

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## HOP CONDITIONS OVER THE STATE

Austin, Texas, Oct. 2, 1915. Corn throughout the Wise-Hill and intermediate counties district was not so much injured by storms as was at first feared, and average crops will be made. Gathering will be completed by the time this bulletin is out. Cotton is making rapidly, though the yield will be short—about 60 per cent of the normal crop and about 75 per cent of last year's crop. Sweet potatoes are fine, with a better than normal yield. Peanut hay crops are good—better than normal.

The cotton crop in Jones and immediately contiguous counties will make perhaps a half bale to the acre, but in the more northern region it will fall short of yield.

Crop conditions in the region which Boyd, Wise county, is as follows: Early corn, 80 per cent; late corn, 90 per cent; hay, 90 per cent; cane, 85 per cent; cane seed, 85 per cent; late garden, 90 per cent; cotton, 55 per cent, and the boll weevil infested with weevil, all over north Texas.

Conditions in Upshur and Smith counties: Cotton, 60 per cent; corn 80 per cent; ribbon cane, 90 per cent; hay crops, 95 per cent; sweet potatoes, 90, per cent; fall garden and truck crops, 75 per cent; fall Irish potatoes, 65 per cent. General complaint of boll weevil, turnip lice and cattle ticks.

In the sections contiguous to Houston, Rosenberg, Alvin and throughout Dewitt and Lavaca counties, the crops generally are not very good. In most places cotton, with a light and unsatisfactory yield has been more than half gathered. There is a fair chance for a fall crop provided the boll weevil does not destroy it. The army worm is reported at some places, with farmers preparing to resort to poison. The corn yield is short but large, and farmers will make home consumption.

In Karnes and Wilson counties reasonably good crops, with most in the fields, will be gathered.

A fairly good first crop of cotton has been gathered, but the top crop is an approximate failure owing to seasonable conditions and boll weevil. First crop feedstuffs were allowed to deteriorate in the fields, but second crop, like the grass throughout the area named, is very fine.

Crop conditions in Wise and Montague counties September 25: Early planted corn, 85 per cent; late, 92 per cent; cotton, 55 per cent—weevil infested; hay, 82 per cent; cane and kafir, 100 per cent; gardens and truck, 90 per cent; sweet potatoes, 100 per cent. Some hog cholera about Bridgeport, Wise county.

About a quarter of a bale to the acre has been made on the cotton acreage between San Antonio and Nixon in Gonzales county, with no top crop in sight, the boll weevil being active. The yield in the same territory is light. Pasture grass is abundant and luxurious. No fall plowing of consequence has been done.

The hay crops in Leon county are reported as late as September 27 as fine, the corn as fair despite the gloomy outlook of the previous foresight, but the cotton is very short, with no promise of a top crop.

Crop conditions in Henderson and Navarro counties September 25: Corn, 85 per cent; cotton,

55 per cent; hay crops, 90 per cent; sweet potatoes, 80 per cent; fall gardens, 70, per cent; ribbon cane, 90 per cent; field peas, 80 per cent. About two-thirds of the cotton has been picked.

## PREACHED HERE IN MERKEL PULPITS

Sunday was visiting preachers day in Merkel. President Jesse P. Sewell of the Abilene Christian College preached at the north side Christian church at eleven o'clock and Rev. J. D. Kennedy of Abilene filled the pulpit at the Baptist church at the same hour.

Rev. Kennedy remained for the night services and preached to the congregation of Rev. Owen's church; while President Sewell and Mr. Free remained in Merkel for afternoon song service at the north side church.

## FAIR OPENS NEXT TUESDAY MORNING

Abilene, Texas, Oct. 7.—The Central West Texas Fair will open for a five day run at Fair Park Tuesday, Oct. 12, with the biggest line of attractions, livestock, agricultural, horticultural, and home arts exhibits in the history of this section.

A magnificent brick rest building for women will be completed this week, the gift of the people of Abilene.

A reception and dance at Elks' Hall will be given Monday night, preceding the opening, to which all visitors to Abilene are cordially invited. It will be in honor of the city's guests for the Fair.

Abilene is prepared to entertain the biggest crowds in her history. Reduced railroad rates and the superior attractions insure a record breaking attendance. From San Angelo alone, a crowd of 250 people will come on a special train. Among the features will be 750 head of livestock, 1000 fine chickens, and an endless variety of farm exhibits, 300 fast race horses, 30 different shows and attractions, 200 head of Dairy cattle, 12 county exhibits, great Patterson Shows, Paul Harris's famous band and 11 big free acts twice daily.

### Small Blaze Monday

Fire broke out in the barn of J. E. McGaughy Monday noon and by the assistance of 150 pounds of water pressure the fire department in a quick turnout had the blaze extinguished before the large crowd of spectators had assembled to see the work. Time about seven minutes in total.

### Matress Work Guaranteed

All parties wanting matress work done see me now as I will go away between the 15th and 1st. All work guaranteed. R. J. Bassett, Phone 124.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our deep thanks and appreciation to our many friends who lended loving hands and assistance to our dear mother during her months of illness and her death. Respectfully, B. C. Gaither and family.

### New Druggist in Town

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orr have announced the birth of a son on last Saturday, the young man being their first born.

## THE MORE YOU FOOL AMERICAN PEOPLE THE MORE THEY LIKE YOU

—P. T. BARNUM.

The old Saying Seems to be True and Merkel People are as Susceptible as Those of any Other Town—Demonstrated Last Saturday on Streets of This City

P. T. Barnum is credited with the words, "The more you fool the American public, the more they like you." Barnum may have been correct, but we think he was wrong, although his ability to carry out his contention made him immensely rich.

On last Saturday a follower of the "Barnum Slogan" came to Merkel and again exhibited the smoothness with which a man can be separated from his dollar. Reposed under a small awning near the depot, the silver tongued artist began to dispose of his wares, selling three pair of genuine "some sorter named" house shears for the small sum of fifty cents, a wonderful price, and the shears sold readily. This was just a starter, later he dug down deeper in his trunk and brought out ten small boxes, each one just about large enough to hold a seventeen jewel Waltham adjusted movement, solid gold-cased watch, that is, if they had all contained watches. Only ten of these boxes and no more were to be sold and the auctioneer advised the people that they were buying them entirely on their own responsibility. He further advised them that he would not give ten cents for what was in the box and even went so far as to advise his hearers not to purchase a single one of the ten boxes he was offering for sale. After all this advice, and truthful story that he would not give ten cents for what the box contained he asked if there was a man in the crowd who would give him \$1.00 for the first box.

All Merkel should have been present to see the speed with which ten hungry purchasers took those boxes and paid their hard earned dollar for in return. As soon as the first man purchased his box, the salesman asked him to keep it closed until all had been sold. After the sale was over we chanced to see one buyer of "something for nothing" peep into the small box to see what great bargain he had been fortunate enough to obtain. The look of disgust that came into his eyes was enough to make a bull weevil fight a cotton chopper. This Merkel country citizen was the proud possessor of a small compass and magnifying glass combined, and he had paid a dollar for it. Some really got a watch.

Every man present at the wholesale skinning was warned by the man who sold the goods and yet the chance to get something for nothing was too great and they bought small boxes at \$1.00 so fast it was pitiful, yet amusing.

As a sure cure for fakes and skin games when they come to Merkel, our suggestion, is to absolutely refuse to bite at any bait offered, regardless of how inducing the offer may look. It is absolutely unreasonable to suppose that foreign representatives of any skin game is going to travel hundreds of miles in reaching this city, just for the avowed purpose of advertising a certain line of good at some greatly reduced price and to give our people something at far below its actual cost.

Those who contributed a dollar to the benefit of suffering humanity on last Saturday, have only themselves to cuss. There were other suckers during the day at similar fakes but none were so intensely interesting to watch.

From the very reason that nearly every man who comes to Merkel now has money in his pocket, is no reason why these same parties should let outsiders humbug them at every turn of the road. Charity begins at home and one man in particular who bought a magnifying glass on last Saturday at the price of \$1.00 really needed the dollar for the advancement of conditions about his home, yet he laughed heartily at the way in which he "got stuck."

When you want to get rid of your dollars, spend them in Merkel, with Merkel merchants, men who are compelled to stand behind every article they sell you.

