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## FARMERS MEET AT THE OPERA HOUSE TO HEAR THE GOVERNMENT EXPERTS

There was a meeting of the farmers of our country at the opera house Saturday afternoon to hear Hon. Wm. Ganzer of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and Mr. J. W. Neill of the State Dept. of Agriculture.

About two hundred were present and the meeting was called to order by Capt. J. T. Tucker, one of the pioneers of this section who spoke for a few moments upon the importance of agriculture and urging our farmers to practice every improved method demonstrated to increase the yield of their lands.

Mr. Ganzer was the first speaker and in the start gave a short history of the government work and the success of their efforts during the past eight years, that many worn-out farms in the east had been reclaimed and many other lands made to double their yields. He had seen land ordinarily producing 200 to 300 pounds of seed cotton and 10 to 15 bushels of corn made to yield a bale of cotton to the acre and over and 50 to 75 bushels of corn.

The most important part in farming is the beginning, the preparation of your land, the making of your seed bed and if you fail in this lots of your time and work later will be lost. By early and deep breaking you conserve your moisture and on this you can carry your crop along and if it rains it will make a good crop and if not it will make and mature more than it would otherwise. I am a farmer and know that early and deep breaking is best. I have noticed in your country here a deficiency in your soil of humus. One pound of humus holds 7½ times as much moisture as one pound of sand. Humus is decayed vegetable matter and the best for you here is the cowpea. If you prepare your land it will take the moisture and hold it. It goes down and then comes back up to feed your crop. I urge you to break your land early and deep. I am going to break my land ten inches deep and let me tell you here that is the reason you hear about the big crops we make back in my country. Our farmers have just woke up to improved farming the last few years. I would urge you to break it one way and then go back over it the other way for it will pay you, then use your harrows. Now you have different soil here and on sandy land or land that will blow you do not want to leave it smooth. Only use harrow when land is wet on that kind of land, so as to leave it rough and have your rows run east and west. The real remedy for this blowing sand is to get humus in the soil. Another remedy is to go deep enough with plow or scraper to bring up some of the clay in the land for that will prevent blowing. Sorghum turned under is good humus. It will pay you to study and follow our instructions and let me say here that I know you can make good crops here every year. You can raise corn here if you will get the genuine Leguna var-

ety. It is a growth-resister and a sure crop for this country. You can raise good cotton here every year, but I urge you to give your crops plenty of space. This system will make more. I am urging you to breaking your land deep and early but if you are going to be late in your breaking, say after Christmas I would suggest shallow breaking. If you break your land late then give your crop a first deep plowing and then after that shallow cultivation and keep it up. Plow to keep dust mulch of about three inches, not less for it would bake. Your crop should be plowed with cultivator or harrow every eight or ten days. This mulch acts as a blanket over your land. The old way of farming was to plow the crops about three times and "lay them by," but now it is proven that it pays to plow cotton until you get ready to pick it.

Mr. Ganzer related many personal experiences coming under his observation and personal supervision of farmer profiting by the improved methods of farming and concluded with an earnest appeal the Merkel farmers to study and make use of the work of the government in their behalf.

Mr. J. W. Neill made a rattling good talk but we have not space for it this issue and will give the substance of his remarks in our next issue.

## BARBER PARLORS ARE CONSOLIDATED

The City Barber Shop and the shop of Pate & Son were consolidated this week into the former home of the City shop.

The new shaving and bath parlor is composed of a partnership of West & Evans and Pate & Son, four well known tonsorial artists of our city. The establishment will contain all the fixtures of the two shops together with bath improvements calculated to handle their growing trade.

The Wheeler building which was vacated by Pate & Son will be occupied by the firm of Whitley, Son & Co., grocers, they are moving their stock from the Hogue-Hamilton building at the corner of Oak and Edwards st., this week.

## MERKEL TEACHERS ALL IN ABILENE

All of the teachers of Merkel and the Merkel country are this week in attendance upon the Taylor County Teachers Institute which is in session at Abilene, conducted by Supt. Smith. It is compulsory that all of the teachers of the county attend or suffer the cancellation of their certificates, so we take it for granted all are there and by that we know that it will be full of interest and of much benefit.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Eats Galore With Games Some More.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall were the most charming entertainer's at their home Friday evening of last week. The occasion honoring Mr. Phil Ross of Dallas.

The guests were Misses Melissa Smith, Jewel Garrett, Agnes Hall, Genevieve Rust and Mrs. E. Hall. Messrs Ollie Sharp, Homer Easterwood and Dem Rust were entertained with contests and games. On arriving at the home a deck of playing cards were handed each of the visitors in succession with the instructions to throw the cards one at the time into a hat turned down side up on the floor five feet away, the records for the contestants stood from one to twenty, twenty being the best record with ten the next best. All during the time fruits, home made candies, cakes and chocolates were passed in continuous rounds giving each visitor a fond remembrance of one of the most enjoyable evenings ever. 42 and contests of "Goobers on a Knife" were played to the amusement of everyone. In fact the evening was a most delightful one; in particular to the young people who are wishing for another such affair, preferring Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall as the host and hostess.

Wednesday afternoon of last week the devotees of the Fancywork Circle were royally entertained at the home of Mrs. O. W. Williams on Elm street. The out-of-town guests were Misses Claire Tate and Stella Schmid of Abilene. Mrs. Williams served a delicious two-course luncheon to Misses Cleo Wilson Bowler, Willie Bigham, Zora Coggin, Mesdames G. H. Adams, C. V. Bigham, T. J. Coggin, W. M. Jenkins, W. H. Dickson, Geo. L. Miller, W. R. Walker. Little Miss Lenora Williams assisted her mother in serving. Mrs. Lanier Brown will be next hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport Gaither loan their hospitable home Tuesday evening to a bunch of girls and a few boys who are experts in the knowledge of candy making and candy eating. Several hours were happily spent in this pleasant way by Misses Browning, Bigham, Hamblett, Rister, Schmid, Sheppard and Tate, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither, Messrs. Robert Hicks, Forrest Gaither, Ottis Barnett.

Friday evening, Oct. 25. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., assisted by his mother and sister entertained the seniors of Merkel High School and a score or more of friends. Music selections vied with 42 and bunco as a medium of entertainment. Every one pronounced the evening in this delightful home, perfect, as is ever the case when the young people meet there. Hot Chocolate and whipped cream was served.

An informal entertainment was given by Miss Carroll Rister Saturday evening. Music, songs and conversations filled every tiny corner in the cup of pleasure, that had been filled brimful for Misses Eva Walters, Ezma Allday, Virginia Hamblett, Genevieve Rust, Isla McDonald, Tommie Louise Coggin, Elma Sheppard, Mattie Paylor, Messrs Choc Jones, Jesse Fergusson, Ollie Sharp, Raymond Touchstone, Ennis and Emmett Grimes, Lytton Howard, W. H. Kendricks and Ben F. Ainsworth.

### Reid-Oliver.

The news was received here this week of the marriage of Wiley M. Reid and Miss Bird Oliver, both of Sulphur Springs, Texas on Wednesday afternoon of last week at 2.30 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage.

Mr. Reid is well known to the Merkel people, having held positions as druggist with two of the local firms. The Mail joins their many friends in Merkel and Sulphur Springs in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Reid a most happy married life.

