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## OUR SPLENDID SOLDIER BOYS OUR GREATEST SACRIFICE

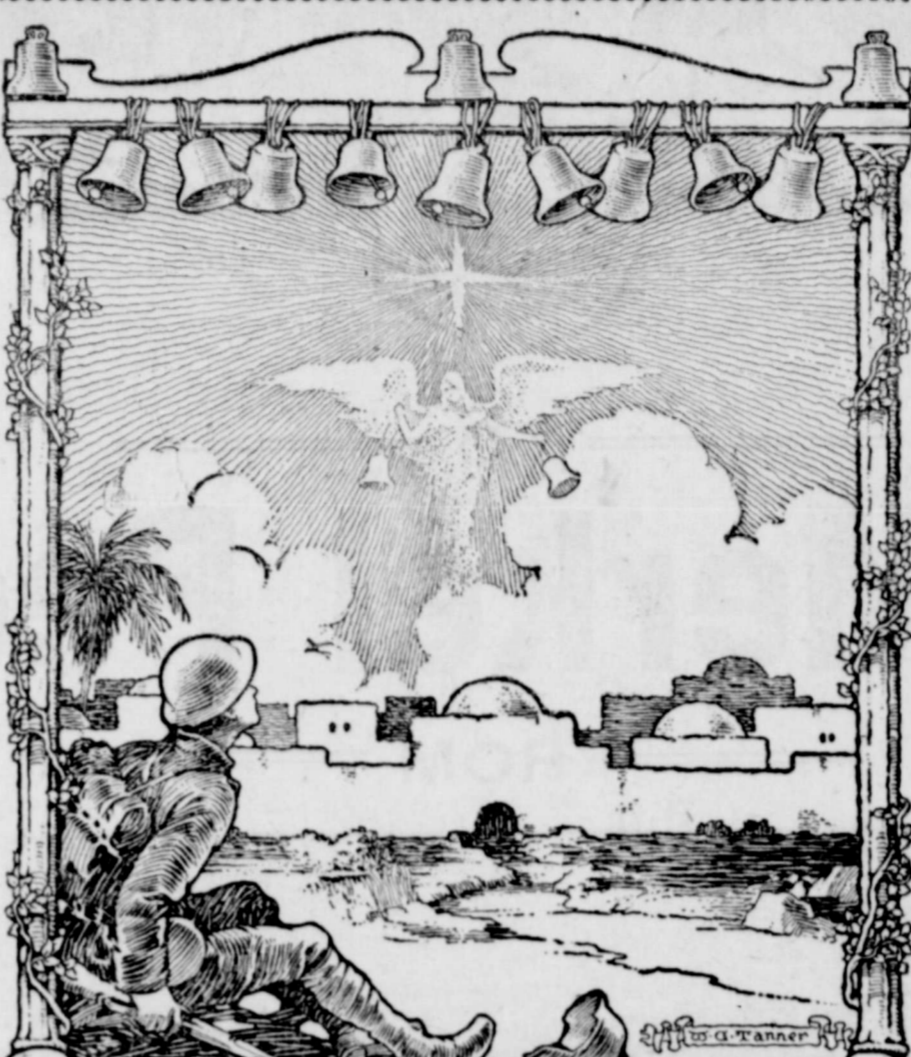
The greatest sacrifice this section of the country has made this year is the giving of her noblest and best young manhood to the World War for Liberty. They are honored heroes, and those of us who had not the privilege of going can hardly help but envy them all just a little. Some of them paid the great price, that of life. We have endeavored to secure the name of every boy who went from the Great Merkel County and reproduce them again. Those who have paid the price of their lives appear at the head of the list. We are glad our boys had a part in the fray. We are sorry all of us could not take an active part.

Now as the Old Year dies, our hearts rejoice that our boys are coming back, and that the war is won, and that we may look into the future with greater confidence. Soon they will return to bless the firesides they left a few months before. They will return with a royal welcome. They will find their hearts a sacrifice for the boys who are in grateful memory. Following is the list for Merkel and

William Leste  
Z. T. Jas  
Ora  
Nall  
Fausse  
Clyde

Earnest  
N. A. H  
Geo. F  
Will C  
Sydney  
John I  
Wm.  
John Cly  
Luna W. T  
Jas W. M  
Ora  
Birt  
Paul  
Ulric  
Andre  
Roy  
Britt  
Ed  
W  
A  
Frank  
Green  
James  
B. Job  
Pete  
F. O  
Herbert  
Paul  
Bill Sheppard  
Paul Turner  
George  
L. B. We  
Riley White  
L. Powers  
Emzi Burroughs  
Thos Bearden  
Jas. Brown  
Emmitt Grimes  
M. Hutchins  
Chester A. Duncan  
John T. Morris  
Joe L. Evans  
W. W. McMurray  
Hubert J. Swan  
John Moore  
Lieut B. B. Brown  
Chester Hall  
Stuart Grimes  
Jas. Clyde White  
Lloyd Shepard  
L. A. Dudley  
Robert Vernon  
Sherley King  
O. A. Horton  
Ira Huss  
Archie Rose  
Fred Harrell  
Chas. C. Jones  
Gle  
Robert

John Ware.  
John D. Dudley.  
John Edward Hunter.  
E. M. Harris.  
George Smith.  
Geo. N. Reynolds.  
J. H. Rister, Tye.  
Wayne Abernathy, Trent.  
H. W. Beckham, Trent.  
Dee H. Donnell, Trent.  
Hollis Brown, Trent.  
Royce Dowdy, Trent.  
Robt. B. Parker.  
Frank E. Smith.  
Luther Grimes.  
W. L. Diltz, Jr.  
William B. Tarpley.  
Arthur E. Windland, Tye.  
James O. Dulin.  
Kirby L. Vidrine.  
Leonard Morrison.  
Joseph A. McMurray.  
Rufus H. O'Neal.  
Willie E. Pool.  
Ennis Grimes.  
Charley Fitzgerald.  
Berry Forrester.  
Joseph A. Pruitt, Trent.  
John T. Mattingley, Noodle.  
Reuben C. Hall.  
Henry D. (Doc) Hall.  
Tom Smith Martin.  
Leland L. Martin.  
T. J. Bird.  
R. E. Harris.  
Robert Rainbolt.  
Lee Raymond Campbell.  
Eulless McNeas.  
John P. Gibson.  
Leonard Wills.  
Winslow J. Beckham, Trent.  
John Rex McClain.  
O. R. Burns.  
Joe Thomas Hartley.  
John Robert West.  
Robert Grady Collins.  
Jim F. Winters.  
Arthur McMurray.  
Charlie Clifton Smith, Trent.  
Fred Pribble, Trent.  
Ernest Massey, Trent.  
Lee Massey, Trent.  
Hosea Winn, Trent.  
Skylar Dunn, Trent.  
Eimer Dunn, Trent.  
Will E. Smith, Trent.  
Leldon Goode, Noodle.  
Jas. Harmon Peterson.  
W. Clarence Melton.  
Dalton Blackmon, Trent.  
Otto Blackmon, Trent.  
John W. Hassey, Trent.  
Spurgeon Scott, Trent.  
Robert W. Kelly.  
Jno. Earnest Costephens.  
Wm. Roy Costephens.  
Jake Eason, Noodle.  
Henry Eason, Noodle.  
Guy Bradley, Stith.  
Guy Sibley, Trent.  
Wm. Wills.  
Sam H. Rosson, Trent.  
Claude Rosson, Trent.  
Alfred Wesley Costephens.  
Ulyses McNeas.  
W. Clarence Cameron.  
Vessie E. Browning.  
Bailey Frazier.  
John Coomer.  
Bailey Frazier.  
Leo Shepard.  
Frank Millican.  
Dem Rusk.  
Q. Rusk.  
Tucker  
Horton.  
John Tucker.  
Wilba Whitaker.  
Rufus McLean.  
Dillard Snow.  
Vernon Simpson.  
Dr. Robert I. Grimes.  
Floyd Dean.  
Guy Bradley.  
Cecil McRee, Trent.  
Samuel D. Swann.  
Lee Harrell.  
W. P. Banner.  
M. G. Russell.  
J. M. Tucker.  
David M. Floyd.  
Dee Ash.  
Lake J. Renfro.  
H. B. Strode.  
Dr. Wm. M. Gambill.  
Vernon Sublett.  
Yates Brown.  
Dean Robinson, Trent.  
Orville Foster.  
Clyde Foster.



