

THE MERKEL MAIL

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Miss Maude Jenkins age
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rvices were held at
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3.00 o'clock Rev. W.
conducting the serv-
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in Rose Hill Cemetery,
s of friends are jointly
g the deepest sympathy
eaved mother and fam-
of the saddest hours
n their lives.

A Friend.

BODEN DIES SDAY MORNING

Thursday morn-
G. B. Boden
and honored citizen
ounced.
Boden came to Merkel in
Tennessee and enjoyed
our midst until some
s ago, when he received
in a fall while visiting
and friends in his home.
He returned soon after
er fully recovered from
ries. During the past few
and especially the last
e has been very low and
was expected at any mo-
He was eighty one years
and is survived by five
n. Messrs. Oliver, Walter,
and Hurley Boden all of
ace and Mesdames H. E.
r and J. F. Abernathy of
and Trent.
he time this was published
eneral arrangements had
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burial services in Rose Hill
ery the hour not having
elected.

Pure Seed For Planting

e dwarf cane seed, pure
cap, white kaffir seed and
warf red maize for sale at
f. o. b. Floyd-
les are on dis-
Mail office
orders to Earl
Texas, Route
31 t4pd.

Miss Laura Sprague, who has
been connected with the firm of
Woodroof Bros., in charge of
their millinery department, is
spending the holidays in Indi-
anapolis with friends and rela-
tives.

YOUNG GIRL DIES IN AUTO MISHAP

Moran, Dec. 27.—A speeding
car driven by Miss Myra Huskey,
15, dashed into a small sand bed
just out of Moran Sunday after-
noon at 4:10 o'clock, turned tur-
tle twice, hurling all the occu-
pants from the car except the
driver who was held in by the
steering wheel and instantly killed
by a large file which flew
from the tool box.

The file was driven, point first,
through the girl's head. Enter-
ing the head near the base of the
brain on the right side, it pen-
etrated to a point just over the
left eye, extending through.

In the car with her were her
little brother, 12; Stella Rudder,
16, and Homer Mahan, 8. They
were going on a joy ride, when
Myra, who was in the habit of
running the car, exclaimed,
"This is a fine road, I will show
you what a fine driver I am."
She put the car at full speed.
Mr. Eugene Hooper and Miss
Mabel Brooks were walking just
ahead of them, and barely had
time to get out of the way. Fifty
yards beyond them was the sand
bed where the front wheels be-
gan zigzagging, and almost in-
stantly the awful tragedy was
enacted. Miss Mabel Brooks
pulled the file from the dead
girl's head.

KANSAS CONVICTS MUTINY AND FIGHT

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 29.—
Convicts mutinied yesterday in
the coal mine operated at the
Kansas state penitentiary. Fifty
ringleaders are in solitary con-
finement today. The mine was
opened as usual this morning,
but a number of trustees were
sent down the shaft. The men
demanded better food.

J. K. Coddling, recently ap-
pointed warden of the prison,
said today he believed most of
the 300 convicts in the mine yester-
day were aware of the planned
demonstration. Officials
learned of it, however, only after
the descent of Prof. R. L. Grider
of the mining and engineering
school at the University of Kan-
sas and a party of twelve from
the University on a trip of in-
spection.

As soon as the cage stopped at
the bottom of the mine a com-
mittee of prisoners separated the
visitors and took Prof. Grider to
the mine stables, where twelve
of the prison guards already had
been imprisoned by the miners.

At different points in the mine
prisoners held the other six
guards at bay with mine picks,
threatening them with death if
they made an outcry. The pris-
oners had overpowered the
guards one by one, several con-
victs falling upon each at oppor-
tune moments. Then the guards
were hustled into the stables.

The convicts worked with the
greatest system and nothing was
known above ground about con-
ditions in the workings until
Prof. Grider induced the convicts
to permit the university party to
ascend. Then the story was
told Warden Coddling, and
o'clock prison officials agri-
meet a committee of pris-

MASONS GIVE BANQUET TO EIGHTY- SIX MEMBERS IN ANNUAL LOVE FEAST

Address of Rev. C. N. Hearon and Hon. J. M.
Wagstaff of Abilene Were Prominent on
The Programme Carried Out
During The Evening

No more auspicious fraternal occasion has been
held in Merkel lodges in many moons than was
solemnized the beginning of Christmas week when
the Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. M., banquetted
eighty-six members and visiting Masons at the
lodge rooms and in the Wheeler building.