All kinds of feeds at the Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

## 3 TURNIPS WEIGH SEVEN 1-2 POUNDS

The Mail was in receipt of three turnips the first of the week which when cooked were enough for two meals of a family of eight persons.

The turnips weighed exactly seven and one half pounds and were presented to the Mail by E. L. Ash one of our regular readers, a suburban resident of Merkel. Mr. Ash raised the turnips in his home garden in the northeast part of Merkel in the Taylor addition one of the finest spots for gardens and truck growing in the western country. Personally we feel that the high cost of living is rapidly going downward when we see such vegetables as those turnips brought to us as a token of friendship from one of our readers.

Mr. Ash diversifies in gardening while passing away his spare moments as a ginner.

## SUBSOIL PLOWS TO THE FARMERS FREE

F. A. Peel, United States Agricultural Agent for Taylor county, asks the Reporter to say to the farmers and those interested in farming that he has secured the use of Subsoil plows for farmers as follows:

For the Abilene country two subsoil plows are offered, one by the Ed S. Hughes Co., and the other by the Over Hardware Company, both located at Abilene, Texas.

Any one adjacent to Abilene desiring to use the plows will confer with Mr. Peel direct and he will see that you get it for use in your operations.

For the Ovalo section of country the subsoil plow will be furnished by J. U. Johnson of the Wristen & Johnson Co.

For the Merkel country the West Texas Hardware Co., will furnish the plow to those people.

If you want the plows send your request to Mr. Peel at Abilene and he will see that you are provided with the plow.

He wishes us to emphasize the use of this plow to the people of this country if they would get the full benefit of the government plans of farming.—Abilene Reporter.

### Schools to Open

The Mount Pleasant school and the Stith School will open their winter terms Monday of next week.

W. F. Reidenbach of the Mount Pleasant community was in the office Monday and spoke very favorable of the conditions that will govern their school the coming session.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham came in Tuesday from Benjamin. Making the trip through the country in Mr. Bigham's car.

Misses Emma Clark and Florine Lamar were in Putnam last week visiting Miss Clark's mother who is in the Sanitarium there.

## NEW HARDWARE TO OPEN SOON

Within the next ten or fifteen days Merkel will expand her business interests to the extent of a general line of hardware and implements.

The new firm will be composed of G. M. Cauthen and W. D. Hutcheson, well known to the Merkel people both as citizens and as hardware men having been connected with the Hardware business in Merkel for months. Representatives of wholesale hardware and implement firms are expected here the last of the week to take orders for the stock after which immediate shipment will be made and the business opened at the earliest possible moment.

In talking with Mr. Cauthen he announced their intention of keeping a full line of wagons, buggies, farm tools of all kinds together with a complete stock of shelf goods.

## OVER 9000 BALES AND A GOOD RAIN

Up to Wednesday night of this week Merkel had received 9020 bales of cotton at the local yards and beginning with that time we received the first decided cold rain for the season.

The cotton receipts will naturally be held back for several days on account of the rain, though the fall was not very heavy the cold weather accompanying it will be a hinderance to pickers over the country in general. While the weather seems to be very unsettled and promises to be favorable to the opening of the hunting season.

### In. ved Farming.

F. A. Peel, United States Agricultural Agent for this county, says he has plenty of proof of the effectiveness of the government system of farming county, but Buffalo (es an unique example of lady, Miss Katie Booker, ling her father, C. P. Booker making cotton.

Mr. Booker worked under the old system and his daughter followed the instructions of Peel, and the result was Miss Katie has off two cotton gathered one bale ing 668 pounds of the sta has enough yet to gather on the 2-acre tract to make out a yield of one and a half 500 pound bales, while the father will average a bale to four acres.—Abilene Reporter.

A young man giving his name as J. E. O'Briant was disturbed by peace officers at Abilene Sunday night while he was helping himself to a complete new set of toggery from the store of T. C. Campbell. The young man was dressed up in a new suit and was fitting himself with a pair of shoes when caught in the act by the officers.

We sell Dry Goods at right prices. Come to see us. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

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## The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Latest novelties in Florsheim Shoes. Star Store.

Bread, Cakes, Pies and Bakers Sweets at Bradshaws.

Just lots of Rings. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

J. E. Faucett and Lester Ellis were visitors in Dallas Friday and Saturday.

Don't Miss it—our sale. Merkel Store.

Scholarship to Brantley-Draughons Buisness College for sale cheap. Apply at Merkel Mail office.

Visit our grocery department and get prices. You will make a saving by giving us your grocery business. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Cleo Wilson Bowler returned home Tuesday from Terrel where she visited relatives.

Dry goods and groceries at cost and then a sack of flour worth \$1.50 with every \$50.00 purchase. Merkel Store.

Big stock of Watches. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Misses Dollie and Ova Teaff and Mrs. W. A. Scott were visitors to the Dallas Fair last week.

Just received a shipment of Cole's Airtight Heat, best yet, they save coal. Hardware Co.

Many bargains will be offered in our millinery department during our sale. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

W. L. Harkrider returned Friday afternoon from a week visit with her sister Mrs. Cassingale of Dallas, and a visit to the Fair.

You can get a sack of flour 5.00 worth of dry goods free if you are lucky. See our premium list. Merkel Store.

11 kinds of Bread, Cakes, Pies and Bakers good to eats at Bradshaw's.

John R. Daniel was at home from Rule the first of the week. He returned Tuesday to look after the feeding of some cattle he has there.

We sell you as cheap or cheaper than others and give something away. Whitley, Son, & Company.

Investigate our free offer of \$600 worth of dry goods and groceries to be given away during our big Contract Sale. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

J. T. WARREN, President THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

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**Rugs: We are making a specialty of rugs and art squares this fall as MACK knows you want your floor made warm to save the doctor bill.**

Hon. Thos. B. Holliday a noted Lecturer will speak on the streets of Merkel Saturday evening, Nov. 2 at 2 o'clock. Subject: "The Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God."

New Watches just arrived at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs Lucy Bumpass who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. W. L. Burns, returned to her home at San Angelo Wednesday afternoon.

We have cast aside all thought of profit in this Contract Sale and have cut prices to the core. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong were visitors in Dallas at the closing of the fair.

All new Jewelry at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. J. N. Routh returned to her home at Tye Thursday, after a short stay with her parents here.

Miss Margaret Tandy returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday, having spent a week with friends here.

W. L. Woodroof was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Buy your fall bill now and save money. Merkel Store.

List your orders for Fruit Cakes with me. R. L. Bradshaw.

S. S. Smith was in Abilene Thursday on business.

**The Water Lilies will soon be blooming in MACK'S show window. Watch for them. Behrens McMillen.**

Mrs. Asa Sheppard is in Abilene visiting relatives.

Fred Bigham left for Abilene Thursday after a short stay at home.

Burrhl Wheeler accompanied a two car shipment of cattle to Fort Worth Wednesday.

**"Mack" sells window shades as low as 25c, the kind that won't crack or break. With guaranteed rollers 85c. See me.**

#### For Rent.

One-half mile of Shilo in Jones county, 175 acres in cultivation, 2 pastures, good improvements. For further particulars write or see, A. C. Boney, Merkel, Texas.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per year

We are the only Cotton-Bulls and Grocery Bears in Merkel. Highest prices paid for butter and eggs. We have the best goods at the best prices. We are the oldest firm of our class in Meakel and had we sold for the profit that our competitor did we would have been able to retire and join the Whittling and Marble Club. Come to see us before you buy your winter supply.

