessie Sutphen and Essie Seat were Abilene guests the first of the week.



**Telephone and Find Out**

- What was the weather report
- What is the market price of cotton
- Has my team left town
- Is there any freight for me
- Do you want to buy any butter or eggs
- When is the meeting
- Who was elected

The telephone answers these and many other questions for thousands of farmers every day.

The cost of a telephone on your farm is small. The savings great.

Our nearest manager will tell you about it or write to

THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. DALLAS, - TEXAS



# CONDITION OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

Our public school under the management of our efficient superintendent and his corps of well chosen teachers, will open next Monday. Since the public school is one of the greatest assets of a community, no write-up of the Merkel country would be complete without mention of our school and what it is doing.

The enrollment is near 600. This student body, genial, alert, ambitious, carries the blue ribbon over all the other products of Merkel territory.

The length of the school term is eight months or more.

There are two good red-brick buildings. These are now being cleaned and disinfected after the most approved methods. The floors will be oiled twice during the year which will practically keep down the dust; and the walls, ceiling and furnishings will be sprayed with a powerful disinfectant once each week.

The course of study is progressive and up-to-date. It met the approbation of the university committee of affiliation.

The equipment of the school is being added to each year. There is a physics laboratory, costing between \$250.00 and \$300.00 installed last year; history charts and globes; also, a library of 200 volumes consisting of dictionaries, encyclopedias, parallel readings on Greek, Roman, and European history and work in English.

Games indulged in on the playground are tennis, baseball, basketball and others. Aside from physical culture value, games are encouraged because they provide an outlet for superfluous energy and tend to put pupils in a frame of mind conducive to study.

There are fifteen teachers employed.

The music teacher, an artist in her profession, has studied under the best teachers of America.

Most of the literary teachers are graduates of leading colleges of the south and all have made special preparation in their chosen line of work. All the high school teachers and a majority of the other teachers have spent a part of their vacation this summer in the best universities of the land.

All are interested in the business affairs of our town and country. Our school is our most important "business affair." One of our great statesmen has said "A Republic's chief business is education." A town that takes an interest and pride in its schools proportionate to the school's value to the community, will easily attract the most desirable class of citizens. We hope that the progressive school spirit which has seized upon many of our people will prove contagious and that no stop will be made until our school is second to none in the state.

**We guarantee our goods. You have nothing to lose by buying from us. McClain's Drug Store.**

**Special Assessment.**

You are hereby assessed \$2.00 to help pay for our new press and material. We need the money and you should read our paper and then send it to the folks back east. Come in.

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**Kirschbaum Clothes.**  
ALL WOOL HAND TAILORED



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## Kirschbaum Suit Specials \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50

THESE are the widely-advertised Kirschbaum specials. They are the greatest suit values in America at \$15, \$18, \$20, \$22.50. The fabrics are absolutely all-wool, and of a quality of weave that is not duplicated in any other clothes at the same prices.

Even the \$15 suits are thoroughly hand-tailored; and trimmed and finished in a way that will surprise the man who has been wearing the average fifteen-dollar clothes.

The range of prices gives you the choice of every desirable model of the season, in all of the beautiful new shades and pattern effects. At \$22.50 you have your pick of the finest fabrics made by the best mills in America.

Kirschbaum tailor work is famous the country over: the Kirschbaum factory is the model clothes factory of this country, if not of the world.

It is a fine thing for us to be able to offer you these superb suits, and a finer thing for you to be able to buy them at

**\$15. \$18, \$20 and \$22.50**

—just the same prices as you would be asked to pay anywhere for the non-descript sort of clothes flooding the market this fall.

It's not a question, either, of taking our say-so for the splendid clothes. We give the Guaranty of the maker with every suit, which insures the return of your money if you are dissatisfied with your purchase.

# W. L. Harkrider

# A Great Fall Showing of New Goods

Never before have we had a more complete line of **NEW FALL GOODS**, in Mens, Ladies and Childrens Wearables---than we have to show you and sell you at reasonable prices this fall

## Clothing Department



F. K. & G.  
Clothes

Our Clothing is High-Class

We have taken special pains to make this the greatest department in our store and you will find here all the newest shades, patterns and style—and you need not be afraid of getting a last year suit, for we didn't have a suit left over from the spring season.