## 6283 BALES OF COTTON HAVE BEEN WEIGHED IN MERKEL UP TO THURSDAY

Receipts Have Been Running Over 300 Bales Per Day During the Past Week, Prices Above 12 Cents. Top During the Time Being 12.67½ per Pound

Wednesday afternoon there had been brought to Merkel and weighed in the Merkel cotton yards, the amount of six thousand two hundred and eighty-three bales of cotton.

Last year at the same date, the Merkel receipts were 3100 bales or to be exact the figures last year were taken on the 8th of October, while this years report was taken on the 7th of October. This shows an increase of 3183 bales over the same date last year and the estimate published in the Mail some few weeks ago, of our town receiving a total of 17,500 bales of cotton for this season still stands and we believe more than ever now that the mark will be reached.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson and little daughter, Eva Mae, who had been here the past three weeks attending the bedside of the formers brother, Marvin Costephens, returned to their home in Roscoe Sunday afternoon.

## BANK IS ROBBED CASHIER ARRESTED

Keller, Texas, Oct. 4.—The First State Bank of Keller was robbed of about \$8,000 between 5 and 6 o'clock Monday, morning by two men, who, after forcing Cashier John T. Adams to work the vault combinations, knocked him unconscious and locked him in the vault.

He was in the practically airtight compartment more than two hours and was almost suffocated when the vault was opened about 8 o'clock.

Sam Bass, assistant cashier of the bank, discovered Adams when he opened the vault at 8 o'clock. The cashier was unconscious, partly from the blows on the back of the head and partly from the effect of lack of air, and did not regain consciousness until 11:30 o'clock.

Adams said a man in an automobile came to his house about 5 o'clock Monday morning and asked him to come to the bank and do some notary work in connection with a contract that he wanted to close right away. He explained to the banker that he had to fix his machine, and would meet him at the bank.

Adams saw the man waiting for him as he stepped inside after unlocking the door, he was struck in the back of the head he thinks with a pistol. That blow did not cause him to lose consciousness, and he grappled with the robber, Adams says.

As they struggled a second man appeared, Adams does not know from where, and the banker was soon overpowered.

The two then forced Adams, by threats, to work the combination on the outer door of the vault. The instant that door was opened, Adams said, he was beaten about the head and soon lost consciousness.

Later cashier Adams admitted having planned the entire affair himself, told of where the money was and a recovery of the entire amount was made. Keller was then arrested for embezzlement. How Adams really manipulated the affair made officers suspicious later to have their suspicion confirmed by Adams confession.

## SWEETWATER ASSN. GOES TO ROSCOE

The Sweetwater Baptist Association will meet at the Baptist Church of Roscoe on the 14th of this month.

Rev. L. B. Owen pastor of the local church announces the coming meeting and invites members to participate in the coming meet.

### Purchases Merkel Property

John Ring formerly of east Texas but lately of north west Texas has found just what he wants in the way of a home in our midst and has closed a deal with Dr. Armstrong for the purchase of a farm near Merkel.

Mr. Ring is now the owner of 290 acres of Merkel country property for which he planked down nearly \$9000.00 cash and called it a good investment. Prospectors have been coming to Merkel country at a regular rate during the last few months where real farm values are being found: The report of the sale of the Penny farm a short distance south west of town at \$40.00 per acre has reached us.

Quick service when you phone 80. The Bob Martin Grocer Co.

## RECORD COTTON PICKING BOY HERE

Dual McLean, age fifteen years son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean of route 5, has set a mark in cotton picking that will likely hold for sometime or at least during the present season.

Dual last week picked over 500 pound of cotton and at that time expressed a desire of getting into some better cotton on his fathers place where he thought he could pick 600 pounds in one day. The cotton was reached on Tuesday of this week and Dual instead of picking 600 pounds managed to weight up during the day 625 pounds.

## CITY TO HAVE NEW LIGHTS. REG. MEET

Monday the City Council met in regular session and ratified the action taken recently in regard to the increased street lights for our town.

This action having been taken it will only be a matter of a few days until Merkel will be better lighted. The present street lights will be distributed more and the number increased to twenty-five.

### Fry Found Guilty—Two Years

Wichita Falls, Tex. Oct. 4.—The jury in the case of E. W. Fry, former county judge of Young county, on trial here for forgery, returned a verdict this morning after eighty-eight hours deliberation, finding him guilty and making the punishment two years.

The defense will seek a new trial.

### Rust Proof Oats

Latest improved genuine red rust proof oats, free from smut, rust, weeds, and Johnson grass. 50 cents per bushel at my place 7 miles southeast of Merkel. Address Walter Hammond, Tye, Texas. 17tpd.

### Found

A place where your clothes can be cleaned and pressed right and done on time, at Owen. Phone 194.

### Hunters Notice

No hunting will be allowed on my place and any person violating same will be prosecuted. J. W. Teaff. St3pd.

### Grist Mill to Operate

I will have a grist mill in operation very soon and will be in a position to grind corn and maize for the people of the Merkel country. Come and see me.

### Land For Trade

Section of land on Plains, will trade for Merkel country land. S. F. Haynes. St 4-45.

### Good Wood For Sale

Good dry mosquito wood, \$1.60 per cord on ground at my place 4 miles northeast of Stith. A. B. Cranston. St8pd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodroof and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnston and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and family, all motored over to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.



# The Bank That Public Confidence Built

Large Enough to Accomodate You  
Not Too Large to Appreciate You  
The Safe Way---A Guaranty Fund Bank

## The Farmers State Bank

### THE NEWLY WEDS GO SHOPPING IN MERKEL

Away back in the early days there came from Germany, a good old family with eight young children and as all others, settled in the far east. But as their children grew to man and womanhood they scattered to the four corners of America. One by the way came to Texas. He in turn married and became the proud father of seven boys. As the boys grew to be men of affairs, they too became interested in the possibilities of this great state and through the advertising of the Chamber of Commerce of Merkel the youngest son began to inquire as to the land for sale. Riding out in his car he happened to a mishap in having a blow out, but that did not discourage him in the least for he knew Penny & Son do vulcanizing in a manner that makes a casing and tube as solid as when they were new. And he finds a dandy track of land for sale a short distance out.

Now Charles wasn't the fellow to start out alone, no siree, he marries Mary of whom his father is proud. He decides at once to give them a start in life and he didn't wait to begin. Very first "sez-he" is to call on the old reliable Burton Lingo Co., and have manager Austin Boyd figure for us a bill of lumber as they have the best building material, lime, brick, cement, doors, window sash and the famous Texas roofing, cedar shingles and he will order for us the Beaver board that makes such a pretty inside finished and can be colormined in many colors. Now Mr. Boyd, get that bill out for us in your usual prompt and careful way and we are sure to need some flue and guttering and Wm. O'briant the tin, sheet and met-

al worker is the man for that, he knows just what we will want, not only in flues but understands connection the drainage pipes for water. He makes galvanizetanks as large as you may need and trough for stock, mends and soldering, in fact everthing in his line is guaranteed.

Speaking of stoves, everybody needs the best results from fuel and that is to be had of H. M. Warren who handles McAlester, Colorado lump and domino coal, he not only handles coal but electric supplies are carried in stock, the Madaz lamp, flash lights and batteries, ceiling and wall fans and by the way the electric heated irons that make that dreadful work a pleasure for any home. But no home is complete without a sewing machine, lets step around at Mr. E. D. Coats agent for the Singer, which has given universal satisfaction for 65 years and yet with all the latest improvements it is possible to equip a machine with this one sells for only a little more than one not half so good and it is sold on three fall payments, without interest and they take your old one as part payment and here we will find the Cotè piano. I started out to completely furnish you and I will just make you a present of this high grade piano. Now, Mr. Coats, send out the very best grade of piano and don't worry about the pay, the Farmers & Merchants National Bank will look after that. Charles, let me say to you that at this bank you will find the most courteous treatment, safe and conservative business men ready to meet every legitimate demand. I know Mr. J. T. Warren, president and Mr. Thos. Jhonson, cashier. as men

who appreciate looking after ones banking business and you can rest assured every deposit is safe in their hands.