Hamblet & Rogers.

**Say listen' One of my competitors in a near by town said this week that he wished MACK would quit selling Iron Beds so cheap, but we have more just like them coming at the same price.**

Earl P. Stallings, a Merkel boy who has gotten full grown and advanced to the position of head book-keeper in one of the largest banks at Houston was here to spend the night with homefolks last week. He was a witness in a case at Abilene and had the opportunity of seeing the folks here without the loss of any extra time from his duties. Earl likes Houston and says they are real good to him.

Our \$50,000 stock of goods must be reduced to \$25,000. That's our contract with the people who will take charge of the business Dec. 31st. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

R. C. (BOB) Young returned to Merkel Monday afternoon to look after business matters. Mr. Young and family left Merkel some time ago for Oklahoma where they have made their home since.

See us at our new home at the Pate & Son former stand on Front street. Whitley, Son & Co. And remember our premium lists.

Miss Mae Valentine returned home from the Institute at Abilene Wednesday to be with her brother who has been sick during the last few days, by Thursday he had improved enough to allow Miss Valentine to return to Abilene.

We are doing our best to keep our stock complete in every department, so you can find something new any day at our store. W. L. Harkrider.

Talley Holloway and Bill Sheppard returned this week from Oklahoma where they have been for some time picking cotton.

Sam Swann returned from Tyler Saturday where he has been in school for some time. On returning home he visited the Fair at Dallas.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

If it's Paint we have it. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. H. C. West visited in Abilene Wednesday.

All Jewelry guaranteed at Burroughs Drug Store.

150 pairs of MENS SHOES to close out at and below cost. Star Store.

Sid Criswell of the Noodle country was in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Additional shipments of Boys Suits are arriving almost daily by express. W. L. Harkrider.

A nice line of new Jewelry and more to come. Burroughs Drug Store.

W. J. Behrens came up Tuesday from Adilene on a business trip.

We are expecting another shipment of Ladies and Misses Coats this week. W. L. Harkrider.

FOR RENT—300 acres, 150 in cultivation. Applicant must have force to work land. See, Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mrs D. B. Lindsey of Eskota was in the city Tuesday shopping.

When your feet are wet or cold, remember our store where "J. E. Tilts" and "Walk-Over" shoes are sold. W. L. Harkrider.

We will not allow any merchant in Merkel to under sell us. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Earl Lassiter returned Sunday from Dallas where he has been attending the fair for several days.

Do not wait until severe winter gets here. Get a stove now. The Anchor Hardware has them for sale.

When the chilly winds are nigh, for good warm Underwear, do not pass us by. W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams of Big Springs who have been here visiting the family of Walter Mashburn of Stith returned to their home Tuesday.

We will meet any competition on Mens' High Grade Suits. Our's are fully guaranteed. W. L. Harkrider.

Bargain seekers will find at our store prices that will justify their coming to investigate. See us and get our Contract prices. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

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## 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>78,848.23</b>
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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$227,300.26</b>

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## JACOB'S CANDIES

"MADE LAST NIGHT"---FOR GRIMES. In the selection of our line of candies we had but the one idea—to get the best and to be able to keep the freshest stock at all times. We realize our desire in securing the agency for Jacob's Chocolates. Then, we can sell you a box of this high grade candy—guaranteed to be fresh for the same prices you ordinarily pay for the ordinary kind. Buy Jacob's Candies.

## T. L. GRIMES DRUG STORE

JIM GILLIAM, MANAGER

THE BEST KEPT LINE OF CIGARS IN MERKEL.

Biggest bargains on rugs, cabinets and all kinds of furniture at our store. Behrens-McMillen.

24 cans of corn being given away at our store each Saturday. Ask about it. Whitley, Son & Company.

Miss Stella Schmid who was here last week visiting her sister Miss Louise, returned to her home Friday. Miss Clara Tate who was here last week visiting also returned the same day.

Everybody is trading at our store, better get next. Giving something away. Whitley, Son & Co.

Your chickens and Eggs bring cash at the Kent Street Grocery Company.

Miss Mattie Murphy was called to Abilene Thursday evening in answer to a telegram telling her of the death of her cousin Mrs. Payton.

Oak or Mesquite wood. You can depend on me to fill your wants for fire wood or coal all through the winter season. No order too small for me to handle. H. M. Warren, the Wood and Coal man.

Buy a rug for your feet and a kitchen cabinet to save your wife's. Behrens-McMillen.

Mrs. C. R. McCollum of Lockney was here last week visiting her nephew G. J. Robbins, she left for Baird Thursday of last week to visit other relatives.

If a box of Chocolate is more than you want at one time, get some of Blanke Weneker's bulk nut top and cream goods. Elite Confectionery.

Mesdames Jno. Sears and W. T. Potter visited Mrs. J. T. Dennis at the Alexander sanitarium last Thursday.

Window Glass at Burroughs.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

LAND FOR SALE—Owing to my health I have decided to sell all my land of 300 acres, also my fine horse stock and cattle. Will give bargains if sold soon. James Baker, Trent, Tex.

OAK WOOD—For sale. See H. M. Warren.

FOR SALE—Second-hand double disc plow, sulky plows, cultivators, hand plows, stump puller and work stock. Dr. M. Armstrong.

LOST—A bundle in one of Merkel stores or it was picked up by someone through mistake, contains two pair of gloves and two pair hose. Please leave at Mail office. W. C. Hill, Golan, Tex.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, or will trade for vendor lien notes, or revenue bearing city property. 232 acres in Jones county, near Noodle. One set of improvements, and forty acres in cultivation. 80 acres ten miles southeast of Merkel in Taylor county. One set of improvements, and seventy acres in cultivation. 80 acres nine miles south of Abilene, in Taylor county, unimproved. All good land. Write me for prices if interested. W. S. McGregor, Temple, Texas. 113

STRAYED—From my premises Oct. 26, two 6-weeks old Poland China pigs. Finder notify Cleve McCormick, Merkel, Route 4 and receive reward. 1tpd.

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND  
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel.. 10:01 p.m.  
Train No. 4 " " .. 11:38 a.m.  
Train No. 6 " " .. 12:13 a.m.  
Train No. 8 " " .. 9:02 a.m.

WEST BOUND  
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel.. 4:02 a.m.  
Train No. 3 " " .. 5:32 p.m.  
Train No. 5 " " .. 5:26 a.m.  
Train No. 7 " " .. 4:20 p.m.

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

### Notice.

Hereafter I will be at Burroughs' Drug Store. H. C. Floyd, Optician.

No matter whose president we sell rugs, kitchen cabinets and furniture cheapest. Behrens-McMillen.

C. H. M. Warren for wood and coal. I've got an immense amount of it, and the price is right.

J. F. Abernathy, W. M. Clark, Z. V. Moore and H. B. Chambliss were late visitors to the Fair last week.

The best bulk chocolates are Blanke Weneker's, they are fresh and we sell them. Elite Confectionery.

Just in, new stock of Cut Glass, Silverware and all kinds of jewelry. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

R. L. Bradshaw and H. M. Rainbolt were in Dallas last week seeing the sights of the Fair.

The reason we sell cheaper is because we sell more. Behrens-McMillen.