Mens' all Wool Blue Serge and fancy Cheviot Suits from \$10.00 to **\$25.00**

Mens Over Coats in all the latest cuts and patterns, \$10.00 to **\$18.50**

TO THE MOTHERS: Here is the place to dress your boy for school or church—never have you had the opportunity of seeing such a stock of boys clothing in a town of this size as we have this fall to show you and the price is right \$2.50 to **\$10.00**

## It is Logical to Fit Your Corset Before You buy your Cloak or Suit

It has always been customary for us to have our corset opening in connection with our cloak and suit opening, as corset styles have not been authoritative. But this season Warners have hit the mark. Every model is corset excellence. They are here early, in time to show them to you with our cloak and suit fashions. Long lines—the corset touching the figure at the vital shaping points, curving slightly when necessary to comfort, but fitting so beautifully that just the showing is a real pleasure. The Warners are the shapes that are this fall receiving full approval. Fit your suit with a comfortable corset feeling; \$1.00 to **\$3.50**



## American Lady SHOES



## Our New Fall Footwear Ready for Your Choosing

We have never seen more attractive models than the manufacturers have produced for **FALL AND WINTER WEAR**

Our store is full of the choicest footwear for men, women and children that experience and money secure. Come see for yourself.

We carry a full line of up-to-date footwear

## Millinery Fashions Fall 1912

Choice this season is not limited to any particular shape or style. There is no fixed rules that demand a large, medium or small hat. The essential thing is to get one that is becoming and that contrasts nicely with the dress or suit to be worn with it. Velvets are again decreed the most favored millinery fabric. A wide variety of Ostrich and Willow Plumes in every conceivable shading are being shown. The new Georgette and Gabby Wings are very much in evidence.



## FASHIONABLE DRESS GOODS AND SILKS FOR FALL AND WINTER

Our showing of new fall dress goods and silks is up to date in every particular. We were never in better shape to serve the public in this section. You will find the latest fabric productions represented here. New wide wale diagonals, 54 to 60 inches wide, new whipcords, new French and storm serges, new wool mixtures, velvets, velveteens, corduroys, silks and crepe charmeuse, plain and fancy taffetas, messalines, crepe de chines, silk chiffons marquisettes, new soft India silks in oriental designs and a large number of others. New ones arriving daily. Our salespeople are always ready to show you and assure you courteous treatment at all times

## FREE---SILVERWARE FOR THE TABLE---FREE

We have secured an assortment of Wm. Rogers genuine silverware and will exchange it for Trade Certificates secured at our store. This silverware is strictly high grade and will do credit to a table anywhere

For \$6.00 purchase we will give you choice of teaspoon, coffee spoon or salad fork. For \$8.00 we will give you either an orange spoon, fruit knife or an oyster fork.

5c	TRADE CERTIFICATES	25c
In any Denomination. No bill too small for		
50c	SILVERWARE CERTIFICATE	\$ 1

These prizes continue until a person can secure a full set of Silverware for their table. It is of a quality not surpassed in Merkel. Genuine Rogers Silverware, come and see it.

Now on display at our store. For lack of space we do not mention all the prizes. Call and see them

# W. D. WOODROOF & COMPANY

MERKEL

ONE PRICE THE LOWEST

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# Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company

We want every man, woman and child in Merkel and Merkel country to visit our store and inspect our line of **QUALITY MERCHANDISE** for fall. We consider quality before anything else here, quality goes in before our name goes on. We are receiving new goods daily for all our departments. We assure you that you can't find a more complete or up-to-date store in Merkel. We want your trade, and can save you money.

## NEW GOODS

for ladies'  
just  
received, at-  
tractive  
in  
price and  
style



## Before Winter

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sets in wouldn't it be a good idea to call at our store and let us help you make your selection of apparels from our complete stock. We have the goods and will sell you good clean seasonable merchandise of quality, just as cheap as you can buy elsewhere. :: :: :: :: ::

## Queen Quality SHOE

We have on display at our store the most complete stock of ladies' shoes ever brought to Merkel. This stock is made up of the very best styles and leathers in the newest shades and combinations. We have ordered a special lot of gray, red and black button boots, watch our window for these new styles. - -



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## Knit Goods

We have just received a shipment of **KNIT GOODS** for ladies' and children, Sweater Coats, Jackets, Caps, etc, of the latest styles can be had at a moderate price, qualities from 50c to \$5. Be sure to see these goods before you buy.

**IF YOU WANT YOUR DOLLAR TO DO THE MOST GOOD COME TRADE WITH US**



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The Millinery Department of this store has received **SPECIAL ATTENTION**, and the ability of our buyers enable us to show you the correct styles in **MILLINERY** for fall wear in all the latest shapes and shades. A visit to our store means a pleasing one.

## Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

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THE STYLE STORE

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