After the conferring of a first degree was given
to one candidate a love feast in short talks
by various members and visitors was indulged in.
Following these heart-to-heart talks, the program
was concluded in the lodge room by an address
from Rev. C. N. Hearon. No more appropriate
short talk was ever made, no more enthusiasm
was ever shown by a fraternal organization than
was shown at this meeting. Each and every indi-
vidual virtually drank the words of Rev. Hearon,
so well adapted to the occasion and Masonry.
Thos. Johnson was among the first speakers of
the evening and opened the talks, and, in his own
words, "Cut his eagle loose for an hour or two in
the pleasant surrounding ethereal blue."

After the address of Rev. Hearon the lodge ad-
journed to the Wheeler building where plates were
spread for the entire attendance. Hon. J. M. Wag-
staff acted as toastmaster of the occasion and
closed the evening by a rapid fire address of ten
minutes duration.

Each and every member attending the love feast
spoke in glowing terms of the good feeling demon-
strated and all are looking forward to a time
when another such occasion may be possible.

In attendance of the meeting was Right Wor-
shipful Dist. Dep. Grand Master W. T. (Tom) St.
John of Abilene.

FIREMEN OF MERKEL TO BE BANQUETTED AT COLLINS HOUSE TONIGHT BY LADIES

A Token of Appreciation From the Ladies of
Merkel to the Members of the Merkel
Volunteer Fire Department for
Past Services Rendered

Tomato soup with olives, curled celery, cranber-
ry sauce, boiled ham, muscadine punch, lettuce
and apple salad, ambrosia, cake and coffee are en-
tered on the menu-program for the banquet to be
held at the Collins House tonight, Friday, Dec. 31,
in honor of the members of the Merkel Volunteer
Fire Department, for the work they have done in
the past.

On the program the name of H. M. Morris ap-
pears as toastmaster and Rev. A. A. Baker as
chaplain. A welcome address by Thos. Johnson,
piano solo, Miss Hill; solo by Miss Mims; reading,
Mrs. J. L. Gilliland; violin solo, Miss Hill; reading,
Miss Pearl Gilliland.

The Department will be represented in short
talks by Parker Sharp, Chief Ferrier and H. L.
Easterwood in subjects assigned, "Its Past," "Its
Present" and "Its Future."

Assisting the hostess of the Collins House on
the occasion will be many of the city. Invi-
tations have been sent to about seventy-

Mrs. John Elliott of San An-
tonio left Tuesday night for her
home, having spent Christmas
here with friends. Mrs. Elliott
formerly lived here for years and
has numerous friends who wel-
comed her return.

TRAINS HIT THREE PERSONS ALL DEAD

Temple, Dec. 28.—Three men
were killed in a disastrous head-
on collision on the Santa Fe at 5-
38 p. m. today at mile post 110,
four miles west of Mullen, Mills
County.

The dead are:
E. B. CARPENTER, engineer.
A. R. SAINT, fireman.
C. T. MATELY, brakeman.

All of the foregoing lived at
Temple. Mately was killed out-
right, the others succumbing to
their injuries later. The engi-
neer was married and leaves a wife
and three children. Saint and
Mately were unmarried. The
three men were part of the crew
on extra 768, in charge of Con-
ductor Britton, which left Temple
today at 1:30 p. m. Orders had
been issued for it to meet a south-
bound train of the same class at
Mullen, but some reason orders
apparently were not delivered,
with the result the two trains
crashed together with terrific
impact, both engines overturned
and fifteen cars going into the
ditch.

Engineer T. C. Brown and the
fireman on the southbound train
jumped in time to save their lives,
being but slightly injured.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR TEXAS & PACIFIC

Dallas, Dec. 27.—Receivership
for the Texas & Pacific Railway
Company was asked in a petition
filed here today by the Bankers
Trust Company of New York,
through their local attorneys.
Default in payment of interest
on bonds is alleged.