A new line of shoes in Black and Tans for Misses and Girls. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Olga Shepard returned Tuesday morning from a weeks visit with relatives in Dallas where she attended the Fair.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Ladies shoes in Black and Tans. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

L. E. Adrain, banker of Trent was in our city Monday on business.

Something being given away at our store. Better come and see about it. Whitley, Son & Co.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co., for your drugs, sundries, wall paper, paints and school supplies.

New line of gingham just received. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Rexall Store for anything. Box Wood Heaters at the Anchor Hardware Co.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

T. K. Brazzell was here from Post last week on business.

You can get anything in Drugs at the Rexall Store.

Stoves of all sorts at Anchor Hardware Company.

Jim Black was a business visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

OAK WOOD—For sale. See H. M. Warren.

Full line of shoes for men just received. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Mae Elliott left for her home at Cameron Monday morning.

Do you eat chocolates, cream kind with nut to Confectionery.

Jewelry Jewel McCauley

M. Ab.

FC horses young m. Company.

Full line of McCauley Drug

Mr. Hobbs of taken to Putnam treatment in the San.

Phone your orders shaw for your Bread, Cakes, Pies. Will make deliver your home.

Every day alike—same gains and the same profit every week. Merkel Store

Mr. and Mrs. Emory the proud parents of a girl, born Monday morning of this week.

A Clean-Up-Sale on odds and ends in mens shoes. The Star Store.

Visit our grocery department for bargains in every thing to eat. Special prices on every thing in the house. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Myrtle Feidler returned to her home at Denison Thursday of last week after spending several weeks here visiting her cousin Miss Bera Stallings.

If you want good Bread, phone to Bradshaw, it will be delivered to your home.

Big reductions in Stetson Hats. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Window Glass at Burroughs.

# OUR SALE NOW

## More Goods Just Received

## Our \$50,000 Stock Must be

Our sale is in full sway and the business more than we expected—such a volume that our stock did not come in until this Wednesday. We did the next best thing we could and rushed a buy compared than ever to sell your winter bill and save you money on every item. We mean what we received include a full line of Ginghams, Calico, Bleached and Brown Domestics, Sheetings, Out is that you come and see the goods and learn our prices. Only eight more days remain of our s

### THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

RECEIVED AT 8

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 30, 1912

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Merkel, Texas

Your dry goods shipment is going forward to-day.

Sanger Bros.

1146 Am.

### OUR SECOND \$100.00 WORTH

The following premiums are offered and will be given away, absolutely free—just to show you we mean to get rid of the goods and to create interest in our sale and hold this interest until we have reduced our stock. There are no strings tied to any of them and we have no favorites. You can get some of these premiums.

**FIRST: \$300.00 WORTH OF FLOUR**—We are going to give with every bill of goods bought of us amounting to \$50.00, a sack of flour, worth \$1.50. (This offer is good any and all times during our sale until the \$300.00 worth of flour has been given away.)

### STAPLE GOODS

- 1/2c Cotton Checks..... 5c
- 1/4c Gingham, per yard..... 10c
- 1/2c per yard..... 7 1/2c
- 1/2c per yard..... 6c
- 1/2c grade, per yard..... 5c
- 1/2c apron checks, dress pattern, black and gray figures, calico in all the solid oil colors, in white, blue, brown, gray, stripes and checks at..... 8 1/2c
- 1/2c Lonsdale, per yard..... 12 1/2c
- 1/2c grade Cambric, per yard..... 10c
- 1/2c grade Cambric, per yard..... 8 1-2c
- 1/2c grade Domestic, per yard..... 10c
- 1/2c grade Domestic, per yard..... 8 1-2c
- 1/2c grade Domestic, per yard..... 6c
- 25c grade 5-4 Indian Head Domestic, per yard..... 17 1-2c
- 20c grade Universal Pillow Tubing, per yard..... 15c
- 30c grade Pepperill 9-4 sheeting per yard..... 23c
- 12 1-2c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard..... 11c
- 10c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard..... 8 1-2c
- 8 1-2c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard..... 7 1-2c
- 20c grade Feather Ticking, per yard..... 15c
- 12 1-2c grade Feather Ticking, per yard..... 10c
- 10c grade Mattress Ticking, per yard..... 8 1-2c
- 16 1/2c grade Our Pride Dinum, per yard..... 14c
- 20c grade Our Pride Khaki Suiting, per yard..... 15c

### QUEEN QUALITY

- \$3.00 Queen Quality, white canvass button Boot..... \$2.25
- 4.00 Queen Quality, buck bottom, canvass top Boot..... 3.00
- 3.50 Queen Quality Patent Kid, Blucher Boot..... 2.90
- 3.50 Queen Quality, Patent Colt, button Boot..... 2.90
- 4.25 Queen Quality Patent Kid, Gun metal top button Boot..... 3.35
- 3.75 Queen Quality Tan Calf button Boot..... 3.00
- 4.25 Queen Quality Tan Calf button Boot..... 3.35
- 4.00 Queen Quality Tan Calf, 16 button Boot..... 3.00
- 4.00 Queen Quality Gun metal blucher Boot..... 3.00
- 4.00 Queen Quality Black Kid blucher Boot..... 3.00
- 3.50 Queen Quality Gun metal, spud toe, button Boot..... 2.90
- 4.00 Queen Quality Black Velvet, Rival toe, button Boot..... 3.00

### BROWN'S WHITE HOUSE

- \$3.00 White House, white canvass, button Boot..... \$2.25
- 3.00 White House, Grey Velvet, white Suede top, button Boot..... 2.25
- 3.50 White House, brown Velvet button Boot..... 2.90
- 4.00 White House, brown Velvet, Satin top, button Boot..... 3.00
- 4.00 White House, black Suede button Boot..... 3.00
- 3.50 White House, Tan Kid button Boot..... 2.90
- 4.00 White House, Russia Calf button Boot..... 3.00
- 4.00 White House, Drab Suede top, button Boot..... 3.00
- 4.00 White House, Russia Calf button Boot..... 3.00
- 3.50 White House, Russia Calf button Boot..... 2.90
- 2.50 White House, Spud toe, low heel, Gun metal Boot..... 1.90
- 3.50 White House, Gun metal, 16 button Boot..... 2.90
- 3.00 White House, Speed toe, Gun metal, button Boot..... 2.25
- 3.50 White House, Dull Kid button Boot..... 2.90
- 3.50 Browns Dr. Sawyer's Cushion Sole, Dull Kid Boot..... 2.90
- 2.50 White House Gun metal Blucher..... 1.90
- 3.50 White House, Cushion Sole, Kid Blucher..... 2.90
- 3.00 Browns Blue Ribbon Patent, Gun metal top Blucher..... 1.90
- 2.50 Browns 5-Star-5 Kid button Boot..... 1.90
- 2.50 Browns 5-Star-5 Gun metal button Boot..... 1.90
- 2.25 Browns 5-Star-5 Kid Blucher..... 1.75
- 2.25 Browns 5-Star-5 box calf blucher..... 1.75
- 2.00 Browns 5-Star-5 Kid blucher..... 1.50

### THINK OF IT, LADIES

We have about 300 pairs of Ladies' Shoes from \$1.50 to \$3.00 and we have placed this lot of shoes during this sale for the small sum of per pair..... 25c

This is an opportunity for you to buy some good everyday-day shoes, and you had better come early and get first choice. They won't last long. Don't delay.