My but the weather is warm today, lets stop in at the T. L. Grimes Drug Store and get a cool drink at their sanitary soda fountain. There are a lot of pretty things in this store, perfumes, toilet water, hair brushes and combs. Now as every body has to have medicine, this store sells the Nyal remedies but prescriptions are their specialty, the work being done by a registered druggist. Mary you and Chas. stop in at Harkrider's Dg. store and buy for mother those winter goods she says you'll find what she wants there. The buyer of this store knows what and how to save you money, the salesmen and ladies take great pride in assisting their patrons select what ever they want. you find here Mary the Good Tex and Sunshine ready to wear garments, the Musing underwear, and Chas. Here is the place to get that all wool hand-tailored Krishbaum suit, Stetson and Thoroughbred hats and McDonald full dress shirts and line of overalls best in the south. And then we will go to Rogers Grocery and get a sack of that White Crest flour they sell and guarantee to be the best, if you don't find it so you get your money back, she wants too, some Folgers Golden Gate Coffee. Pure food did you say? Well I guess you will find the purest, freshest line of staple groceries to be had in the town and they give you votes with each cash purchase for the piano they are offering as a premium. Speaking of premiums, Ma once sent away for some dishes and I had to pay the freight on them, could have gone right over to the Dry Racket Store and bought the whole business for less money, he has a complete line of dining room and kitchen furnishings, and before long he will have a big assortment of Christmas

### SEE THE FAIR

AT

## ABILENE

OCTOBER 12TH TO 16TH  
Excursion Rates Daily

VIA

### T & P.

50c ROUND TRIP

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Tickets sold for train leaving Merkel 11.21 a. m.

For Particulars see

**A. J. Leighty,** Ticket Agent

goods on display. You wont make a mistake to go there where a nickel does double duty. Say Dad, how do you like the nobby new suit I ordered from Lake Renfro at the City Tailor Shop, he is the man who knows how to make clothes to fit and are fit to wear. Cleaning and pressing is his special line of work, he makes old clothes look like new. Mary I sure admire your new hat, but where did you get it? Why right in here from Miss Lizzie May Freeman, where everybody should go for their fall and winter hats. By the way lets go in here at the Elite Confectionery and get a dish of the best ice cream that is to be had in the

city, this is the place Charles bought those dandy boxes of Johnstons for Mary. Those fellows sure know how to buy the goods and deliver the drinks. We also find the latest magazines, the Dallas News and Evening Journal. And did you know I was about to forget to take that cotton to the gin. I'm going down to McDonald & Stith, ginners, who have the reputation of giving good service, but after overhauling their machinery this year they are in better shape to give good turn-outs and samples. Clean seed and the best price paid for your seed at all times.

—by W. W. White.  
(Advertisement)

### GOMB SAGE TEA IN LIFELESS, GRAY HAIR

Look young! Common garden Sage and Sulphur darkens so naturally nobody can tell

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.

#### Advertised Letters.

Atkins, Reuben  
Barton, Will  
Cockrell, Edie  
Cozart, Sallie  
High, Tom  
Hudson, Luke  
Jones, T. C.  
Nychols, Charrie  
Robinson, W. G.  
Smith, Vernon  
Town, Virgil

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Oct. 61.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

### HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Then you realize the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite, and makes work a burden. To restore that strength and stamina that is so essential, nothing has ever equaled or compared with Scott's Emulsion, because its strength-sustaining nourishment invigorates the blood to distribute energy throughout the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite and restores health in a natural, permanent way. If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, get Scott's Emulsion to-day. It is free from alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

# GUNS-RIFLES AND AMMUNITION



THE GAME SEASON IS OPEN NOW

## Are You Ready?

Get a new shotgun and enjoy the fall and winter sport. Game is plentiful in fact, the country offers more sport for the hunter than it has in many years. Don't wait until the season is gone; prepare for it now.

Automatic Pump, Winchester Pump, ordinary Pump  
Double and Single barrel Shotguns

See our line of the best and most complete stock of arms and ammunition ever in Merkel

### All Sorts of Shells

Target Rifles for The Boys

Get your boy on the farm a good target, he is due some pleasure, it will help to keep him on the farm and at home. Provide amusement for yourself and boys and the to-eats for the family.

See us for your wants

# Anchor Mercantile Co.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—One team coming three years old broke mules and one team good horses. See E. L. Horton Noodle. 17t4pd.

FOR SALE—Good four room house with bath, four lots, windmill and water works. See Robert Hicks at the Anchor Company. 17t4.70

FOR SALE—Good milch cows. Chas. Orr, two miles southeast of Merkel. Oct20pd.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good surrey and two good second hand automobiles. Will sell together or separately and will take good milk cow in trade. W. F. Evans. 1t2-50

SEED OATS FOR SALE—400 bushels good clean seed oats, free of Johnson grass, weeds or other seed. 40 cents per bushel. Phone me. S. T. Anderson. 1tpd

FOR SALE:—By owner. My home in Merkel, eight room house on fourth block from depot on Oak street. Money making bargain. Easy terms. E. M. Brown, Box 401, Abilene, Tex 1tf

FOR SALE—Henderson Upright Piano. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

FOR SALE—Good 2 and 3 year old mules.

A. B. Cranston. St4pd.

MULES WANTED—Taylor county wishes to buy six good mules, 5 to 8 years old, weight 1200 or over, well broke to harness, sound and free from objectionable defects. Parties wishing to sell are requested to have their mules near Taylor County Court house on Tuesday Oct. 12th. E. M. Overshiner, County Judge, 1t

WANTED—To buy second hand windmill—must be a bargain—Phone or apply at Merkel Mail office.

E. F. Vantress. St2pd.

### SYRUP CANS FOR SALE

Plenty of syrup cans for sale in one and five gallon sizes. Prices 10 cents for one gallon, 45 and 50 cents for five gallon containers. E. L. Rogers.

Ernest C. Counts has returned from Seattle, Wash., where he has resided for the past few months, following his return from China. He will be here with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Counts, for some time.

Friendship Link Bracelets the latest fad. Which will be a life-long reminder of your friends. Sterling silver links 25c. Initials engraved on each link free.

Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Deavenport Gaither of Stamford were called home by the serious illness of the farmer's mother, Mrs. B. C. Gaither.

When you want quick and accurate service in Cleaning and Pressing, try Owen. Phone 194.

Miss Elma Sheppard accompanied Miss Libbie Patton to Sweetwater Sunday where they spent the day visiting Miss Gail McCarty.

Bring me your second hand furniture. J. T. Dorsey. 1t2.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodge, Mrs. Tom Campbell and Mrs. Killman all of Tuscola and community were here Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. B. C. Gaither.

Nice selection of solid gold rings. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Misses Eva and Lizzie Calvert were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert of Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodroof and children motored to Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dillard returned to their home at Tuscola Thursday.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Geo. M. Hill spent Sunday at water.

For sewing see Mrs. C.B. Smith phone 224. Nov. 1

Frank Allyn was a Sweetwater visitor Monday.

Second hand furniture bought and sold. J. T. Dorsey. 1t2

"Billy" Woodroof was a Sweetwater visitor Sunday afternoon.

Phone 80. The Bob Martin Grocery Co.

John McClung, one of our Golan subscribers, was in town Wednesday.

Guaranteed every grain genuine Kansas soft wheat White Crest Flour. E. L. Rogers.

Miss Lizzie Calvert is again at her position of head clerk at Harkriders.

Special prices on all grades of tombstones the remainder of this month. See E. D. Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris are visiting their son Thaduis Harris at Kosciuske, Mississippi.

Tell your husband to look at Woodroof's new fall suits. The new Hart-Shaffner & Marx line.

Miss Libbie Patton returned to her home in Scott, N. M. after visiting friends here.

For Cleaning and Pressing that is light and prompt delivery, try Owen—Phone 194.

### HOW "TIZ" HELPS SORE, TIRED FEET

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, sweaty feet, smelling feet, tired feet.

Good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" is magical, acts right off. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous exudations which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any druggist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.

### Notice to Hunters

No hunting or fishing allowed on any of my property. Persons violating same will be prosecuted. Jno. Sears. 17t3

### To Serve Dinner Saturday

The Methodist Philathae Girls will serve dinners at 25 cents Saturday in the building opposite the Post office.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater was here Wednesday, attending the funeral of Mrs. B. C. Gaither.

Johnstons. Learn the name, it signifies the best in box candies. On sale at the Elite.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Susie Penn is visiting Mrs. W. R. Walker in Abilene.

Bulk candies of all kinds. The Elite Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson of Shiloh were visiting here Sunday.

YOU KNOW WHAT WHITE CREST FLOUR IS, ITS HERE, PHONE US. E. L. ROGERS.