**Beautiful Bethlehem Bells**  
by Frank U. Stanton  
Over the roar of the cities,  
Over the hills and the dells,  
With a message of peace to the nations,  
Ring the beautiful Bethlehem bells  
Bringing joy to the souls that are sighing  
In the hovels where poverty dwells—  
Where is life—there is life for the dying,  
In the beautiful Bethlehem bells.

Jodie Bright, Trent  
Barney A. Garrett.  
P. M. Hutchins.  
Roger F. Haynes.  
O. S. Burns.  
Roger V. Wells.  
Jas. Parker Sharp.  
Will Brown.  
Judson McRee.  
Frank Hart.  
Albert Vessell, Trent  
Jim Skillern, Trent.  
Denzil Cox.  
Lee Tipton.  
Jim Burfind.  
Homer Tye.  
Roy R. Coats.  
Denzie Cox.  
Lee Tipton.  
Jas. Dent Gibson.  
Roy R. Coats.

Sydney B. Coats.  
Chas. F. Thornton.  
Albert Vessell.  
Jim Skillern.  
Fred B. Deutschman, Noodle  
Will Merritt.  
Louis Swann.  
Arl Sharp.  
John T. Morgan.  
Frank Cook.  
Will Brown.  
Joel Counts.  
Homer Laney.  
Mason Pee.  
Sam J. Gafford.  
Joe Owen.  
Wm. Cox.  
Owen Ellis.  
Stanley King.  
J. O. McMurray.  
Joe Gunn.

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## MERKEL MAIL PRINTING CO

## FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO VISIT FOREIGN COUNTRIES

For the first time in history an American President has landed on foreign soil. Never in history was any man given a greater ovation than attended the President's entry into Paris. Even the peace demonstration was not equal to it. Grateful hearts by the million pay homage to this illustrious son of America. Through him and his co-laborers the greatest tyrant of the world is chained to never rise again as a disturber of the peace of the world.

Through his mighty power and influence the enemy was swept from the field. It was a dark day when American entered the war. Before she could get ready it seemed that the boches would enter Paris in spite of everything that could be done. France gave her young life to stem the tide; England poured out her best blood freely, and through the heat of the day they held out, until the matchless boys of America reached the front, and they all sang a different song.

Germany thought our untrained men would not amount to much. She paid little attention to them, but when they stopped the forward march on Paris, they picked out the best of Prussian troops in great numbers and hurled them upon the allies. The Americans stood their ground and went right on. They brought more Prussians, weakening their other sectors. France and England, with renewed hope, sprang forward, and with one great onward press, the war was quickly over.

There is no wonder that President Wilson received an ovation. Today the eyes of the world are looking upon him. The peace conference will soon be held. Clear-headed and far enough removed from the conflict to avoid the tide of undue prejudice, his voice is expected to mean more than that of any other single individual.

The people that turned out to see the President's party are not numbered in hundreds or thousands, but in the millions. America is a mighty sweet word to the French nation.

And not only the soldiers and officers from America receive ovations, but back behind the American Red Cross is a recognized factor in the great conflict. Every tongue has cause to bless this splendid organization. It has alleviated pain and nursed back to health and strength countless thousands of brave boys who would otherwise sleep before their time.

How can a true American help but feel proud of our great President? The crowned and political heads of Europe delight to do him homage.  
Long live our President!

Bowie H. Floyd.  
Martin Gold Riggans.  
L. E. Perkins, Jr.,  
Ralph Bigham.  
DeWitt T. Johnson  
Russell T. Johnson.  
B. Martin.  
Homer L. Easterwood.  
Bourdon Smith.  
Loring Hamblet  
Allen Eason  
Houston Parker.  
Roy O. Stevens.  
Clayton Hale.  
Oscar Pate.  
Ely Pate.  
Nim J. Teaff.  
Oscar Clyde Shouse.

### BOLSHEVIST ELEMENT MENACES THE WORLD

Francis Carries Serious News to Wilson At Paris.

London, Dec. 15.—David R. Francis, American Ambassador to Russia, is about to leave London for Paris, where, it is understood, he is to communicate certain sensational information to President Wilson. It is believed this information may have an important bearing on the deliberations of the Allied delegates to the peace conference.

The Bolshevik element in Russia, despite recent reports to the contrary, are seemingly gaining in strength and it is feared they may be able to form an alliance with the Spartacus element in Germany and spread their doctrines even among the Western nations through direct appeals to the working classes to join them in overthrowing capitalism.

Food conditions in Russia are said to be very good at present.

Francis has refused to be interviewed and declined to say whether he expected to go back to Russia. It is understood, however that this depends chiefly on the state of his health.

### W. S. S. Pledges Must Be Made Before December 31

"Pledges made to United States Government Savings Stamps are due now!"

Liquidation must be completed by December 31, 1918.

War Saving Stamp pledges are personal, binding obligations of the person who made them. All necessary steps to assure their liquidation will be taken.

War Savings Stamps may be purchased from postoffices, banks, United States mail carriers and designated agencies.

War Saving Stamps are not subject to taxation.

Recapitulation of the Official Government Call.

### Suggested Form of Proclamation

Whereas, the Government has issued its call for the complete payment before December 31, 1918, of all pledges made to the United States Treasury Department to purchase War Saving Stamps, and

Whereas, the chief executives of towns and cities have been requested by the Government to direct attention by proclamation to the official call for the liquidation of War Saving Stamp Pledges.

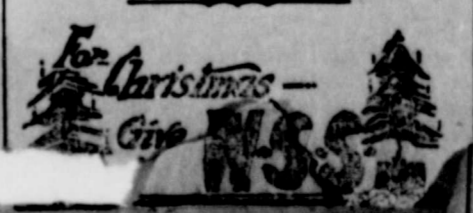
Therefore, I, N. D. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Merkel Texas, do hereby announce the said Government call for liquidation by December 31, 1918, of all War Saving Stamp Pledges that all pledged persons in the City of Merkel may take notice.  
Done this 16th day of December, 1918.

N. D. Cobb, Mayor.

### Thanks For Help.

We take this opportunity to thank the business men and others of Merkel for their very liberal donations that enable purchase basketball suits, funds were ample and that has been placed. The suits arrive at once and the hope to see every one when they get rigged new togs for the next year.

We hold the course and will do it in our power to the end. Again we wish one who help the Merkel Association.





TO

# The Merkel People

FROM



The foundation of our success lies in the confidence of our friends, and we have striven at all times and against all odds to hold this confidence supreme. From the depths of our heart we appreciate your patronage, and as the old year is passing away, reassure you that our foremost resolution for the New Year is to serve our patrons better than before, in keeping with good business judgment and sound banking principles.

Again let us assure you that your funds with us are secure, protected by the guaranty law, the best banking law that ever adorned the statutes of any state.

To our friends and patrons we wish a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Prosperity.

**The Farmers State Bank**  
MERKEL :: TEXAS

**Look Out**

**SOMETHING  
"GONA"  
HAPPEN**

**NEXT  
Wednesday, Dec. 15th**

**IN  
MERKEL**

**YOU HAD BETTER BE HERE**

**WATCH  
Out For All  
Particulars**

**A MIGHTY  
RE-ADJUSTMENT**

**LOCAL**

Plenty Bran at G. M. Messrs and Mesdames W. E. and J. C. Hanner of Trent were in the city Sunday visiting the former's sister Mrs. J. A. Woodard.