### Babies' and Children's Shoes

- \$2.00 Baby Buster, tan button boot..... \$1.50
- 1.75 Baby Buster, patent, velvet top, fancy collar..... 1.75
- 50c Pink, soft sole, button, sizes 1 to 4..... 35c
- 50c Tan, soft sole button, sizes 1 to 4..... 35c
- 65c Tans, white patent and kid soft soles..... 50c
- 1.25 patent button, gun metal top, sizes 3 to 7..... 1.00
- 75c Infant's kids button, sizes 2 to 5..... 50c
- 85c Infant's Kids, button, sizes 5 to 8..... 60c
- 1.50 Infant's Gun metal..... 1.15
- 1.25 Infant's patent button..... 1.00
- 1.75 Russia calf button..... 1.34
- 1.75 patent, white top, button..... 1.35
- 1.75 patent, red top blucher..... 1.35
- 1.50 Little Scout, green blucher..... 1.15

Having such a large stock of Baby Shoes it is useless to try to price them on this circular.

### BOYS' SHOES

- \$3.00 Youths Russia calf, button..... \$2.25
- 3.00 Youths gun metal, button..... 2.25
- 2.75 Youths Russia calf, button..... 2.15
- 2.75 Youths gun metal, button..... 2.15
- 2.50 Youths patent, gun metal and Russia calf's..... 1.90
- 2.50 Elk sole Boys Brown Bal..... 1.90
- 2.25 Youths gun metal and box calf blucher..... 1.75
- 2.00 Youths gun metal and box calf blucher..... 1.50
- 2.00 Youths Elk sole, smoked chrome blucher..... 1.50
- 1.75 Youths box calf blucher..... 1.35
- 1.75 Browns Comforts, rubber side, rubber heel..... 1.25

The shoes we are pricing here by no means our stock of shoes for boys. We have a complete line of styles and sizes, and we will be able to fit feet of any boy in either a school or work shoe.

## NOTICE

We call the special attention of our customers to our premium offers and insist that they make entries for them. We are giving these goods away and it is possible for you to win one or more of them—just for the asking.

**Merkel Dry G**

# IN FULL BLAST

## and More On The Road Reduced to only \$25,000

of staples was almost taken up the first few days. We had a big order out of St. Louis but it  
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ngs, Towels, Hose, Notions, etc. These good are all marked at our sale prices and all we ask  
ale and we want you to get the advantage of the bargains. Read our list then come and SEE

### IRTH OF DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY NEXT SATURDAY

**SECOND: \$300.00 WORTH OF DRY GOODS**  
**\$100.00 Worth Each Saturday of Sale --- \$100.00**

- 1st: \$25.00 Worth of Dry Goods to the farmer driving the longest distance to be present at our sale.
- 2nd: \$25.00 Worth of Dry Goods to the farmer bringing to our sale the largest number of persons in one vehicle.
- 3rd: \$25.00 Worth of Dry Goods to the first farmer who buys of us his first bill of goods ever bought at market, if his purchase amounts to \$25.00 or more.
- 4th: \$25.00 Worth of Dry Goods to the farmer or

other person buying the biggest bill of goods, dry goods or groceries or both.

**SECOND DAY:** On Saturday, Nov. 2nd, the second \$100.00 worth of dry goods for the above premiums will be awarded at 4 o'clock p. m., on that day and the time for contest and entry is from Monday morning at opening of store until Saturday at four o'clock p. m.

**THIRD DAY:** On Saturday, Nov. 9th., the third \$100.00 worth of dry goods for the above premiums will be awarded at four o'clock p. m. on that day and the time for contest and entry is from Monday morning at

opening of store until Saturday at four o'clock p. m.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The second premium of \$100.00 worth of dry goods will be awarded in the same manner on Saturday, Nov. 2nd., for the week beginning Monday morning and ending Saturday at 4 o'clock. The third \$100.00 worth of dry goods will be awarded in the same manner on Saturday, Nov. 9th., for the week beginning Monday morning and ending Saturday at four o'clock.

**PLEASE UNDERSTAND OUR OFFERS, AND MAKE CLAIMS AND ENTRIES FOR PREMIUMS AT OUR BUSINESS OFFICE.**

#### MEN'S SHOES

\$5.00 Browns President, tan calf, button .....	<b>\$3.90</b>
4.50 Brown Bench Work, tan calf, button .....	<b>3.50</b>
4.50 Browns Bench Work, tan calf, blucher .....	<b>3.50</b>
5.00 Dr. Sawyer's cushion sole, kid blucher .....	<b>3.90</b>
5.00 Dr. Sawyer's cushion sole, gun metal blucher .....	<b>3.90</b>
5.00 Browns Glazed Kangaroo blucher .....	<b>3.90</b>
5.00 Browns gun metal blucher .....	<b>3.90</b>
4.50 Browns gun metal button .....	<b>3.50</b>
4.50 Browns Glazed Kangaroo and kid blucher .....	<b>3.50</b>
4.00 Browns kid, gun metal and kangaroo .....	<b>3.25</b>
3.50 Browns plain toe kid blucher .....	<b>2.75</b>
3.00 Browns gun metal blucher .....	<b>2.25</b>
2.50 box calf and gun metal blucher .....	<b>1.90</b>
3.00 Deer skin, Elk sole Bal. ....	<b>2.25</b>
2.50 Browns Chrome Work Welt .....	<b>1.90</b>

We have the Congress Southern Tie and many styles of work shoes at the same reduction of shoes quoted here. Our stock of shoes for men place us as the most appropriate place to buy. We have without a doubt the largest and best stock of men's shoes in Merkel and we wish to state that we will positively not be undersold by any merchant in Merkel.

We have a special lot of shoes for men of which we are going to sell at half-price and some at less than half price. This lot of shoes is made up of good leathers, good workmanship and are good in style. We have sold a great many pair of these shoes and will clean up this lot during this sale. You had better get here early and get the first pick. This sacrifice should not be overlooked. Save money by buying now.

#### GIRLS' SHOES

\$3.00 Browns Blue Ribbon, tan calf button boot .....	<b>\$2.25</b>
3.00 Browns Blue Ribbon, gun metal button boot .....	<b>2.25</b>
3.00 Browns Blue Ribbon, patent blucher .....	<b>2.25</b>
2.25 Browns Blue Ribbpn, black velvet boot .....	<b>1.75</b>
3.50 Browns Blue Ribbon, patent velvet top, button boot .....	<b>2.90</b>
2.50 Browns Blue Ribbon patent blucher .....	<b>1.90</b>
3.00 Misses Kid button .....	<b>1.50</b>
Misses Kid blucher .....	<b>1.90</b>
Misses box grain blucher .....	<b>1.25</b>
Misses Glove Outing, Elk sole .....	<b>1.50</b>

#### SILKS, DRESS GOODS

\$1.00 grade Silk, Satin and Messaline, \$ ..	<b>.75</b>
.85 grade Silk, Satin and Messaline ..	<b>.60</b>
.75 grade Silk .....	<b>.50</b>
.50 grade Silk .....	<b>.35</b>
1.50 grade Woolen Dress Goods .....	<b>1.20</b>
1.20 grade Woolen Dress Goods .....	<b>.95</b>
1.00 grade Woolen Dress Goods .....	<b>.85</b>
.75 grade Woolen Dress Goods .....	<b>.60</b>
.50 grade Woolen Dress Goods .....	<b>.35</b>
.50 grade Cotton Suiting .....	<b>.35</b>
.35 grade Cotton Suiting .....	<b>.25</b>
.25 grade Cotton Suiting .....	<b>.20</b>
.20 grade Cotton Suiting .....	<b>.15</b>

#### BLANKETS, COMFORTS

\$10.00 Wool Blankets .....	<b>\$7.50</b>
6.50 Wool Blankets .....	<b>5.00</b>
5.00 Wool Nap Blankets .....	<b>3.50</b>
4.00 Wool Nap Blankets .....	<b>2.75</b>
3.50 Blankets .....	<b>2.50</b>
3.00 Blankets .....	<b>2.25</b>
2.50 Blankets .....	<b>1.90</b>
2.00 Blankets .....	<b>1.50</b>
1.50 Blankets .....	<b>1.10</b>
1.00 Blankets .....	<b>.65</b>
3.00 Comforts .....	<b>2.10</b>
2.50 Comforts .....	<b>1.90</b>
1.25 Comforts .....	<b>.80</b>

We are offering you good quality in Blankets and Comforts and you should not be late in buying; they won't last long.