Hearing of the case was set
for Jan. 31, by Judge E. R. Meek
in United States court for the
Northern district of Texas.

Attorney for the railroad served
notice that they would contest
the receivership. The Petition
also included the New Orleans
Railway Company, a Texas &
Pacific property. The petition
alleged default on interest and
principal of \$14,000,000 second
mortgage bonds, issued originally
in 1888 for \$25,000,000 and since
reduced. George J. Gould is
chairman of the Texas & Pacific,
which operates mainly in Louisi-
ana, Texas and Arkansas.

The complaint alleges diversion
of funds after the payment of all
operating expenses of the road,
and asks a full recounting of
funds expended, a revision of ac-
counts in their favor, a foreclo-
sure and sale of all properties
mentioned under their second
mortgage, from which they want
payment of their claims.

The Texas & Pacific railway
operates under Federal charter.
The road was constructed in the
seventies, and its main lines ex-
tend from New Orleans to El
Paso. Officials of the road here
said the filling of the suit was a
complete surprise to them.

Nine railroads already are in
receivership, as follows:
Missouri, Kansas & Texas.
St. Louis & San Francisco.
Trinity & Brazos Valley.
Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf.
International & Great Northern
San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf.
Rio Grande.

PASSENGER TRAIN RUNS INTO FREIGHT

A disastrous wreck occurred
Thursday morning in the east
end of the T & P Yards, when
the first section of No 5, passen-
ger train crashed into a freight
train, which was standing on the
main track. The accident hap-
pened about 7 o'clock. The
freight train which had entered
the yard about fifteen minutes
before, was waiting to clear into
some of the side tracks for the
expected passenger. From re-
ports it is learned that No. 5
came into the collision fourteen
minutes ahead of her regular
scheduled time.

From the tremendous impact
of the moving passenger train
the caboose of the freight
train was practically split into,
the stove in the caboose was smashed
and soon the wreck was in a
mass of flames. Quickly the
flames spread to the next two
cars, also wrecked, containing
railroad ties. The flat cars were
completely destroyed.

W. A. Gilmore, brakeman on
the passenger, suffered injuries
on the arm and body; Brakeman
McSwain was injured internally;
Fireman Frank Waldron was re-
ported hurt. Many of the pass-
engers were considerably shaken
up and bruised, a Mr. Teague of
Sweetwater having received a
broken nose.

A strong force of railroad em-
ployees were rushed to the
scene of the wreck and the work
of clearing the track was rapidly
pushed. Owing to the scattered
railroad ties and the demolished
cars being on the main line, it
was difficult to get to the debris.
The wreck was cleared at 1.30.
All traffic was completely
stopped.

The local Fire department gave
valuable assistance, and respon-
ded promptly to the alarm and
had their chemical engine control
the blaze which at one time look-
ed very serious.—Sweetwater
Record.

JOHN H. VANCE IS FOR TAX ASSESSOR

The Mail is authorized to an-
nounce the candidacy of Jno. H.
Vance for the office of County
Tax Assessor subject to the
coming Democratic primary.