If its Holiday goods J. A. Duckett has it.

Buy Merkel made bread from the Pure Food Bakery. N Hancock, prop.

Miss Gladys Haynes has returned home from Granger where she has been the past three months visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas Hill.

Holiday goods arriving daily at J. A. Ducketts. "The Price is the Thing."

Johnston's is the best there is in candies. Fresh in boxes at the Elite Confectionery.

Mrs. T. L. Hall and son Malcolm of Muskogee Okla. are here to spend the holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Save money by buying your Holiday goods from J. A. Duckett.

Good Jersey cow for sale. J. M. Gilliland, West Front street Merkel. 3t2pd

The bargains at J. A. Ducketts are wonders.

Bar shoes at the Barber Shop.

Musical instruments Violins, Guitars, Banjos and Mandolins at prices from \$4.50 to \$12.50 each. Good sounding instruments. A bargain to those hunting high grade goods at Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cordell of Big Springs were here Sunday visiting the latter's mother Mrs. Daniel. They were accompanied home by Miss Gladys Daniel who has been visiting here for a few days.

Some good young work horses, mares and colts for sale, cash or good notes. See Arthur Rose at Anchor Mercantile Company.

Let us fill your parcel post orders. Service, quality and efficiency. Burroughs.

Sewing and Dress making neatly and carefully done. Corner south 5th and Rose Sts. Mrs. W. T. Dennis, 10t3pd

See Bob Martin for your Christmas bill of groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Leighty are in Aspermont visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jack Parramore and incidentally Mr. Leighty is recovering from injuries received here a short time ago.

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



**H. Rob Keeble**  
Candidate for County Judge

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Judge of Taylor County in the July primaries. I do not take this step as the result of an avalanche of urgent letters; neither am I forcibly dragged into the race by a horde of importuning friends. I run as the result of well matured plans, a fixed purpose and a long cherished ambition.

When I entered the political arena in 1907, I did so with the determination to go as far as my people felt that my efforts and ability deserved. I have served the city of Abilene one term as City Attorney. I have served two terms as Justice of the Peace. I am now serving my second term as County Attorney. In each of these offices I have given the best that was in me. I am now ready to go a step higher. I will not attempt to cling longer to one office which the people have bestowed upon me twice. If I cannot advance in politics I will quit the political field.

As County Attorney I have received no salary. Under the fee system I have been paid far less than any other county official. The work has been arduous and exacting. If you find that I have been faithful over a few things, I now ask that you put me in trust over many things.

I shall conduct a clean and honorable but vigorous campaign for the office and I shall tolerate no personalities or mudslinging from my camp against any who may choose to enter the lists against me.

To those who believe that honorable ambition should be encouraged; that faithful effort should be rewarded; that a young man should not be denied honor because he strives upward among his own people—to the good citizenship of Taylor County, I submit my claims and earnestly ask for your support and encouragement.

H. ROB KEEBLE.

(Political Advertising.)

**STATEMENT OF THE**

**Farmers & Merchants**

**NATIONAL BANK**

of Merkel, Texas

At close of Business Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1915

**RESOURCES**

Loans .....	\$216,624.82
Overdrafts .....	None
U. S. Bonds—Par .....	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank .....	1,500.00
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund .....	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures .....	3,600.00
Real Estate .....	6,500.00
Cash and Sight Exchange .....	185,208.88
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$423,996.20</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock .....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits .....	34,739.38
Circulation .....	6,250.00
Bills Payable .....	None
Rediscounts .....	None
Other Borrowed Money .....	None
Deposits .....	358,006.82
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$423,996.20</b>

We invite the attention of the public to the above statement of condition, reflecting as it does the splendid financial condition of the Merkel country. Upon its merits we solicit the accounts of Business Institutions, Farmers and Stockmen, promising that same conservatism, liberality and fidelity to trust that has characterized this bank since its organization over eleven years ago

**THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier**

# OPEN LETTER TO WAGSTAFF

HON. J. M. WAGSTAFF, City:  
My Dear Sir:  
I have before me the following:  
Copy of Letter From Mr. Wm. A. Sharp, of Nimrod, to You:  
"Nimrod, Texas, 11-30-15.

Hon. J. M. Wagstaff,  
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Before we promise you our vote and support at Nimrod, we want to know exactly what we may depend upon on the prohibition question. The majority of voters around Nimrod believe that every American Citizen has certain rights that the law cannot take away, and are therefore dubbed Antis.

We want a clear answer to the following question: If you go to Congress will you vote against every prohibition question that arises?

Yours truly,  
WM. A. SHARP."

Also Your Original Letter Replying Thereto:  
"Abilene, Texas, December 1, 1915.

MR. WM. A. SHARP,  
Nimrod, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of November 30th, 1915. Every man has a right to know how I stand on political questions and I never dodge or side step. I have always voted for local option and for state prohibition in this state. However, I have always believed in the democratic doctrine of self government and believe that the national government has nothing to do with our local affairs, and I will vote against any measure in Congress, either by way of statute or constitutional amendment, that interferes with the rights of the States to govern their own local affairs. I mean by this, that I WILL VOTE AGAINST NATION WIDE PROHIBITION AND AGAINST AMENDMENTS SUBMITTING NATION WIDE PROHIBITION IF I AM ELECTED TO CONGRESS. However, I do not think the prohibition question should be made a national issue, as we have no time to fool with that question in congress, and I think it is only an issue raised by certain politicians to run into office, because there is not a sensible man who believes that a National Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution could be carried. However, I will vote against any such amendment whether there is any chance of carrying it or not.

Yours truly,  
J. M. WAGSTAFF."

and your promise to me at Fort Worth a month ago, prohibition was not injected into this campaign. Neither Judge Smith nor myself made an issue last year, and but for your entering the arena, it would not have been mentioned between us this year. Now tell the people who the politician is who is trying to run into office on this issue, made an issue by you? Please explain to the people why you were not as frank with the voters of Taylor County, as you were with the good Antis of Nimrod, by stating in your platform that you would vote against prohibition in Congress, whether there was a chance of it carrying or not, and that in your opinion, any man who thought the prohibition amendment could carry, is not sensible. Didn't you "dodge or side step" just a little in your platform?

Do you know that over six million sensible, intelligent, earnest people from the various States of this Union have exercised their inherent, demo-

cratic right of petition, by petitioning Congress to submit such an amendment? Never before in the history of our Nation, has there been so many petitioners for the submission of any of the other 17 amendments. The right to petition is a fundamental right, existing even in Monarchies.

In the last vote in Congress on this question, every State whose entire representation voted for submitting the amendment, was a solid, democratic, Southern State, and every State whose entire representation voted against submitting the amendment, was a dyed-in-the-wool Republican, Northern State, which has always fought State rights, and stood for centralized government.

While first gaining for the legislature, you preached the doctrine of prohibition all over Taylor County, and later you made prohibition speeches for Tom Ball in numerous Counties, and I have your signed opinion that you believe that Statutory State-wide Prohibition in Texas would be constitutional, and you cannot now hide your inconsistent position against National Prohibition behind State-rights, for which I stand most strongly.

On entering the legislature, your first act was to second the nomination of an anti-candidate for Speaker (the position which largely controls legislation) viz: Chester H. Terrell, (also the Champion of Big Interests) against the pro-candidate, W. C. McKamy (champion of the People's interests), and then you voted with such prominent Antis as Louis J. Wortham of Fort Worth, John H. Kirby and August Haxthausen of Houston, Bernard Schwegmann and Otto Wahrmond of San Antonio, Geo. Mendell of Austin, Chas. MacGill of Galveston, Richard Burges of El Paso, G. A. Heilig of La Grange, H. P. Jordan of Waco and J. W. Parks of Dallas (Likewise Champions of Big Interests), not only in electing an Anti-Speaker, but in keeping the vote secret to afford the promised and pre-arranged protection to other pros who likewise voted for Terrell, and also to permit the Speaker to name all committees (which would also control legislation). Then after providing for numerous stenographers to do your work, and for numerous pages and porters to wait on you, your next act was to vote five daily newspapers to each member at expense of State. Your next act was to vote \$30 to each member for stamps (1500 2c stamps.) And your next act was to join 19 pros, in signing and passing House Concurrent Resolution No. 2. Recommending to the Congress of the United States the passage of a bill prohibiting the shipment of intoxicating liquors into local option states.