Men's \$1.00 Jumpers .....	<b>85c</b>
Men's \$1.00 Overalls .....	<b>85c</b>
Boys' 35c Overalls .....	<b>25c</b>
Men's 25c Leather Faced Canvas Gloves ..	<b>20c</b>
Men's 15c Canvas Gloves .....	<b>10c</b>
Men's 10c Canvas Gloves .....	<b>7c</b>

#### MENS' FURNISHINGS

Men's 50c Silk Ties .....	<b>35c</b>
Men's 35c Silk Ties .....	<b>25c</b>
Men's 25c Ties .....	
Men's 50c Silk Half Hose .....	
Men's 35c Half Hose .....	
Men's 25c Half Hose .....	
A special lot of 25c hose 6 pair a box, per box .....	
15c Half Hose .....	
10c Half Hose .....	
Men's 50c Suspender .....	
Men's 25c Suspender .....	
Men's 25c Handkerchiefs .....	<b>20c</b>
Men's 20c Handkerchiefs .....	<b>15c</b>
Men's 15c Handkerchiefs .....	<b>12c</b>
Men's 10c Handkerchiefs .....	<b>7c</b>
Men's 5c Handkerchiefs .....	<b>3 1/2c</b>
All 15c Linen Collars, each .....	<b>10c</b>

#### MENS' HATS, ETC

\$5.00 John B. Stetson .....	<b>\$3.90</b>
4.50 John B. Stetson .....	<b>3.75</b>
4.00 John B. Stetson .....	<b>3.50</b>
All \$3.00 and \$3.50 Hats .....	<b>2.20</b>
All \$2.50 Hats .....	<b>1.90</b>
All \$2.00 Hats .....	<b>1.50</b>
All \$1.50 Hats .....	<b>1.10</b>
All \$1.00 Hats .....	<b>.60</b>
Men's \$3.50 Union Suits .....	<b>\$2.75</b>
Men's \$2.50 Union Suits .....	<b>2.00</b>
Men's \$1.50 Union Suits .....	<b>1.10</b>
Men's 50c grade Fleece Lined Underwear, per garment .....	<b>40c</b>
Men's 50c grade Ribbed Underwear, per garment .....	<b>40c</b>
Men's \$2.50 Dress Shirts .....	<b>\$2.00</b>
Men's \$2.00 Dress Shirts .....	<b>1.50</b>
Men's \$1.75 Dress Shirts .....	<b>1.40</b>
Men's \$1.50 Dress Shirts .....	<b>1.25</b>
Men's \$1.25 Dress Shirts .....	<b>.90</b>
50c blue Work Shirts, each .....	<b>37 1-2c</b>

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Enjoyable Dance.

Tuesday evening saw one of the best dances of the local bunch...

During the evening the Merkel dancers had the pleasure of entertaining some out of town guests...

Of the visitors Misses Thornton and Hightower returned home Wednesday morning...

The Mail is instructed to extend a most cordial invite to the out of town people for a return at a near future date.

Methodists of Merkel.

As next Sunday will be the last Sunday in this conference year...

I insist that every member of the church to be present if possible at this service...

Questions for the XX Century Club.

John. Act II. Scene I. What course does the Bastard take...

...of the lead the feelings about

...act of the French to consider his own

...meaning of the word as used in the last lesson? Give this speech

...the conflict between his sense and the anomalies of his position...

...his subsequent acts prove him to be indulging in self slander? Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, Leader.

XX Century Club to Meet.

The XX Century Club will meet Nov. 10 at the home of Mrs. Fred Bigham...

Roll Call. Quotations from the play. Contemporary History—Mrs. W. Jenkins.

Dress. Manners and Social Customs of France and England—Mrs. George F. West.

Character Sketch of Blanche—Mrs. Fred Bigham.

Character Sketch of Falcon-bridge—Mrs. Ella Hale.

Lesson, Remainder of Act II—Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton. Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

Escapes an Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate...

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THE STAR STORE

Presbyterian church Program.

Sunday school 9.45. No preaching service at 11 a. m.

Song service in the evening at 7:30. Hymn—Congregations.

Invocation—Rev. A. A. Baker. Hymn—Congregation.

Scripture Lesson. Duett. Hymn, to be selected.

"Old Church Organ"—Orchestra. Offering. Duett—Miss Diltz and Mrs. West.

Hymn—Congregation. Solo—Miss Roe.

Doralagy. Benediction. Everybody is cordially invited.

The Demons of the Swamp are mosquitos. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood.

Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid.

But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; gives you a fine appetite and renews your strength.

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Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs.

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Leader, Mrs. R. A. Clements.

Prayer. Song. Lesson, Acts 1:6-9.

Song. Prayer. Scripture Readings, Isa 2:1-15, Isa 9:2, Matt. 28:18-20, Luke 24:45-48.

Talk by Leader. Topic Events—Dorothy Lee Potter.

Some must go—Almeda Harris. Some must give—Mattie Christopher.

Some must work—Noel Moore. Some must pray—Georgia Moore.

Special Music. Miscellaneous. Benediction.

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it, and we believe it is, there can be no reason why ladies should have to suffer with headaches and neuralgia...

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"Cardui Cured Me"

For nearly ten years, at different times, Mrs. Mary Jinks of Treadway, Tenn., suffered with womanly troubles. She says: "At last, I took down and thought I would die. I could not sleep. I couldn't eat. I had pains all over. The doctors gave me up. I read that Cardui had helped so many, and I began to take it, and it cured me. Cardui saved my life! Now, I can do anything."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

If you are weak, tired, worn-out, or suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, dragging-down feelings, pains in arm, side, hip or limbs, and other symptoms of womanly trouble, you should try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Prepared from perfectly harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is the best remedy for you to use, as it can do you nothing but good. It contains no dangerous drugs. It has no bad after-effects. Ask your druggist. He sells and recommends Cardui.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 54

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Many people take calomel to cure constipation, and it does cure it for one day, but two or three days later they are sicker than ever. That is one of the after-effects of calomel. This is the reason why Rust & McCauley Drug Co. will not guarantee calomel to be harmless. But we do guarantee Dodson's Liver-Tone to be a perfect substitute for calomel. Dodson's Liver-Tone will cure constipation and bilious attacks and keep them cured by stimulating and toning-up the liver to do its best work. It is a vegetable liquid with a pleasant taste and is harmless to children as well as grown people. It livens up the liver by natural methods, does not act so strongly as to weaken the body, but is safe and sure just the same. You can buy a bottle today from Rust & McCauley Drug Co. with the assurance of your money back if it fails in your case.