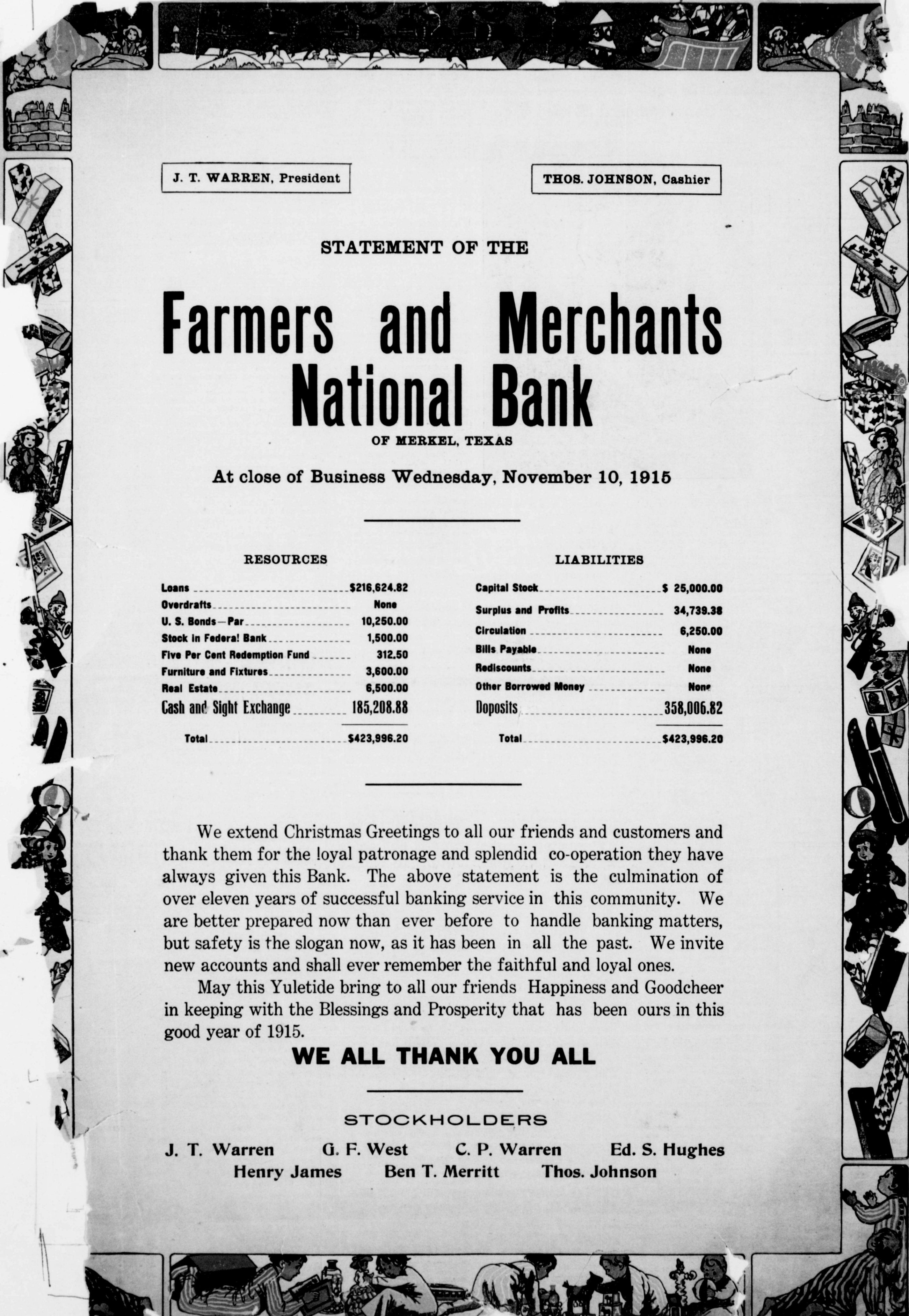
In speaking of his past record
the Abilene Reporter makes the
following comment on Mr. Vance
and his claims, which we submit
to our readers for their attention.

Mr. Vance has lived in Taylor
county for 13 years, residing at
Sambo five years, Moro five years
and Abilene three years. He is
one of our very best citizens and
promises the people of Taylor
county if they elect him Assessor
that the office will be adminis-
tered in a capable and satisfac-
tory manner. he made the race
in 1912 losing the nomination by
only 37 votes. Give his claim
careful consideration when you
come to cast your vote.