Verily, you were "running with both the hare and the hounds." Thus on Jan. 17, 1913 you asked Congress to do something, which you now tell Mr. Wm. A. Sharp of Nimrod that you would vote against. You actively supported Morris Sheppard, whose main campaign issue was national prohibition, against Jake Wolters, whose main slogan was State-rights, however misapplied to liquor questions.

But I won't go into your legislative record now. After you explain the above, I will then ask you to explain certain parts of your record which I will show favored corporate interests against the interest of the people generally, and were against the very purpose and life of organized labor.

Respectfully,

THOMAS L. BLANTON.

(Political Adv.)



## Lots of New Goods Arriving

We have just received a full car of Wire and Nails, also car Velie and Reliance Buggies, and will have car of Implements next week, and will say that we are well prepared to take care of your wants in the Hardware Line.

### For Christmas Shoppers

We have Silverware, Dishes of all kinds that are suitable for Christmas giving. We have a large line of Express Wagons and Tricycles for the children.

### To the Farmers

We desire to say that we have a well assorted line of Implements, such as are wanted now, also Peter Schuttler and Fort Smith Wagons, and our prices will always be found in line when it comes to figuring on dependable goods. A complete line of Cook-Stoves and Heaters to select from.

### Call and See Us

for anything in the Hardware line, you will find the goods here and prices as low as can consistently be made for the class of goods offered. Will appreciate your trade and strive to merit same.

# Crown Hardware Co.

## SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Caleb Parker Warren and Mary Ann Harkrider were married in El Paso, White county, Arkansas, December 6th, 1865, just 50 years ago, and their children, Mrs. George L. Paxton and Mrs. Mattie Warren Paxton, gave them a most delightful banquet and reception on this, their 50th anniversary. No one to see them, would ever guess that they had been married that long, for there is not a better preserved couple, a couple who looks younger for their age, than this one.

And Providence has not only been good to them in the matter of health and vigor, but he has given them every other kind of prosperity. They have brought up five children to the age of manhood and womanhood, one son and four daughters. They are Mr. Thomas J. Warren, a banker at Merkel, Texas. Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, wife of one of Abilene's best citizens; Mrs. Una Darr, who makes her home with her parents; Mrs. Lee Scarborough, whose husband is president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Eugene Wood, the wife of a prominent and deservedly popular real estate man in Abilene. They have never lost a child. Was ever a couple more blessed in their children?—Monday's Abilene Reporter.

This golden wedding anniversary

was attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren of this city.

Last Thursday evening Miss Beatrice Nediver entertained a few friends at the home of her sisters, Mrs. J. B. Shannon. Forty-two, bunco and various other games were enjoyable features. Fruit was served during the games. At the conclusion hot chocolate with marshmallows and cakes were served to Misses Charlie Bell Thomas, Dorothy and Virgie Duckett, Josie Smith, Messrs Claude Jinkens, Homer Laney, Robert Rainbolt, Stanley King, Dewie Brown, Loring Hamblet and the hostess.

Tuesday afternoon, December 7, 1915, Mrs. Alice Templeton entertained at her home on Oak street in honor of her little niece, Mildred Harrison, who celebrated her eleventh birthday. Music and outdoor games were the diversions for this happy occasion. Punch and cake were served to the little maidens who were: Misses Maurine Cobb, Maurine Angus, Dorothy Armstrong, Lillie Pratt Sears, Helen Powell, Ona Fae Bland, Johnnie Sears, Charsley Armstrong, Hazel Harkrider, Lola Dennis, Ona Faye Rose, Lorena Frazier, Thelma Armstrong, Frances Powell, Ruby Harris, Mary Parten, Mary Rogers, Mesdames Jack Graves, M. H. Morris, Alice Templeton and Mrs. E. W. Perminter.

Thursday afternoon the members of the 20th Century Club held a delightful business and social meeting with Mrs. E. L. Woodroof at her home on Austin

street. A very interesting Shakesperian lesson was conducted by the hostess, Mrs. Ben T. Merritt read "The Pumpkin" (Whittier). Delightful refreshments were served. The meeting next week will be with Mrs. R. A. Martin on Travis street.

### Wedding Announcement

Mr. W. F. Hamblet announces the engagement of his daughter Virginia to Mr. Robert Eugene Tarver of Water Valley, Miss. The marriage will take place at the Methodist Church December 28th at 8: p. m. No formal announcements will be issued. Friends of the family are cordially invited to be present.

### Peterson-Stanford

Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, Mr. Charley Peterson and Miss Lela Stanford were married at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. L. B. Owen officiating in the sacred marriage ceremony, which was witnessed by a few special friends and the immediate members of the families.

The bride, a daughter of W. E. Stanford, is a young woman of charming personality. The groom is a well and popular young farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are receiving the best wishes and congratulations of their many friends. After January, 1916, they will be at home nine miles west of Merkel.

Shipped here by express yesterday. A new lot of Johnstons box candies at the Elite.

All the latest books in fiction. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

### Graves-Emmons

Mr. George D. Graves and Miss Beulah Emmons were very quietly married Thursday, December 2, at 4:30 p. m., at Abilene. Rev. J. H. Meade (pastor of the South Side Christian Church) officiated. Only the relatives and most intimate friends being present.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Graves left on train No. 3 for this city, where they will reside at the Daniels residence.

The bride was married in an African brown coat suit with black fur trimming, hat, shoes and gloves to match.

The groom is at present associated with the Grimes Drug Store in the pharmaceutical department.

### Burchell-Martin

Thursday evening of last week Mr. George Burchell and Miss Lula Martin both popular young people of the Canyon country were married at the Collins House in this city.

Rev. L. B. Owen performed the ceremony which was witnessed by guests of the hotel and the host and hostess who are old friends of the contracting parties.

### Woodmen Circle

Tuesday afternoon the Woodmen Circle entertained in honor of Grand District Deputy Mrs. Thomas of Fort Worth. Merkel, Trent, Blair and Stith Groves were represented. Mrs. Thomas drilled the Groves in special floor work and made some very interesting talks which were highly appreciated by all, as was her report from the Supreme Lodge.

Hot chocolate, cakes, fruit salad and crackers were served to about fifty.

Mrs. Thomas departed Wednesday on T. & P. train No. 4 for Abilene after expressing herself as having highly enjoyed her visit to the Merkel Grove.

Press Reporter.

### To Preach Sunday.

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Christian church next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:00 p. m. All are invited to attend these services.

Full line climated nursery stock. Pecan trees 15 cents and up. Send for price list. Clyde Nursery, Clyde, Texas. 10t4

Let Wetzel cut your boys hair price 15 cents, all work guaranteed. Coats building.

### TAKE IT IN TIME

Just as Scores of Merkel People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect kidney backache, Urinary troubles often follow. Doan's Kidney Pills are for kidney backache, and for other kidney ills. Merkel citizens endorse them.

Mrs. M. L. Ash, Kent St., Merk says: "I gave Doan's Kidney Pills to younger member of my family not long ago and there has been no complaint since. The patient was never strong and healthy and always suffered from a bad backache. The kidneys were weak and acted irregularly. Four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured all trouble."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney pills—the same that Mrs. Ask recommends. Foster-Milbur Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Returns From Mexico

Ed Teaff returned Tuesday afternoon from a three week business trip in Arizona, N. Mexico and Old Mexico, having disposed of a shipment of ho belonging to himself and other parties.