Marriage Licenses

Walter Brooks, Potosi, to Miss Mary Cox. Reyes Games to Miss Manuella Herrera. Edward A. Ford to Miss Georgia Roberts. J. W. Beachamp to Miss Belia Smith. Chas. I. Long to Gainsville to Miss Carrie J. Stedhens. Albert Tucker to Miss Edna Matthews. I. H. Box to Miss Nanie Johnson. C. L. Johnson to Miss Willie May Forbus.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and after using, the pain left and has not returned: Says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren Street, Letchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. Adv.

Gard of Thanks.

I take this method of expressing my gratitude to those who so very kindly assisted me in moving my house from Merkel to

Blair. Those who assisted with each are as follows:

F. & M. Bank \$1, E. H. Cardell \$1, C. L. Cash 50c, Farmers State Bank \$1, Anchor Hardware Co. \$1, J. D. Gaither 50c, W. D. Woodroof 50c, J. R. Toombs 25c, Jim Black 50c, Star Store \$1, W. L. Harkrider 50c, Walter Clark 50c, E. D. Coats 25c.

Those who assisted with teams: Jack Cargill, W. L. Cogburn, J. L. Tucker, J. L. McClain, J. H. Campbell, H. B. Chambliss, Zebb Moore, Lige Rains, Mr. Counts, Ed Blackburn, J. W. Moore.

I pray that God may abundantly bless each of these kind friends.

Respectfully, Mollie Wilson

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation. Ad.

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# SPECIAL PRICE IN GROCERIES

In our opening announcement we promised to save you money on anything in our store and we are making good. Our sale will continue for another full eight days and we urge you to come in and buy your winter bill of dry goods and a wagon load of groceries. Read the following prices and remember our goods are guaranteed TO BE THE BEST THAT THE MARKET AFFORDS

Light Crust Flour.....	\$2.95	Arbuckle Coffee.....	25c	Bob White soap, 7 bars for.....	25c	Dodson Braun Catsup, 25c now.....	18c
Baker Boy Flour.....	\$2.80	4 X Coffee.....	20c	Swift's White soap, 7 bars for.....	25c	Mince Meat, 50c jar now.....	35c
Mack Best Flour.....	\$2.60	Pea Berry Coffee, 30c grade.....	25c	White Flyer soap, 7 bars for.....	25c	Heinz, 50c now.....	39c
Meal.....	70c	Chase & Sanborn's High Grade Coffees.....		Bag Blue, 10 boxes for.....	25c	Heinz, 35c jar pickels now.....	27c
25 pounds Sugar.....	\$1.45	Choice Comb. worth 40c. now 3 lb.....	\$1.00	Faultless Starch, 4 boxes for.....	25c	Heinz Apple Butter, 50c size now.....	39c
100 pounds Sugar.....	\$5.70	Corona Blend worth 35c. now 3 lb.....	90c	Argo Starch, 5 boxes for.....	25c	Heinz Queen Olives, 50c now.....	39c
10 pounds Cottolene.....	\$1.20	Circle Blend worth 30c. now 4 lb.....	\$1.00	50c Baking Powder.....	35c	Hymon Stuffed Olives, 50c now.....	39c
10 pounds Jewel Lard.....	95c	Red Velva Syrup.....	55c	25c Baking Powder.....	18c	Marachino Cherries, 80c now.....	60c
Morning Bracer Coffee.....	85c	Irish Potatoes, per peck.....	25c	15c Baking Powder.....	10c	Marachino Cherries, 50c now.....	39c
John Bremond's \$1.00 buckets.....	90c	Swift's Pride soap, 8 bars for.....	25c	10c Baking Powder.....	7½c	Welch's Grape Juice, qt. 65c now.....	49c
John Bremond's \$1.25 buckets.....	\$1.15	Clairette soap, 8 bars for.....	25c	Beechnut Catsup, 25c now.....	18c	Welch's Grape Juice, pt. 35c now.....	22c
Cereco Coffee.....	80c					Welch's Grape Juice, ½ pt. 15c now.....	8c

## MERKEL DRY GOODS AND GROCERY COMPANY

### The Merkel Mail

Published Every Friday Morning by THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC. Entered at the Postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as Second-class Mail Matter.

#### Helps A Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at H.C. Burroughs. Ad.

#### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Nov. 2, 1912:

Ray, W. H.  
Whitiker, J. W.  
Arnelas, Sr Alogio  
Mela, Sr Joce  
Rodriguez, Sr Claudio  
Sanse lay, Florensia  
Pinedia, Martinia  
Montelongo, Sr Bonifano

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

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

#### What Texans Admire

is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 25c at H.C. Burroughs. Adv.

#### Farm Mortgage Loans.

Wanted: \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of applications for loans on land in the Merkel country during the month of November and December.

I am in position to give you prompt service and just as good contracts as you can get anywhere. Interest 8 per cent and reasonable charges for commission.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

#### Sick Headache.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Get a free sample and try it. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### Calomel is Bad.

But Simmon's Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, billiousness goes. A trial convinces. [In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.] Tried once used always. Adv.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year

## If You Are Particular



And you should be about your bread, you owe it to yourself to get a SACK of AMERICAN BEAUTY FLOUR FROM



## Cash Grocery Company

JIM BLACK, MANAGER



### Housekeeping Is Not the Task It Used to Be

MODERN invention has done away with much of the hard work. For instance, the cleaning and polishing of hardwood floors, the dusting of moldings, the tops of high furniture, the stairs, under the radiator, etc. These back-breaking tasks are now made easy with the

# O-Cedar Mop

## Polish Mop

With it you can dust, clean and polish a hardwood floor in the time it formerly took you to get ready to do it. Besides, you do not have to get down on your hands and knees to dust under the bed or other hard-to-get-at places, or to stand on a chair to dust the top of the high furniture. All of the hard work is now made easy with the O-Cedar Polish Mop. It gathers all the dust or dirt from everywhere and holds it. The mop is easily cleaned by washing and then renewed by pouring on a few drops of O-Cedar Polish.

**Try It at Our Risk** Try it two whole days with this understanding: If you do not find it satisfactory in every respect we will return your money. The price is only \$1.50 and it will save its price many times over in a short time.



Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

"There could be no better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My children were all sick with whooping cough. One of them was in bed, had a high fever and was coughing up blood. Our doctor gave them Chamberlain Cough remedy and the first dose eased them, and three bottles cured them," says Mrs. R. A. Donaldson of Lexington, Miss. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### Fruit Cakes.

Now is the time to place your order for your Xmas fruit cake. 25 cents per pound, give me your order. R. L. Bradshaw.

Is your husband cross? An irritable; fault finding disposition is often due to a disordered stomach. A man with good digestion is nearly always a natured. A great many have been permanently cured of stomach troubles by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

#### Mrs. F.

Mrs. Merkel's ladies died Merkel Saturday 10 o'clock. Mrs. Dennis, bad health for some time, death came not as a surprise, as regreted news to friends throughout the county. At the time of her death Mrs. Dennis was 75 years and eleven days old. She lived in Merkel her home for thirty years coming here from her birthplace in Henderson county Tennessee, where she and Mr. Dennis were married in 1859. To this union were born eight children, four boys and four girls, five of whom, J. T., F. H., T. J. and J. C. Dennis and Mrs. A. M. Hand are now living and were with their mother at the time of her death.