Mrs. H. C. Williams visited Mrs. W. R. Walker and Mrs. E. M. Brown in Abilene Tuesday.

A fit guaranteed in every Suit ordered from Owen—Phone 194.

Miss Gail McCarty of Sweetwater visited Miss Elma Sheppard Saturday.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

Mrs. G. H. Adams and daughter Ina Mae were guests of Mrs. R. O. Anthony of Abilene Tuesday.

Cleaning, Pressing, Altering and Repairing, quickly and neatly done, at Owen—Phone 194.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cash of Hamlin were here the first of the week visiting the latter's sister Mrs. C. P. Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Cash have been visiting in various points of south and east Texas and stopped here on their return home.

Buy wifey a box of Johnston's chocolates. The Elite.

# The Farmers AND Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS OVER \$50,000.00

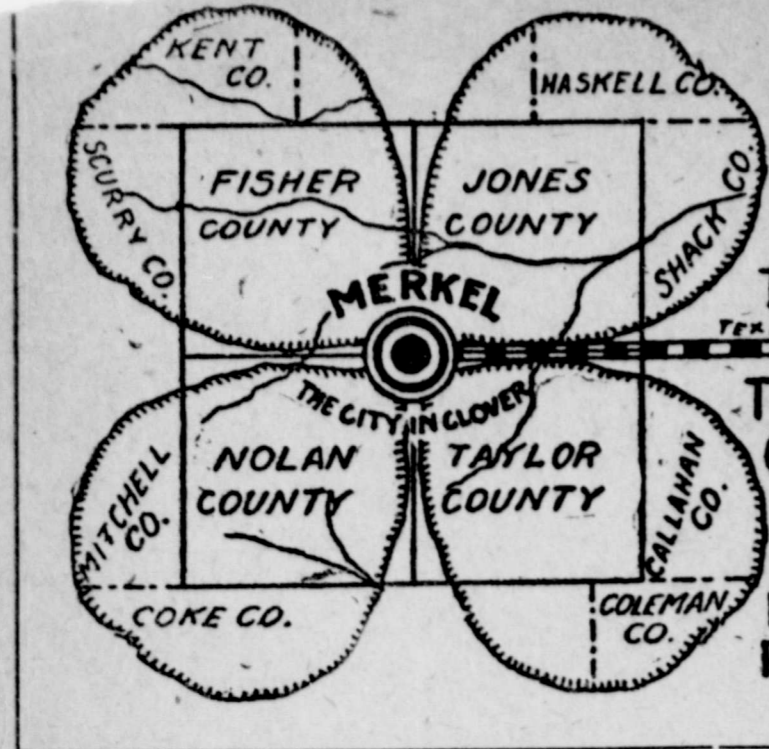
We appreciate the splendid patronage we are receiving from the farmers, merchants and stockmen of this community, and we desire to be of service at all times. When you have any banking matter or financial problems to solve, talk them over with us.

We loan money; we receive deposits, buy and sell exchange and collect notes.

Self-identifying Travelers Checks for sale, payable in all parts of the world.

Ample vault room for your valuable papers and cotton tickets.

J. T. Warren, Pres.  
Thos. Johnson, Cashier



**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  
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**JUST BUSINESS**

An organ of the Brewers professes to see comfort for "the trade" in the "new" attitude toward the liquor question. We don't believe this comfort amounts to very much after all. It is true that there is more science and less rhetoric in the modern temperance speech. That is because our people can be reached through reason. Booze mongers have of late bought newspaper "space" to explain that our western civilization is rooted in alcohol. The "drys," too, no doubt spend some cash on publicity; but their best publicity is neither bought nor paid for. You find it in the news. Here's a dispatch from Bisbee, Ariz., to the El Paso, (Texas) Herald:

J. P. Hodgson, mine superintendent for the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company here, declares prohibition has proved a decided advantage to the company and to its employees. He has made a calculation showing that there has been three and one-quarter times less loss of time per 1,000 shifts in 1915 than in 1914. From the standpoint of accidents, the results also preponderantly favor 1915. While the accident ratio of 1913 was 2.6 per 1,000 shifts, for 1915 it is 45-100ths, or less than half of 1 per cent.

This is a business proposition, and that is why there's no answer.—Colliers Weekly.

For a publication that is devoting space to such above articles, Collier's Weekly is one of the foremost and the editorials from that publication are of such variety that cause men to think seriously, not especially from a political standpoint but from a standpoint of the benefits to humanity. These articles with others appearing in other national publications, give credence to the fact that alcoholic beverages are dying of their own poison. Statistics show that there is a marked decrease in production and sale of liquor throughout the country. What abstinence will do for the Copper Queen Consolidate Mining Co., and its employees, it will do for any company or individual.

**PAID A BILL OVER YEAR OLD**

A man who had owed us a good sized account for over a year dropped into our office and said he was ready to settle in full, he also ordered the paper and we certainly were pleased. He said our paper was a good one, and we were glad. Said it was worth a lot of money to a man of intelligence, and we were tickled. Said it was the mainstay of the town, and we were super-tickled. Said it was the greatest booster and most reliable town builder and developer in the whole community, and we yelled with joy. He handed us the money for the entire bill and we gently slid from our chair to the floor in blissful unconsciousness. About that time, the blissful sleep the writer had enjoyed was suddenly terminated by a dull thud as we gently fell out of bed.

**TRADE AT HOME**

The trade-at-home campaign will be made a success if a correct principle properly presented and pushed can be made to meet favor in Corsicana and surrounding country. And it can and will.—Corsicana Sun.

Certainly. None of us lacks patriotism to such

a degree that he will not boost for his home town; that is to say those who really care anything for the upbuilding of the city in which we live, and those of us who do not, should silently fold our tent and move away. There is always room for improvement on the part of all in regard to purchasing necessities at home, and a trade-at-home campaign must by all odds bring benefits not only to the merchants who has something to sell but to the purchaser as well, for is it not "bread cast upon the waters?"—Abilene Reporter.

Merkel should have a trade at home campaign. What do our merchants think of it; are they satisfied with present conditions?

The California man who wrote the Ft. Worth Record asking for information concerning his old aunt at Abilene, ought to be adjudged insane for being so unfamiliar with his country. He had the nerve to ask if it were true that the government had warned people of central and west Texas to flee into the hill of Arkansas for fear of an invasion from Mexico. We have been fairly well impressed with the people of the Golden state but this native son spoils the whole inspiration by the unusual display of absolute ignorance of the country in which he is fortunate enough to be allowed freedom.

Next Wednesday has been set apart by the Fair Association at Abilene as Taylor County Farmer's Institute Day at the Abilene Fair. This will be one of the most interesting days for the man on the farm and we urge our people to attend.

**COMMERCIALISMS**

It is not always the man who makes the most money who is the best off at the end of the year.

The world's series is already beginning to make the people of the United States forget all war.

The prince of Wales was last week chased by two women. Men must be getting scarce in London.

A merry liver and a happy stomach should go hand in hand, but nature, unfortunately, orders otherwise.

Pittsburg is shipping bathtubs to Korea. It is a bad thing for a smoky city to do. The bath begins at home.

The Mexico whillig has reverted naturally to the Washington opinion that Carranza's type-writer is out of fix.

William Howard Taft has come to be the most popular ex-president we have. Why shouldn't he be? He talks sense.

When a man begins to talk to you about the Balkan situation, ask him to name, in an offhand way, the capitals of Roumania, Bulgaria and Servia, then you will find out how much he knows about the situation.

Henry Ford declares that Secretary Daniels is the most advanced man who ever held the portfolio. Secretary Daniels declares that Henry Ford is the greatest practical American. Just an exchange of boquets.

Many a man declares Jerome, has an idea that he is painting the town, when he is only nailing shingles on the saloonkeeper's roof.

According to the government statistics there are still left 23,000,000 horses in the United States. Now talk about this being a horseless age.

Why should we buy in other parts of the world when nearly everything we need can be raised and made at home? Think it over.

Floating loans seems easy. Who will be our underwriters? Large investors preferred.

A new war zone, and still it is not on our side of the Atlantic.

By the way, have we sent an ultimatum to Mexico in the last week?

**PIANOS AND  
 Player Pianos**

Are you going to be in the market this fall for a Piano? If so, do not buy until you have seen my pianos. I have a sample piano on my floor for \$195 that is just as good or a little better piano than the wagon man would ask you \$450 for. It is fully warranted for 10 years by the factory.