Buy bread checks from the Pure Food Bakery and save money. 3 ten cent checks for 25cts. N. Hancock, prop.



The Store of Practical and Inexpensive

Christmas Gifts



### OUR HOUSE IS FULL TO OVER RUNNING IN EVERYTHING FOR THE SENSIBLE HOLIDAY

gifts, and as we have enjoyed a splendid season in all lines we are now willing to sacrifice our profits for the next 20 days before invoicing our mammoth stock in order to reduce stock to something like minimum. Already we have gone far over our mark in sales and with the wonderful increase in business we are having, we are prepared better than ever to have what the people want when they want it, and at the right price.

We are offering everything in our Ladies' Men's and Children's Ready-to-Wear at extremely Low Prices  
Everything marked in plain figures and at prices that will be compelled to move the goods

Don't overlook the fact, also, that we are carrying the largest and most complete line of Groceries, Hardware, Buggies, Wagons, Implements and Automobiles to be found in this part of the country and at extremely low prices for the Holiday trade

### ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS UNTIL XMAS



And only a limited number of ladies Suits left. As we have enjoyed a splendid sale on these suits we are going to offer what we have left at the following big reductions to close out as we will absolutely not carry over a single suit

In this lot we are going to offer anything in the house suits as high as \$27.50 to close at your choice	\$15.00
\$20.00 and 22.50 suits	\$13.95
\$17.50 and 18.50 suits	\$12.95
\$15.00 and 16.50 suits	\$10.95
\$12.50 and 13.50 suits	\$8.95
\$10.00 suits	\$6.95

As we have only about 25 suits left it will pay you to be on hand early and take your choice of these wonderful suit values, as they will absolutely be sold regardless of cost to us.

### LET US SUIT YOU IN OUR \$15.00 SUIT SPECIALS

#### Big Values in Men's Overcoats and Rain Coats

Our regular \$12.50 overcoats in brown and gray mixed colors, only	\$8.95
Our regular \$10.00 Men's overcoats in brown, blue and gray mixed colors, only	\$6.95
Our regular \$8.50 and \$7.50 men's overcoats in brown and gray mixed colors, only	\$5.95



Boys' and men's mackinaws at one-fourth off.

Men's suits ranging in price from \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00 all go in.  
**OUR \$15.00 SPECIALS**  
25 per cent discount on boys' Knee Pant Suits

### SHOES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, ETC.

Mens, Ladies and Childrens Shoes. All the new styles in shoes—in patent, kid, kangaroo, gun metal and soft kid. Our line is complete and you will have no trouble in finding just what you want in our shoe department with Prices Greatly Reduced.

Mens 5.00 grade best Australian Kangaroo in Button and lace, only \$4.15

Mens 5.00 gun metal and russian calf, English model and button, only 4.15

Our regular 4.50 and 4.00 mens shoes in gun metal, Russia calf and soft kid, only 3.49

Our regular 3.50 mens gun metal but. and lace 2.85

Our regular 3.00 mens gun metal, dress and scout work shoes, only 2.49

See our 2.50 Special work shoe for men.

Everything in our ladies and childrens shoe stock.

Nothing but the newest shoes to offer.

Our regular 4.00 ladies pat. kid with cloth top in button or lace, only \$3.25

Our regular 3.00 ladies patent kid with cloth top, lace or button, only 2.49

Our regular 3.00 soft kid for old ladies 2.49

Our regular 2.50 ladies and misses gun metal button, only 2.19

Big reduction in childrens shoes, while space forbids us to quote here. But come and see for yourself.

Mens work pants, blue demin Overalls, Shirts, Underwear at prices under wholesale market today.

One special lot mens blue demin overalls, regular 1.00 grade, full size garments only .79c

One lot mens kakhai pants, regular 1.00 grade .79c

One lot mens kakhai pants, regular 1.50 grade \$1.20

### SHIRTS, UNION SUITS, BLANKETS, ETC.

One lot mens regular 50c blue work shirts, full sizes 39c

One lot mens 50c knit underwear, only 37c

One lot mens knit union suits, reg. 1.00 grade .75c

One lot mens knit union suits, regular 1.25 and 1.50 grade, only .99c

Mens gray sox, regular 10c values, 4 pair for .25c

Mens 5c handkerchiefs, special value, 2 for 5c

Mens 10c linen handkerchiefs, 4 for .25c

Exceptional values in woolen and cotton blankets. \$5.00 and 5.50 woolen blankets in pretty plaids at the remarkable low price of \$3.95

\$4.00 and 4.50 woolen and cotton mixed blankets in plaids and solid colors at only 3.35

3.50 Wool knap blankets in plaids and solid colors 2.85

1.75 and 2.00 cotton blankets, only 1.45

One lot extra good 1.25 blankets, only 95c

One lot regular 25c towels, special 2 pair for .25c

Regular 50c bleach bath towels, only .41c

Regular 25c bleach bath towels, only .19c

Best grade cotton outing in solid and plaid colors, only per yard .9c

One special lot regular 10c outing in light colors, limited amount, only per yard .7c

Regular 10c chevits in solid and mixed colors .7c

Regular 20c best A. C. A. feather tick, only .16c

Regular 15c feather tick, only .12c

Regular 10c cotton mattress tick, only .7c

Best grade 10-4 bleach sheeting at .25c

Best grade 9-4 bleach sheeting at .2c

### SUITABLE HOLIDAY GIFTS

See our beautiful assortment of Ladies Handkerchiefs in crepe, linen, lawn, etc., from

2 1-2c TO 50c



### Something That can be Enjoyed all Winter

No more suitable gift for the boy than a new Gun. We have them in stock from 3.50, 5.00, 6.50, 7.50, 10.00, 12.50 and on up to \$35.00

When the game is plentiful, buy the boy a Gun and let him enjoy life.

A large line of ammunition in any sizes desired. Special prices made by the case for Christmas.

### Buy Your Groceries Early and Save the Advance Which is Sure to Follow HOLIDAYS.

By our lucky buying ahead we are still in position to offer some extremely low prices in food products but can't promise to maintain these prices very long.

100 lbs. best Light Crust Flour only	\$3.2c
One 25-lb. sack Eagle Brand Sugar, only	1.50
One 35-lb. sack best Pearl Meal, only	.60
One 10-lb. bucket Lard Compound, only	1.10
One 25-lb. box choice dry peaches, only	1.75
12 cans good corn, only	.90
12 cans good salmons	.90
12 cans good 2-lb. tomatoes, only	.90
5 lbs. Arbuckle coffee, only	.95
5 lbs. good Peaberry coffe, only	.95

We will have a large assortment of Christmas groceries, as such fresh apples, oranges, candies, etc. and can most assuredly please you.

EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS AT

# The Anchor Mercantile Co.

**NOODLE**

Mrs. W. C. Thompson spent the past week J. E. Jones and family of Shiloh.

W. L. Barbee and Jim Cook spent Friday and Saturday in Anson.

Rev. Gaddis of Trent filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Henry Eason spent Saturday in Abilene.

Miss Bertha Ely who is attending school in Abilene spent Saturday and Sunday with home-folks.

Mrs. Richards spent Saturday in Abilene visiting her son, Luther, who is attending school at that place.

Claud Rosson was in Anson Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Nell Ward of Trent spent the past two weeks in our community the guests of her sister, Mrs. Dock Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Derrick was shopping in Merkel last Saturday.

Maud Ferguson spent Saturday and Sunday with her folks at Merkel.

The farmers are very proud of their shower. They say it will greatly benefit the small grain.

**For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.**

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all dealers.

**Alcohol as a Remover**

A recent exchange says that alcohol will remove grass stains from summer clothes. The exchange is right. It will remove the clothes. It will remove the spring and winter clothes. It will remove the clothes from the man who it, but from his wife and children. It will remove house furniture from his home and the pansy. It will remove carpets from his floors and coverings from the beds of his babies sleep. It will remove smiles from the face of life and laughter from the eyes of his little ones. As a remover of things, alcohol has no equals.—Home and State.