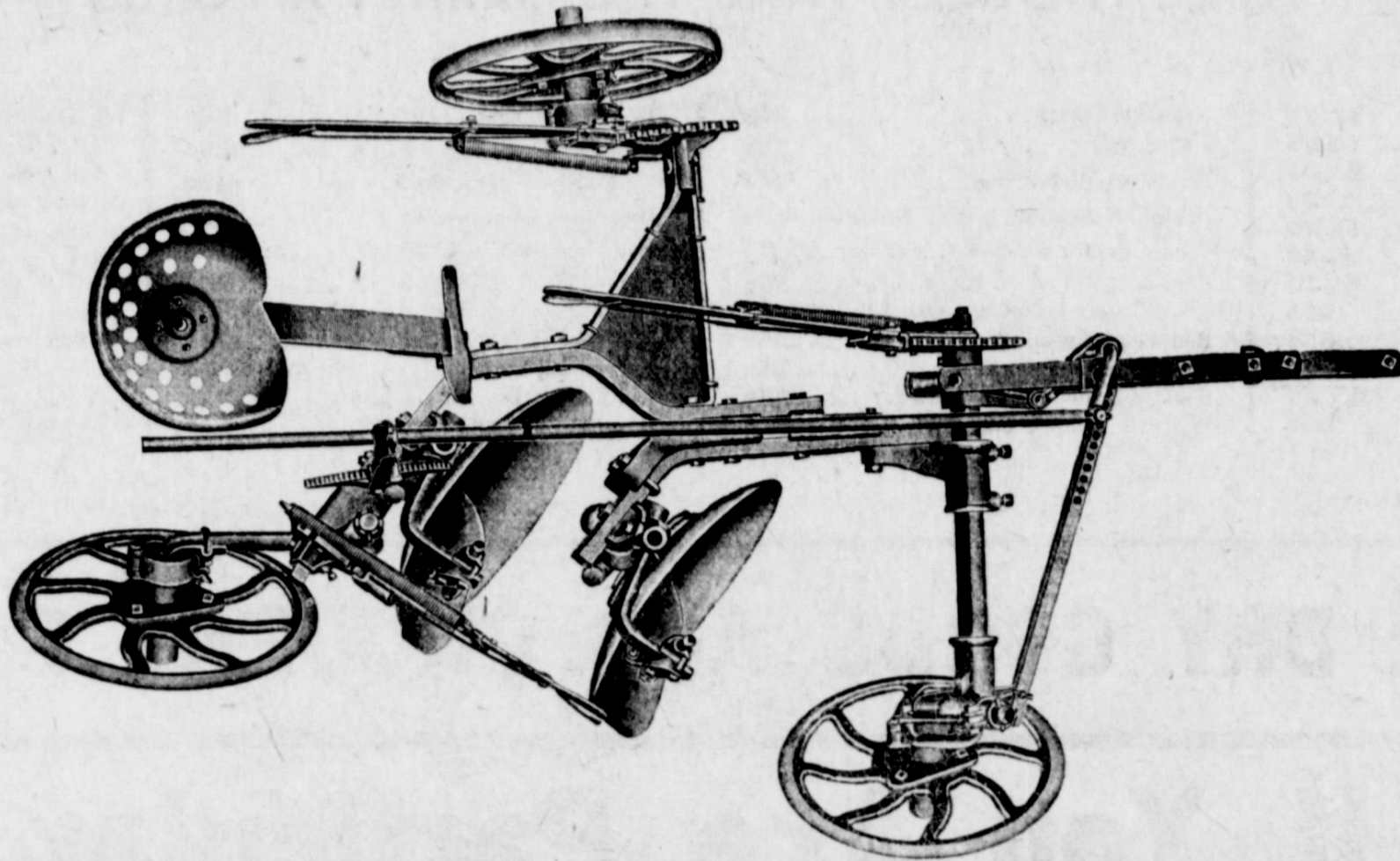
Funeral and burial services were held at Rose Hill cemetery Sunday evening at 2 o'clock, Rev. Saffle conducting the services. The Mail joins their many friends in expressing the deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband, sons and the daughter.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Liniment is cheaper and better. Dampen a piece of flannel with it and bind it over the affected parts and it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

# STANDARD DISC PLOWS

Are noted for thin light draft, easy running. The only plow on the market without a side draft!



WE ARE MAKING SPECIAL PRICES ON \$25.00 SULKY PLOWS

Anchor Hardware Co.

## OUR CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch News.

Griffith of Abilene was the funeral for the late Mrs. Hays. People took a trip to the country Friday for Knox. Mr. and Mrs. Hays and wife were visiting in Merkel Saturday. Mrs. Delia Perry was sick the first of the week but is now improving. Mr. Macken of San Angelo was in this section Saturday attending to business matters. T. E. Reynolds made a trip to View Sunday. Millard King and family of Tye visited J. P. Fuqua and family Sunday. The yield of honey in this section has been heavier this year than in fifteen. So the bee keepers and the bees are still gathering honey.

### What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

### Inkum Items.

Oct. 28—Robert and Jack Steen left Monday for Memphis, Texas. Jeff Self and wife visited the former's parents at Shep Saturday and Sunday.

O. H. Wilson and wife visited John Brookseson's near Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Ben Payne of Mount Pleasant made a business trip to this section Friday.

J. V. Hallmark and family visited relatives near Tye Sunday.

G. W. Wilson made a business trip to the Guion country Thursday.

R. W. Hill made a trip to the Dora country Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Mrs. Macken was visiting near Tye the latter part of the week.

Otis Denton and wife were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

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"It is a pleasure to tell you that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell, of Lavonia, Ga. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thankfulness and appreciation to those who have assisted us in the recent illness and death of our wife and mother. Mrs. E. W. Dennis.

E. W. Dennis, J. C. Dennis, J. T. Dennis and wife, F. H. Dennis, T. S. Dennis and wife and Mrs. Addie Hand. The following lines express our sentiments.

She's gone but not forgotten,  
Our precious mother dear;  
She's borne us in our childhood,  
In all our weary years.

Eight children were her offering,  
Three lie beneath the sod;  
Five are ploding onward,  
To meet her and her God.

Our Father, worn and weary,

## HEARD IN MERKEL

### Bad Backs Made Strong—Kidney Ills Corrected.

All over Merkel you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work, curing weak kidneys, driving away backache, correcting urinary ills. Merkel people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own towns people. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Merkel citizen's advise and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

Mrs. M. F. Pee, Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills for some time and they have never failed to cure kidney complaint. I had suffered from weak kidneys for quite awhile and as Doan's Kidney Pills had been used by other members of my family, I began taking them. They cured me quickly and permanently. I can recommend this remedy as one that does just as represented."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Adv.

Has proved a husband true—  
Has helped her on her pathway,  
As christian husbands do.

Good-by dear mother, darling,  
We cannot greet you more;  
But we, with precious father,  
Will meet you on that shore.

The place that Christ our Savior  
Has gone to prepare;  
We know you'll bid us welcome,  
As we meet you over there.

Three quarters of a century,  
She lived on earth below;  
But like a withered flower,  
We'll see her here no more.

But she is now transplanted  
In Edens garden fair,  
To bloom with Christ forever—  
No partings shall be there.

# 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.

## A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES

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