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If you want a good piano from a reliable factory, direct, without paying the commission man his profit, let me sell it to you. I am here among you to stay and cannot afford to misrepresent my business to you like the man who is here one month and gone the next. Come to see me or write me.

I have been in Taylor county 26 years and in Merkel 16 years. Will refer you to any bank or business man in Merkel.

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**CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP!  
 MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES**

"Dodson's Liver Tone" is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous. I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

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skirts. Ladies who appreciate and en-  
joy the delightful sensation of knowing  
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fresh washing can make them—and  
dressed in an immaculate manner—  
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She's a Bear.

Emily (at prom)—"I wonder if Phil  
wants me to dance the turkey trot  
?" Dorritt—"I don't see why  
him call you a bear a minute  
ago."—Wisconsin Sphinx.

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The Texas Wonder cures kid-  
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solves gravel, cures diabetes, weak  
and lameness, rheumatism and  
all irregularities of the kidneys  
and bladder in both men and  
women, regulates bladder troubles  
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What He Was Counting.

"What is that man over there—the  
one counting his fingers?" "That's  
Dobbs, the poet. But he isn't count-  
ing his fingers; he's counting his  
feet."—Boston Record.

### When Baby Has the Croup

When a mother is awakened from  
sound sleep to find her child who has  
gone to bed apparently in the best of  
health struggling for breath, she is  
naturally alarmed. Yet if she can keep  
her presence of mind and give Cham-  
berlain's Cough Remedy every ten min-  
utes until vomiting is produced, quick  
relief will follow and the child will drop  
to sleep to awaken in the morning as  
well as ever. This remedy has been in  
use for many years with uniform suc-  
cess. For sale by all dealers.

## TALK BY WIRELESS TO HONOLULU, H. I.

A CONVERSATION TRANSMITTED  
OVER DISTANCE OF FORTY-  
SIX HUNDRED MILES.

### SECOND SUCCESSFUL TEST

Came After Talk Without Aid of  
Wires From the Atlantic to  
the Pacific.

New York.—The human voice has  
bridged the North American contin-  
ent and without the use of wires.  
Intelligible sound has been projected  
through the ether and words spoken  
in an ordinary tone in New York have  
reached waiting ears at San Francisco.  
Beyond all this the official announce-  
ment has been made that the dis-  
tance between Washington and Hono-  
lulu, four thousand six hundred  
miles, has been annihilated by the  
wireless telephone as perfected by  
J. J. Carty, chief engineer for the  
American Telephone & Telegraph  
company. Telephone communication  
between New York and any of the  
great capitals of Europe and even  
across the Pacific ocean from Seattle  
to Tokio is now altogether possible,  
depending upon the installation of  
apparatus.

The same engineers to whom credit  
for this achievement in the art of  
communicating intelligence by elec-  
tricity, has been accorded, at the  
same time have announced another  
wonderful discovery. In the experi-  
ment by which the voice was carried  
between New York and San Fran-  
cisco, words passed by land wires  
between New York and Arlington, Va.,  
and from there, as if projected from  
the loose ends of the copper strands,  
were sent into the air to be wafted  
across the plains and valleys, the  
towering peaks of giant mountain  
ranges and the deserts, to be picked  
up again by the slender antennae of  
the wireless tower at Mare Island  
navy yard and carried to the waiting  
ear at a telephone receiver.

This strongly indicates the possi-  
bility by which people living inland  
may call friends who happen to be  
passengers on ships at sea, as voices  
are carried over present land lines to  
some central station along the coast,  
and there automatically passed into  
a radio transmitter and projected out  
over the ocean to a moving object  
and finally to the one who may be  
designated to receive the message  
sent by such wonderful ways.

### Considerable Time.

Engineers of the American Tele-  
phone & Telegraph company have  
been engaged, during a considerable  
time, in perfecting the wireless tele-  
phone. To make possible the accom-  
plishment recently recorded, it was  
necessary, it is stated, to apply rad-  
ically new ideas to the generally  
accepted theories of wireless tele-  
graphy. At first temporary towers at  
Montauk Point, L. I., and Wilming-  
ton, Del., served the purpose. After-  
wards the government loaned its  
wireless towers at Arlington, near  
Washington, and at Mare Island, near  
San Francisco, to the work. Panama  
and points in Cuba were also brought  
into the experiment. The wireless  
station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was  
also equipped with necessary tele-  
phone apparatus. Obstacle after ob-  
stacle was finally overcome.

Seated in his office in New York,  
President T. N. Vail of the American  
Telephone & Telegraph company,  
who authorized the experimental work  
spoke the first words to travel, part  
by wire and part by wireless, to San  
Francisco. He called J. J. Carty, un-  
der whose direction the work was  
done and who was waiting on the  
Pacific coast, to participate in the  
final test.

"Hello, Carty," the talk started  
"This is Mr. Vail."  
Even Mr. Carty was surprised, so  
clearly and distinctly did the words  
reach him.  
"This is fine," he exclaimed. "This  
is wonderful."

### Army and Navy Take Part.

Representatives of the United States  
government, of the army and the  
navy, joined in the demonstration,  
talking across the continent without  
the use of wires. Words spoken in  
this way were repeated back by the  
transcontinental land lines. Lines  
opened last January, and the proof  
was conclusive. Secretary of War  
Navy Daniels, who had loaned gov-  
ernment equipment to the prosecution  
of the experiment, issued a formal  
statement, announcing the achieve-  
ment and placing the government's  
stamp of appreciation upon the mar-  
velous accomplishment.

### Talked to Panama Aug. 27.

Vallejo, Cal.—Wireless telephone  
communication between Washington,  
D. C., and the Panama canal, a dis-  
tance of 2,100 miles, was established  
Aug. 27, but public announcement was  
withheld until the greater goal—trans-  
continental communication—could be  
reached. This statement was made  
by Chief Engineer John J. Carty  
after the conversation in the wire-  
less tower at the Mare Island  
navy yard with Theodore N. Vail,  
president, who was speaking from  
New York.



## Texaco Axle Grease is Real Grease—pure lubricant throughout.

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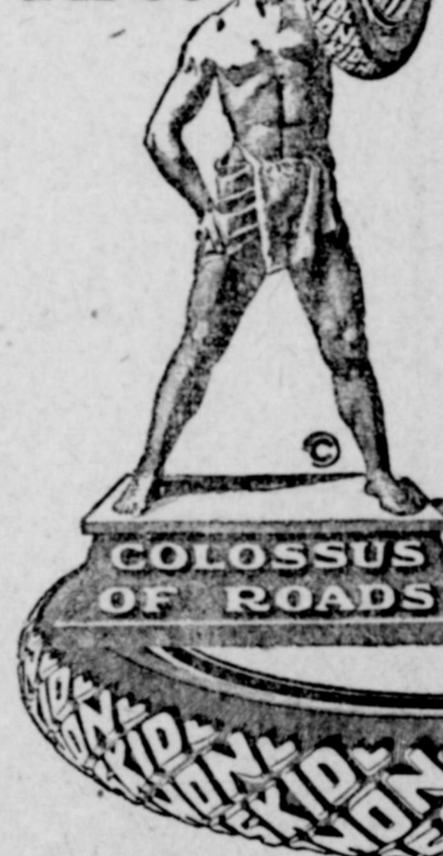
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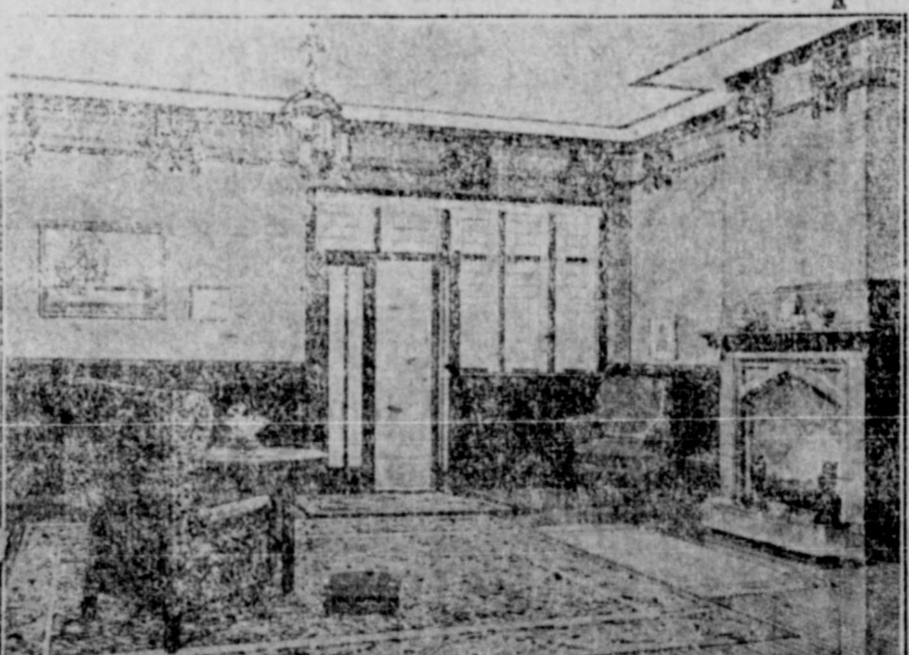