**Store Burglarized**

Tuesday night burglars came into Boydstuns store at this place by breaking the plate glass in one of the rear doors. They took pairs of shoes, some clothing, a number of knives and thousands of target cartridges were taken.—Clyde Enterprise.

**Killed a Bear and Two Cubs**

Messrs H. H. Jones and Mr. Mack went up into the Davis Mountains Thanksgiving Day on a bear hunt, returning Sunday and report that they killed a big bear and two cubs.—Pecos Times.

**A New Plumber**

When your water pipes need a phone me at the H. M. shop. I am experienced in plumbing and quick service. E. T. 10t3pd.

Take a picture of the old home one to the boy that's far away. Let him see the spots that were dear to him in childhood. Do this with an Eastman Kodak and it will be true and he'll want to come home. A new of Kodaks now on hand at E. M. Rusts.

**A Tip**

Say! If you want any special Xmas present, just see "Mack" he will see that Santa Clause gets the news.

**Pedigreed Pigs for Sale**

reed Duroc pigs for sale \$5.00 if you get them this month. J. T. Warren.

**Rooms for Rent.**

Three or four nice rooms, electric lighted, convenient and clean. F. J. Smith. 10t2pd

**FREE Hoosier Beauty**

**Equal to any \$50.00 Cabinet**

This famous cabinet will be given without any strings whatever to some women.

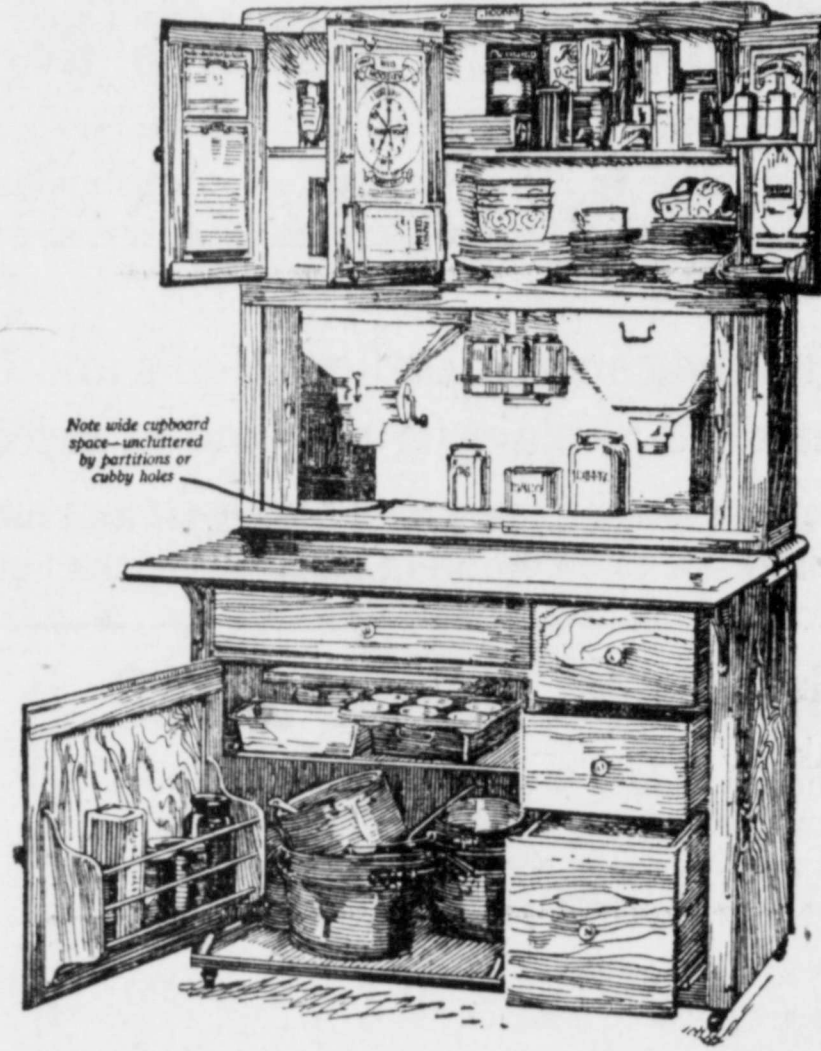
**GET A COUPON SATURDAY MORNING December 11**

Every women in the Merkel Country is invited to come in the week and share this opportunity. Given away at

**10.30 A. M.**

Be at the store and Win This Celebrated Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet

No strings to this offer. The cabinet will be awarded whether you purchase anything or not.



This is "HOOSIER BEAUTY" THE NATIONAL STEP SAVER This is the FREE HOOSIER CABINET Awarded Gold Medal at San Francisco

**No Guessing---No work to do**

See also the GREAT HOOSIER WONDER, another new Hoosier that is taking the county by storm. If you want to buy a Hoosier this week, you can have one delivered on the famous club plan. If you buy one and then win the FREE HOOSIER, your money will be refunded, but you won't be asked to buy and you have an even chance at the FREE HOOSIER, whether you buy or not.

**Behrens-McMillen Company**

"MACK"

**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 equalled 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.



**MEN'S SHIRT FRONTS**

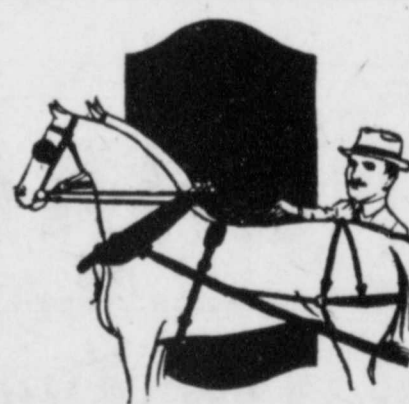
cannot be done up at home properly and not at all laundries. There is a knack about such work that every one does not possess. We flatter ourselves that we have the "know how." Lots of men evidently think so too for they send us their linen regularly. Why don't you send yours for a trial any way.

SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY DUDLEY & MARTIN, Agents, Merkel Phone No. 194

Heflin Bros. Produce Co., pays more for chickens, eggs and ducks than any house in Merkel. Located on front street in Coats building. 10t1.

Lost: Auto hood for Ford. Finder please return to J. E. Bryson, Noodle

Nunnally's and Adolphus famous candies at Burroughs.



**ANYTHING BROKE ABOUT YOUR HARNESS?**

If there is, take it to J. A. Brown, the harness and shoe repair man and have it fixed anew. In The Crenshaw Bldg.

Xmas Boxes, seals, tags, Xmas and new year Post cards and ribbons all now on display at Mrs. E. M. Rusts.

Remember 8-0, the Bob Martin Gro., Co., for prompt and efficient service.

C. E. Jacobs of Tye Route 1 returned Saturday morning from a business trip to Dallas.

Our Baker Boy flour, sold only by Bob Martin Gro., Co.

The leading brand of fresh cigars at Burroughs.

You will loose money if you fail to read J. A. Duckett's ad in this issue.

Hurley Toombs of the Canyon was in town Tuesday attending to business matter, it being too wet out his way for him to stay in his field.

Give a conklin self-filling pen it makes one of the nicest and most appreciated gifts to men. A new stock and good assortments at Mrs. E. M. Rusts.

Mrs. J. H. Camp bell returned Tuesday afternoon from Weatherford, having visited her sister Mrs. Moody of that place.

Have you seen that \$1.15 in J. A. Duckett's show window for only 25 cents.

Mrs. H. C. Williams is at home from a visit with her son O. W. Williams and family of Fort Worth.

Be sure and see that \$1.25 sleeping doll at J. A. Duckett's for only 25 cents. Wonders will never cease.

We will be glad to show you anything in our store any-time. We want you to see what we have. Burroughs.

**SOCIAL**

Kid gloves clean "Buy it before Mack."

Miss Beulah Burkett visited Abilene Sunday.

Send the boys to Wetzels school 10 and 15 cents.

"Buy it before Xmas of Mack."

Why not candy from Burroughs? It's better.

Robert Bauleh of Midland visited friends here Sunday.

I thank you for your patronage. Wetzel.

Miss Blanch Walker of Abilene is here visiting her sister Mrs. E. Hall.

Cleaning and pressing delivered on time by Owen. Phone 194.

Ladies have your Fur set cleaned by Owen. Phone 194.

Mr. M. A. Warren is in Colorado visiting her niece Mrs. McMurry.

Suits from \$10.00 up made to measure at Owens.

Stop barking, use cough syrup from Burroughs.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter returned Monday afternoon from a visit with friends at Plainview.

Have your old hat made new at Owens. Phone 194.

W. P. Sandlin of Reese is here spending the holidays with his mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Better than mistle toe. A box of Nunnally's from Burroughs.

Did you get your Broom? Good ones only 15c at J. A. Ducketts.

Mrs. Arthur Clark was in Abilene the first of the week visiting relatives.

Dont fail to read J. A. Ducketts in this paper.

Hibernate in Merkel's favorite Drug Store. Burroughs.

Mrs. Leonard Spblett returned home Tuesday afternoon following a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Christopher at Abilene.

Do not buy that Christmas jewelery until you have inspected our complete and fair priced line. Burroughs.

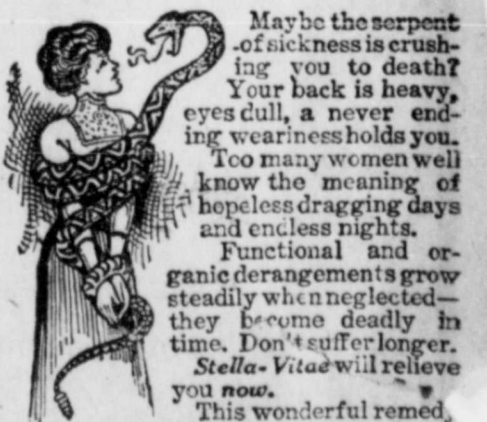
Our Baker Boy flour, sold only by Bob Martin Gro., Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lassell Spring Valley, Minn., have returned to their home after a weeks visit with their daughter Mrs. W. B. Foster.

J. A. Duckett says business good. No wonder! look at prices he is making.

**DOES DANGER THREATEN YOU?**

**Are You in the Coils of Disease?**



Maybe the serpent of sickness is crushing you to death? Your back is heavy, eyes dull, a never ending weariness holds you. Too many women will know the meaning of hopeless dragging days and endless nights. Functional and organic derangements grow steadily when neglected—they become deadly in time. Don't suffer longer. Stella-Vitae will relieve you now. This wonderful remedy is the guaranteed finished work of a lifetime of a distinguished physician who gave the best years of his study to its perfection. Stella-Vitae is a life-giving tonic guaranteed by every dealer who sells it. Whenever a bottle fails to benefit you, the dealer cheerfully refunds every penny it cost you. It is perfectly harmless—healing and health in every drop. Thousands of well women all over the South testify to its wonderful properties. Shake off the serpent. Get well. Begin today. Get a bottle of Stella-Vitae, the guaranteed-to-benefit remedy. Your dealer sells it in \$1 bottles. Thayer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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OPATHIC PHYSICIAN

Warstaff Bldg., Pine St.  
OFFICES: 9-12 and 2-5  
Office 123-Residence 233  
Texas 264pd

**I. O. W.**

Cap No. 719 meets  
1st and 4th Friday nights  
at 8 o'clock

W. L. Elliott, C. C.  
Hamilton, Clerk

**ASVONDER.**

Welder cures kidney troubles, diabetes, weak circulation, rheumatism and kidney stones. Both men and women suffer from bladder troubles. Not sold by mail. Will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.



**most Like a  
Ice-to-Face  
Chat**

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business and had left his wife at home on the farm with no company, except a small dog. She was not alone for each day her husband called up for a few minutes' chat by long distance, Bell Telephone.

you a Telephone  
and to the Bell

tern Tel. & Tel. Co.

Need a General Tonic  
Use Grove's Tasteless  
Standard Tasteless  
equally valuable as a  
because it contains the  
properties of QUININE  
acts on the Liver, Drives  
riches the Blood and  
is System. 50 cents



# Holiday Gifts

**SOMETHING  
USEFUL**

**As Well as Acceptable**

## FOR THE LADIES

Ladies' Sweaters Children's Sweaters  
Christmas Hdks. Indian Moccasins  
Silk Hose House Shoes  
Kimono Silk, Crepe

## FOR THE MEN

Hdks. in Boxes Xmas Tie in Box  
Xmas Suspenders Silk Half Hose  
Cuff Buttons Stick Pins  
Tie Clasps--Gloves

**If you want to treat yourself or a friend to a new overcoat we have it, and to clean up the rest of ladies' coats we have cut the price way-down.**

## CLEAN-UP PRICES ON ALL CLOTHING

Men's \$17.50 Suits now cut to	<b>\$12.50</b>	Boys' \$6.50 Suits now cut to	<b>5.00</b>
Men's \$15.00 Suits now cut to	<b>10.50</b>	Boys' \$4.50 Suits now cut to	<b>3.75</b>
Men's \$12.50 Suits now cut to	<b>9.25</b>	Boys' \$3.50 Suits now cut to	<b>2.50</b>
Boys' \$7.50 Suits now cut to	<b>6.00</b>	Boys' \$2.50 Suits now cut to	<b>1.75</b>

**Prices that really are cut down. Plenty of heavy SHOES for the mud. EVERYTHING you want at THE TIME you want it.**

# J. P. SHARP & SON

**The House That Gives You More For Your Money**



## DIRTY COAL

is dear coal. It contains much matter that isn't fuel at all. Buy clean coal such as we sell exclusively and you'll not alone have better heat, but will have a cleaner house and save money on your fuel bills besides.

**H. M. WARREN**

### A Money-Maker and Soil-BUILDER

Thousands of cars of lima, pink and navy beans, as well as black-eye peas are shipped yearly from California, returning to the west cost millions of dollars of outside money.

And strange as it may seem considering the millions of Texas acres adapted to their growth, a large proportion of these things come to Texas, costing the Texas Consumer all the way from five to seven dollars per bushel.

And beside the value in beans and peas, the bean and the pea straw has come to be regarded as of great value in a fattening ration for meat stock. Hence it would seem that our farmers, in working into diversified farming which they are doing, should not overlook the money-making soil-building scheme of beans and peas which

to a twenty inch rainfall.

R. R. Claridge,  
Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry.  
Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

### For that Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. For sale by all dealers.

### Will Get 10,000 Bales

Abilene will get over ten thousand bales of 1915 cotton, according to Public Weigher E. J. Ellison. He has already weighed 7,000 bales, while the Farmers' Warehouse has handled over 2,000. The staple came in at the rate of fifty bales a day.

is a surprise in most circles, now being thought that the total will reach 35,000, ten thousand more than was estimated early in the season. Mr. Ellison now has 3,200 bales on the local yards.—Abilene Reporter.

### Why You Should Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Because it has an established reputation won by its good works. Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities. Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic. Because it is within the reach of all. It only cost a quarter. For sale by all dealers.

Invigorating to the Weak and Sickly  
The Old Standard general  
GROVE'S TASTELESS

## AN URGENT CALL

The Texas Department of agriculture realizing the enormous damage done to crops, pastures and trees by destructive rodents, birds and other animals, is endeavoring to launch a campaign by which to stop the pestilence sustained.

Knowing the importance of such action in such animals, I call to County Commissioners, Station Agents, men, merchants and business men to meet at Texas, on Friday, December 10, at 10:00 A. M., for the purpose of formulating such plans which ravens, prairie dogs, rabbits and other animals controlled more economically to the best advantage.