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Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the sys-  
tem. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

Plenty bran and cow feed at  
the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

## WIRELESS TELEPHONE IS NOW A SUCCESS

J. E. FARNSWORTH SAYS THAT  
PRESENT WIRE SYSTEM WILL  
NOT BE SUPPLANTED.

### IS A MARVELOUS INVENTION

Talk With Europe Possible, but for  
Conditions Brought About  
By Warfare.

Dallas.—"The success of the experi-  
ment by which the voice was recently  
projected without the use of wires,  
across the continent and afterwards  
from Washington to Honolulu, does  
not mean that the telephone wire sys-  
tem of the United States will be sup-  
planted", explains Vice President J.  
E. Farnsworth of The Southwestern  
Telegraph & Telephone company in  
Dallas.

"Instead," he says, "the net work  
of wires which go to make the pres-  
ent universal telephone system will  
be supplemented by the installation  
of this marvelous wireless equip-  
ment, devised by Bell telephone engineers,  
by which hitherto impassable bar-  
riers to the interchange of intelligence  
by direct conversation, may be sur-  
mounted. Telephone subscribers may  
soon see the day when they can call  
up friends who may be passengers on  
ships at sea. It is said that but for dis-  
turbed conditions in Europe we would  
even now be talking to England or  
Germany. It is not even beyond the  
bounds of possibility that the mayor  
general of Hong Kong with the re-  
markable question: "How are you  
tomorrow?"

"It has been demonstrated that the  
voice may be carried over land tele-  
phone wires and be automatically  
passed through wireless telephone  
transmitters and be flung across  
oceans, deserts or mountain barriers.

### Results Not Surprising.

"The results of these wireless ex-  
periments," continued Mr. Farn-  
sworth, "has not been surprising. Tele-  
phone officials generally knew that  
John J. Carty, chief engineer of the  
American Telephone & Telegraph  
company, was perfecting a method  
by which he hoped to span the oceans  
without the connecting link of a  
cable. Since he accomplished the  
task of establishing a physical wire  
circuit which would carry the voice  
from New York to San Francisco, it  
seemed as if any dream might come  
true with reference to the telephone.

Twenty years ago real long distance  
talking, as we know it today, seemed  
beyond the realm of the imagination.  
Last January the transcontinental  
lines were opened. Now we have  
transmission of sound through 5,000  
miles without the use of wires and  
half of the distance was over land  
where all sorts of atmospheric con-  
ditions prevailed. It seems as if the  
limit in an age of marvelous accom-  
plishment has been reached."

### President Vail's Tribute to Inven- tor of Wireless.

New York.—In tribute to the re-  
cent accomplishment of telephone  
engineers who have perfected a  
method for wireless communica-  
tion by spoken word, and in ex-  
planation of the probable uses of  
the wireless telephone, President  
T. N. Vail of the American Tele-  
phone & Telegraph company, has  
issued the following statement:

"I do not think I can better ex-  
press my views in regard to wire-  
less telephony than to quote the  
telegram which I have just sent  
to Mr. Carty, chief engineer for  
the company, with reference to  
what he has brought about. Here  
it is:

"Carty, I want to congratulate  
you on this climax in the way of  
achievements, the greatest in in-  
ter-communication the world has  
ever seen. To you and to the  
wonderful staff created by you the  
world owes a debt. To throw your  
voice directly, without aid of wires,  
from Washington to Hawaii, nearly  
five thousand miles, a greater dis-  
tance than from New York to  
Paris, Berlin, Vienna or Petrograd,  
and greater than between Seattle  
and Tokio or Yokohama, was won-  
derful; but to send the recognized  
voice, part by wire over the wires and  
part through the air, was still  
more wonderful, and was the dem-  
onstration of the chiefest use that  
will probably attach to the wire-  
less as amplifying and supplement-  
ing, not substituting the wire sys-  
tem, and bringing into communication  
ships, islands and places which,  
could not otherwise, be reached.  
Your work has brought us one  
long step nearer to our ideal—"A  
Universal System."

"As you will see from this," con-  
tinued Mr. Vail, "it is clear that  
wireless will never substitute or  
supplant the wire systems but will  
greatly amplify and extend their  
usefulness. It is humanitarian  
rather than commercial but it is  
useful in that it makes conversa-  
tion possible between places and  
moving objects that could not be  
connected by wire. As with wire-  
less telephony, it will probably be  
dependable enough except as out-  
lined above."

## GREAT MASS

Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney  
Trouble, Some of Them  
Merkel Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the  
United States is publishing from week  
names of people in its particular neigh-  
borhood, who have used and recom-  
mended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney  
backache, weak kidneys, bladder trou-  
bles and urinary disorders. This mass  
of proof includes over 30,000 recom-  
mendations. Merkel is no exception.  
Here is one of the Merkel cases.

B. J. Rhodes, retired carpenter, Mer-  
kel, says: "I can honestly say that  
Doan's Kidney pills have benefited me.  
They relieved discomfort in my back  
and regulated the action of my Kid-  
neys."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't sim-  
ply ask for a Kidney remedy—get  
Doan's Kidney pills—the name that Mr.  
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Consul Homer M. J. Farnsworth...  
writes that clipped here...  
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reported to contemplate...  
making facility in a...  
to the center of...  
Yorkshire.

### More Than Enough is Too Much

To maintain health, a mature man or  
woman needs just enough food to repair  
the waste and supply energy and body  
heat. The habitual consumption of  
more food than is necessary for these  
purposes is the prime cause of stomach  
troubles, rheumatism and disorders of  
the kidneys. If troubled with indiges-  
tion, revise your diet, let reason and not  
appetite control and take a few doses  
of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will  
soon be all right again. For sale by all  
dealers.

### Treating Burns and Scalds.

Burns and scalds should be treated  
with glycerine and flour, the latter  
well heaped over the affected part.  
Then tie round a linen bandage to ex-  
clude the air. If cotton wool is handy  
it is better to use for this purpose  
than linen.

### Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

"Last winter I used a bottle of  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a bad  
bronchial cough. I felt its beneficial  
effect immediately and before I had  
finished the bottle I was cured. I never  
tire of recommending this remedy to my  
friends," writes Mrs. William Bright,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind. For sale by all dealers

### Easy Victims.

There are nearly always enough  
people who do not read the newspa-  
pers on board a big ocean liner to  
make the voyage interesting for a  
few card sharps.

### For Chapped Skin

Chapped skin whether on the hands  
or face may be cured in one night by  
applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is  
also unequalled for sore nipples, burns  
and scalds. For sale by all dealers.

### Fault.

Disagreeable people always must  
be exaggerated, it seems, until they  
occupy much more than their allotted  
space in the world.

### For Indigestion

Never take pepsin and preparations  
containing pepsin or other digestive  
ferments for indigestion, as the more  
you take the more you will have to  
take. What is needed is a tonic like  
Chamberlain's Tablets that will enable  
the stomach to perform its functions  
naturally. For sale by all dealers.

### Sea Water as a Preservative.

Thorough soaking in sea water  
lengthens the life of telegraph poles.

### Optimistic Thought.

He is rich enough who has no  
wants.

There is more Catarrh in this section  
of the country than all other diseases  
put together, and until the last few  
years was supposed to be incurable.  
For a great many years doctors pro-  
nounced it a local disease and prescrib-  
ed local remedies, and by constantly  
failing to cure with local treatment,  
pronounced it incurable. Science has  
proven Catarrh to be a constitutional  
treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, man-  
ufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Tol-  
edo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure  
on the market. It is taken internally.  
It acts directly on the blood and mucous  
surfaces of the system. They offer one  
hundred dollars for any case it fails to  
cure. Send for circulars and testimo-  
nials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Tol-  
edo, O.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for consti-  
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**VARSITY  
Fifty-Five**

Gentlemen:

You may want to know what we mean by the Varsity Fifty Five suits that you see advertised. This is a special line of young men's suits; men also wear them.

These suits sell for \$18 to \$35. They are tailored by hand; the fabrics are worsteds, finished and unfinished; cheviots and serges.

The colors are gray plaids and checks, fancy blues, new stripes—beautiful things.

We send you this special invitation to try on one of the new Varsity Fifty Five models from Hart Schaffner & Marx. They are made in both the two and three button models. We'll be glad to see you.

Yours truly,

**WOODROOF  
BROS.**



# HUNTER'S WEEK

HUNTING for REAL BARGAINS? Come to this Store this Week We're HITTING the BULL'S EYE of Real Economies in every Dept.

## A Sacrifice in Ladies Suits and Coats

### MEN'S CLOTHING

\$17.50 and \$20.00 men's suits for this week **\$15.00**  
 \$15.00 all-wool men's suits for only **\$12.50**  
 \$12.50 all-wool men's suits only **\$10.00**

### BOYS' CLOTHING

Boys' all-wool \$7.00 suits dollar saved **\$6.00**  
 Boys' all-wool \$4.50 and \$5 suits for only **\$4.00**  
 Boys' Cheviot suits \$4.00 regular for **\$3.50**

Ladies, don't forget those economical Coat and Suit values we advertised last week. These garments are going fast and your early investigation of what we are really offering in the way of reductions on these new garments will be convincing beyond a doubt

## J. P. SHARP'S The Price and Quality Store



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Carroll Rister entertained with a progressive 42 party at her home on Oak street. A guessing contest was the means of matching partners for the beginning of the games. The hostess, assisted by her sister Miss Rister, served hot chocolate and sandwiches. Those present were Misses Eva Walters, Faye Allen, Lillie Dean, Golden Emet, Mamie Rister. Messrs. Ollie Shaffer, Floyd Dean, Robert Hicks, Guy Bradley, Ennis and Emmet Grimes and the hostess.

Mrs. G. F. West will be hostess Saturday afternoon to the Twentieth Century Club at her home on Austin street. The following program will be carried out:

Roll Call—Thoughts from summer reading  
 Payment of dues.  
 Presidents Greeting.  
 Source and story of Midsummer Dreams—Miss Ruth Mims.

Misses Sears gave their father, Frank Sears, a surprise dinner Sunday in honor of his sixty six birthday. His little granddaughter, Mary Eula, also shared honors and celebrated her eleventh birthday. Only members of the family were present. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sears and little daughters, Mrs. Amy Sears and children. Messrs Clyde and Claude Sears, Mr and Mrs. Walter Douglass. Misses Eula Mossie and Pet Sears, the honoree and Mrs. Frank Sears.

The King's Daughters Class of the Methodist church met Monday at the home of Mrs. Garvin in regular business session. The attendance was good. The business meeting comes Tuesday after the first Sunday in each month.

O. W. Williams formerly of this city, was here the first of week looking after the needs of the Merkel Lumber Co., of this place.



**Buzbee-Roe**  
 Sunday afternoon Mr. Haywood Buzbee and Miss Allie Roe were united in the holy bonds of matrimony while seated in a buggy at the home of Rev. F. H. McDonald near Stith. Both the contracting parties are members of prominent families of the Stith community.

**Shipley-Higgins**  
 Sunday morning Rev. L. B. Owen performed a marriage ceremony at his home whereby Mr. Ed Shipley and Miss Annie Higgins of the Stith community were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Both the contracting parties are popular young people of the Merkel country and have hosts of friends who extend the heartiest congratulations.

**Adams-Collins**  
 Sunday at 11:30 a. m. Mr. Walter Adams and Miss Dortha Collins, both of Parker county, were married while seated in a buggy at the home of Rev. F. H. McDonald near Stith.

J. T. Warren is the proud possessor of new five passenger Dodge automobile.

Mrs. Edgar Maxwell of Seattle, Wash., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Counts.

Dr. O. F. McMaster returned Friday afternoon from points in southeast Texas.

Guy Hamilton came in the first of the week to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton.

## HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

**After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.**

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 25 years of continuous success, and surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write for: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper.

## Let Us Fill Your Coal Bin Now

Don't wait until winter overtakes you before having your coal bin filled. Let us do it now, before the rush begins. It costs no more now than later, and may save you considerable worry or annoyance.

We sell the McAlister, New Mexico, Dawson and Strawn Coal, known everywhere as clean burners and without waste. They are very satisfactory and very economical coal.

**H. M. WARREN**

Ollie Shaffer left Sunday night for Atlanta, Ga. to enter the Atlanta Dental College for his second term there.

Messrs. C. M. and Thos. Largent left Sunday night for Kansas City to attend the American Royal Stock Show.

# NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY

## BY FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

Our store is now Beautiful of the newest and best that the big Eastern Markets afford. Our large stock consists of the newest and most dependable merchandise to be found any place. It is our aim to give you better merchandise for your money than you can buy elsewhere, but not the Cheapest

### We do Not Cater to Cheap or Inferior Goods

We only handle the best and you may feel assured that it is correct if you buy it from us

## MEN!

Have Real Style in Your Clothes

We believe that there is more real style in a

### Hart Schaffner & Marx Varsity Fifty Five

model than in any suit from any other maker of ready clothes.

**We believe that there is much more real style in these suits than in a custom-made suit at twice the price**

When we say "style" we mean more than fashion or smartness; we mean the touch that makes a distinguished result. We carry these clothes so that our customers can have this kind of real style. You'll see it in the suits we'll show you at

**\$25.00**

#### WE FIT THE HARD TO FIT

Hart Schaffner & Marx measure department makes fits for the hard-to-fit man, yet giving the service peculiar to Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes. No better made-to-measure garments can be found. Prices from

**\$18.50 to \$40**

Nothing serviceable, dependable and correct  
Let us put the tape to you

### Dollar Day Special

Yards Gold Bond Gingham **\$1.00**  
Dollar day special  
Yards Percal, dollar day special **\$1.00**  
Yds. 9- Pepperel Sheeting **\$1.00**



### THE GOSSARD CORSET

makes the very best for ladies, and this very exclusive line is now being shown in all its splendor at our store

We are showing some Exact Copies of

### IMPORTED PATTERNS



These Hats are unusually clever, possessing in a marked degree the snap and really artistic touch that is so characteristic of foreign-made millinery.

Perhaps one of these will prove to be the hat you've been looking for. The prices are very moderate—Remarkably so.

We urge that you come in early and see these models.

### Dollar Day Special

\$1.50 and \$1.25 Childrens Shoes one lot, dollar day special **\$1.00**  
\$1.50 Work Pants, dollar day special **\$1.00**  
\$1.50 Osborn men's work gloves **\$1.00**

## Offer You Ten Dollars

store to get it? We believe you would. Yet that is just what you can save by a visit to our display of REDFERN Fall Suits and Coats, or both this Fall. You will want it to possess all that a custom made garment is supposed to give and best design, the best tailoring, the best quality, and a garment that will fit you perfectly and are the very qualities that have made REDFERN garments the most popular garments on the market at a custom tailor's price. We will sell you at a moderate price a garment designed by one of America's colored, distinctive in color and fabric, and with a label in it that not only insures your getting quality and service, but which guarantees it. etc and the largest we have ever carried. You will have no trouble in making a satisfactory selection. complete line of Furnishings for every member of your family the very best and every customer a Satisfied customer

## DROOF BROTH

### COMPERE

We are having beautiful sunshine and are fast gathering our crops. Many farmers are almost through picking as cotton is extremely short.

Mrs. W. N. Moore is reported better since Sunday. Her two daughters from Blair and Nolan county were called to her bedside Sunday.

Rev. Dawson preached here Saturday night, Sunday at eleven and 3:30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ben Moore of Abilene visited her parents in this neighborhood last week.