The area now known to be most seriously infested by the noxious animals extends from Eastland county West to the Pecos river, and from Tom Green county to Lubbock county. It is estimated that the damage done in this area ranges from two to sixty thousand dollars per annum.

Your county being in the infested area and probably suffering from the devastation of these pests makes it for us to have your cooperation in this work.

Prompt action should be taken by all concerned and I respectfully urge your presence at this meeting, as many farmers and other interested men as you can bring you as you can get to come let us work out a co-operative plan by which we can greatly reduce these pests over a large area at one time. Fred W. Davis, Com. of Agriculture

### Owens Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach troubles. I took three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and have since been in perfect health." For sale by all dealers.

### Haskell Woman

Haskell, Dec. 7—Mr. Peavy, wife of a prominent citizen, was dangerously wounded by a shot gun yesterday at the hour of four o'clock. She is a sister of Sheriff Allen's wife of this county.

Mrs. Peavy is a mute, but before she became unconscious she dedicated to her husband that she was shot by a neighbor's boy about fourteen years of age.

The attendant physicians entertain no hopes of her recovery. Particulars of the shooting withheld by the office.

Later—Reports state Mrs. Peavy died of her wounds.

### Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. "Others are the same of opinion. For sale by all dealers."

### Advertised Letters.

Gardner, Mrs. Millie Hamilton, Elmer Harris, Witt G. Marvin & Potts McDaniel, Jno. (3) Price, Walter Quentin, H. C. Reaford, E. D. Roberts, Lorene Sigg, G. W. White, Charley Gallego, Eulalia Guerrero, Cencion These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 15. H. C. Williams, P. O. Merkel, Texas

### Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They should be troubled with indigestion. They only cost a quarter. For sale by all dealers.

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Mr. Jones had gone to  
the city on business  
for several days,  
and had left his wife  
on the farm with no com-  
panions, except a small  
dog. She was not lone-  
ly for each day her  
dog called up for a  
minutes' chat by  
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acts on the Liver, Drives  
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Men's \$17.50 Suits now cut to	<b>\$12.50</b>	Boys' \$6.50 Suits now cut to	<b>5.00</b>
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much matter that isn't  
fuel at all. Buy clean  
coal such as we sell ex-  
clusively and you'll not  
alone have better heat,  
but will have a cleaner  
house and save money on  
your fuel bills besides.

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**A Money-Maker and Soil-Builder**

Thousands of cars of lima, pink  
and navy beans, as well as black-  
eye peas are shipped yearly from  
California, returning to the west  
cost millions of dollars of outside  
money.

And strange as it may seem  
considering the millions of Texas  
acres adapted to their growth, a  
large proportion of these things  
come to Texas, costing the Texas  
Consumer all the way from five  
to seven dollars per bushel.

And beside the value in beans  
and peas, the bean and the pea  
straw has come to be regarded as  
of great value in a fattening  
ration for meat stock. Hence it  
would seem that our farmers, in  
working into diversified farming  
which they are doing, should not  
overlook the money-making soil-  
building scheme of beans and  
peas which

to a twenty inch rainfall.

R. R. Claridge,  
Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry.  
Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

**For that Dull Feeling After Eating.**

I have used Chamberlain's Tablets  
for some time, and can testify that they  
have done me more good than any  
tablets I have ever used. My trouble was  
a heavy dull feeling after eating.—  
David Freeman, Kempt, Nova Scotia.  
These tablets strengthen the stomach  
and improve the digestion. They also  
regulate the liver and bowels. They  
are far superior to pills but cost no  
more. For sale by all dealers.

**Will Get 10,000 Bales**

Abilene will get over ten thousand  
bales of 1915 cotton, according  
to Public Weigher E. J. El-  
lison. He has already weighed  
7,000 bales, while the Farmers'  
Warehouse has handled over  
2,000. The staple came in at the  
rate of fifty bales a

is a surprise in most circles, now  
being thought that the total will  
reach 35,000, ten thousand more  
than was estimated early in the  
season. Mr. Ellison now has 3,  
200 bales on the local yards.—  
Abilene Reporter.

**Why You Should Use Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy**

Because it has an established repa-  
tation won by its good works.  
Because it is most esteemed by those  
who have used it for many years, as  
occasion required, and are best acquain-  
ted with its good qualities.  
Because it loosens and relieves a cold  
and aids nature in restoring the system  
to a healthy condition.  
Because it does not contain opium or  
any other narcotic.  
Because it is within the reach of all.  
It only cost a quarter. For sale by all  
dealers.

**Invigorating to the Weak and Sickly**  
The Old Standard general  
GROVE'S TASTELESS  
is superior

**AN URGENT CALL**

The Texas Department of  
agriculture realizing the enorm-  
ous damage done to crops, pastu-  
res and trees by destructive roden-  
ts, birds and other animals, is  
endeavoring to launch a cam-  
paign by which to stop the  
devastation.

Knowing the  
certain action in  
such animals, I  
call to County  
Commissioners,  
Deputy Com-  
missioners, In-  
spection Agents,  
Farmers, mer-  
chants and other  
business men to  
meet at Sweet-  
water, Texas, on  
Friday, Decem-  
ber 10, at 10:00  
A. M., for the  
purpose of formu-  
lating such plan  
which ravens, prairie dogs,  
rabbits and other  
animals controlled  
more economical  
to the best advantage.

The area now known to  
be most seriously infested by  
these noxious animals extends  
from Eastland county West to  
the Pecos river, and from Tom  
Green county to Lubbock county.  
It is estimated that the damage  
done in this area ranges from  
twenty to sixty thousand dollars  
per annum.

Your county being in the  
infested area and probably  
suffering from the devastation  
of these pests makes it  
for us to have your co-  
operation in this work.

Prompt action should  
be taken by all concerned and  
I respectfully urge your  
presence at this meeting.  
As many farmers and other  
interested men as you can  
bring you as you can get to  
come let us work out a co-  
operative plan by which we  
can greatly reduce these pests  
over a large area at one time.  
Fred W. Davis  
Com. of Agriculture

**Owens Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets**

"I owe my good health  
to Chamberlain's Tablets,"  
writes M. Crookston, Ohio.  
"I was an invalid due to  
stomach troubles. I took  
three bottles of the  
and have since been in  
the best of health." For sale  
by all dealers.

**Haskell Woman Mortally Shot**

Haskell, Dec. 7.—Mrs. F.  
Peavy, wife of a prominent  
citizen, was dangerously wound-  
ed by a shot gun yesterday  
at the hour of four o'clock.  
She is a sister of Sheriff Allen's  
wife of this county.

Mrs. Peavy is a mute, but  
before she became uncon-  
scious indicated to her  
husband that she was  
shot by a neighbor's boy  
about fourteen years of age.

The attendant physicians  
entertain no hopes of her  
recovery. Particulars of the  
shoot will be withheld by  
the office.

Later—Reports state  
Mrs. Peavy died of her  
wounds.

**Bear This in Mind.**

"I consider Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy by far the best  
medicine in the market for  
colds and croup," says  
Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio.  
Others are of the same opinion.  
For sale by all dealers.

**Advertised Letters.**

Gardner, Mrs. Millie  
Hamilton, Elmer  
Harris, Witt G.  
Marvin & Potts  
McDaniel, Jno. (3)  
Price, Walter  
Quentin, H. C.  
Reaford, E. D.  
Roberts, Lorene  
Sigg, G. W.  
White, Charley  
Gallego, Eulalia  
Guerrero, Cencion  
These letters will be  
sent to the dead letter office  
Dec. 10.  
H. C. Williams, P.  
Merkel, Texas

**Laughter Aids Digestion.**

Laughter is one of the most  
healthful exertions; it is of  
great help to digestion.  
A still more effectual help  
is the use of Chamberlain's  
Tablets. Those who should  
be troubled with indigestion  
should take a trial. They  
only cost a quarter. For sale  
by all dealers.