The singing class was entertained at the home of Mr. Childers Sunday night.

Several from this place attended the entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beasleys Saturday night.

Mrs. Smith of Shiloh visited her sister Mrs. Rains Sunday.

### SHILOH

There was good attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and their children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson Sunday.

Mrs. Jones and children attended services at Noodle Sunday.

Mrs. Cade was the guest of Mrs. Terrel Winters Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Phillips and children of Trent attended Sunday school here Sunday and were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker and family and Mr. Tenney of Sweetwater creek, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Beavers and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Walker of Kale was in this community Saturday afternoon.

J. H. Grayson is suffering with a very sore hand. He is taking treatment from a doctor at Merkel.

Miss Ida Rape was visiting the Misses Beavers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler of Sweetwater creek were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes spent Sunday up in the shinary. Uncle Terrell Winters spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Beavers.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Scott were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Owen Sunday.

A little new-comer made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tyner on Tuesday last week.

### NUBIA

We are having weather which changes on winter, but just pleasant enough, however, to pick on good. As there has been much rain here already at this peculiar juncture the farmers are hoping for favorable weather to plant it with that they get their cotton out as early as possible.

Boyd who has been living in his grandfather in Vandandt for three years, is visiting here at Nubia.

An interesting entertainment was given at the home of Mrs. Walker last Saturday night. A large crowd was present to the occasion.

Following young couples were making Sunday afternoon: Ernest Moore and Miss Zelia Moore, Mr. Walter Hunter and Miss Moore.

# In Better Shape To Gin Your Cotton

During the rainy days of last week all gin saws in our gin were given a new sharpening and are now in better shape than even at the beginning of the season, to give clean cut samples and good turn-outs.

## Bring Us Your Cotton

**Quick Service and Absolute Satisfaction and the very best PRICE for your seed at all times.**

# McDonald & Sith GINNERS

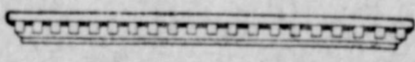
**"Ginners Who Appreciate Your Patronage"**

Bert Williams and sister, Miss Louise, of Elm were at the entertainment at Mrs. Walker's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchie visited grandpa and grandma Turner Sunday.

Cotton pickers are getting to be very plentiful here now, and with real good weather ensuing, it won't be long until the gins of Merkel will be revolving to the extent of their capacity.

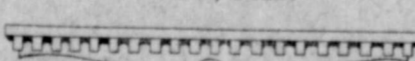
Some of the landowners here are instructing their renters to plant more cotton and less grain for another year. Their reason is that the present price of cotton justifies the change.



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For ease and grace of figure, good wear and satisfaction. Let us fit you with an Alberta—\$1.00 up.

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### Found

A place where your clothes can be cleaned and pressed right and done on time, at a low price. Phone 194.

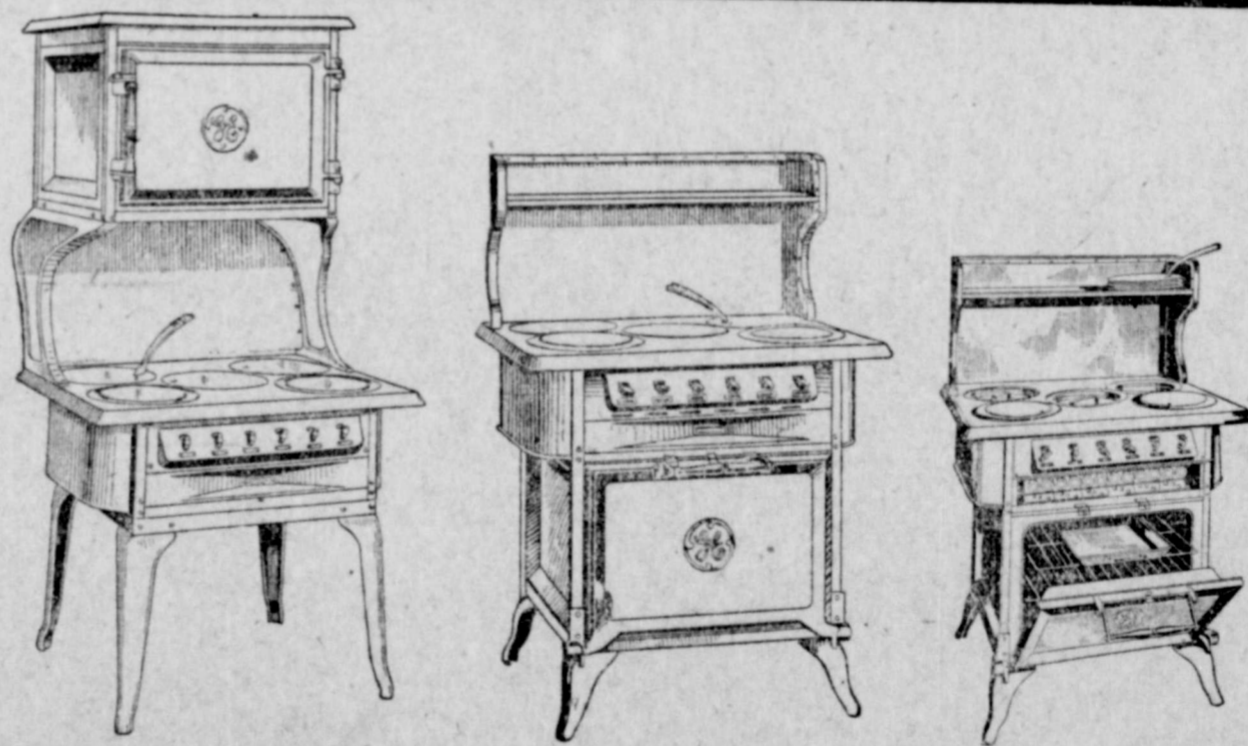
### Hunters Notice

Hunting will be allowed on the land and any person violating the law will be prosecuted.

J. W. Teaff. St3pd.

### Grist Mill to Operate

Have a grist mill in operation soon at a low price in a



## Do It Electrically

Dispense with cook stove drudgery and do it Electrically.

Our Winter Electrical Kitchen is the acme of perfection and economy. Let us show you.

A kitchen equipped to suit every meal and pocket book.

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### Rust Proof Oats

Latest improved genuine rust proof oats, free from rust, weeds, and

### Card of Thanks

We desire to express our deep thanks and appreciation to our many friends who lended loving hands and assistance to our dear

### Land For Trade

Section of land on trade for Merkel county S. F. Haynes.

### EXCERPTS FROM PRACTICE

One of the most interesting events of the season was the Methodist Church Monday evening in a joint choir practice. Merkel and Abilene Methodist church choirs,

In all about twelve automobile loads of Abilene people attended the choir service here and the evening was more than enjoyable with good singing of the entire congregation, quartets and solos.

Mesdames Bass, Alexander, Shelton, Humphries, Davidson, Crawford and Ferguson were among the ladies who attended from Abilene and lended, to the song service for the evening. A solo by Captian Kinsolving a Confederate veteran was highly worth of note. Revs. Hunt and Ferguson were among the visitors. Others present were Messrs Arnold, Shelton, Davidson, Pulweiler and other whose names we were unable to obtain.

### Mrs. B. C. Gaither Dead

Mrs. B. C. Gaither died Tuesday morning at the family home, having lingered at death's door for months and months or even for a time measured by a year more, being a victim of cancer that gradually and by degrees took from a family a home long mother and wife.

Mrs. Gaither was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young of Fayette county, Texas, and was born March 12, 1861. Her early life was spent in Fayette county where she first joined the Presbyterian church, later uniting with the Methodist church and where she was married on Jan. 15, 1880 to B. C. Gaither, who survives her. Three years later Mr. and Mrs. Gaither moved to Taylor county, taking up their residence at Tuscola and lived there until 1905, when their family moved to Merkel to their home.

During the last few years when her time on earth was short, much comfort was administered Mrs. Gaither by her mother, Mrs. J. H. McCollum, Abilene and her daughter, R. E. Dillard of Tuscola that these loving hands, by others, could do what but to no avail and death

her at 10 o'clock Tuesday. With her, shortly prior to death and at that time, immediate members of her family, her husband and their D., L. D. and Forest Gaither at their mother's side the time she was extremely ill and while death seemed

Other members of her family who survive the deceased are one brother and four daughters as follows: Mrs. M. J. You