New Year Greetings To All

To one and all of our custom-
ers, we extend a New Year
Greeting. May the new year ar-
rive many more to come be profit-
able to you in every respect, and
our services please you all the
more than we have made them
in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
The City
Miss Jessie M
is the guest



J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

STATEMENT OF THE

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At close of Business Wednesday, November 10, 1915

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$216,624.82	Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Overdrafts	None	Surplus and Profits	34,739.38
U. S. Bonds—Par	10,250.00	Circulation	6,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00	Bills Payable	None
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund	312.50	Rediscounts	None
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00	Other Borrowed Money	None
Real Estate	6,500.00	Deposits	358,006.82
Cash and Sight Exchange	185,208.88		
Total	\$423,996.20	Total	\$423,996.20

We extend Christmas Greetings to all our friends and customers and thank them for the loyal patronage and splendid co-operation they have always given this Bank. The above statement is the culmination of over eleven years of successful banking service in this community. We are better prepared now than ever before to handle banking matters, but safety is the slogan now, as it has been in all the past. We invite new accounts and shall ever remember the faithful and loyal ones.

May this Yuletide bring to all our friends Happiness and Goodcheer in keeping with the Blessings and Prosperity that has been ours in this good year of 1915.

WE ALL THANK YOU ALL

STOCKHOLDERS

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

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MASTER & GILLILAND

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Over Woodroofs Store

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Office at Grimes Drug Store
Merkel, Texas
Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-0-

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Physician and Surgeon
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second and fourth Friday nights
each month.

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Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child. But she was not lonesome, for each day her husband called up for a few minutes' chat by Long Distance Bell Telephone.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

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well known tonic properties of QUININE
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out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and
Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

PLATFORM OF THOMAS L. BLANTON OF ABILENE, TEX.

Candidate for Congress, Sixteenth Congressional District



1. DEMOCRATIC RECORD.

I am a native Texan, a life-long Democrat, and with no exception, have always supported democratic nominees from president to constable. I am an ardent believer in those principles concerning a government of the people, for the people and by the people, taught by Thomas Jefferson. I heartily endorse the wonderful achievements in constructive legislation already accomplished by our distinguished Executive, Woodrow Wilson.

Last year in a District running over 500 miles East and West, from Mineral Wells to El Paso, and handicapped by being unknown in many counties in it, I made the race for Congress, and carried the counties of Taylor, Eastland, Shackelford, Jones, Concho, Kimble, Edwards, Schleicher, Irion, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Reagan, Upton, Andrews, Winkler, Fisher, Gaines, King, Crosby, Yoakum and Borden. I lost Menard county by only two votes, Haskell county by only ten votes, Palo Pinto county by only sixteen votes, Midland county by only nineteen votes, and Runnels county by only twelve votes. I have never asked for public office except one other, that being Judge of the 42nd Judicial District, which office I have held for the past seven years, and which I am still holding.

My campaign last year did not cost the State one cent, as I kept up my docket, and will make this campaign without any expense to the State, or injury to official business.

Since the last campaign, the world's map has been changed, and never before in the history of our country has more important issues confronted our nation.

2. A REAL PARTNERSHIP.

In the language of President Wilson: "The business of the government is to separate special and particular interests from the general interests of wide communities. The people must get their government in such shape that they can use it for their own purpose, not against anybody in particular, but for everybody in general. We want to establish a real partnership between all the people and the Federal Government instead of between special interests and the Federal Government." Without such a real partnership, there can be no true democracy.

3. CONTROL RETAINED BY PEOPLE.

Thomas Jefferson said: "I consider the people who constitute a nation as the source of all authority in that nation; as free to transact their common concerns by any agents they think proper; to change these agents individually or the organization of them in form or function whenever they please. Unless the mass retains sufficient control over those entrusted with the powers of their government, these will be perverted to their own oppression." I endorse such principles advocated by our "Father of Democracy."

4. PLATFORM DEMANDS.

Public office is a public trust and the holder is a mere servant of the people, charged with executing their will, however ascertained or expressed. The repudiation of platform demands, or the expressed will of the people, is a betrayal of public trust and confidence, and cannot be too highly censured.

5. UN-IMPEDED SERVICE.

In or that they may not be under obligation, they may not owe any duty to any one except to their constituency, and they may be free and unhampered in their service, members of Congress and other officers should be prohibited from accepting employment or fa-

vors from any person or concern interested in legislation.

6. TARIFF FOR REVENUE ONLY.

I am for a tariff for revenue only, with schedules watched so as to safeguard the great cattle, sheep and mohair industries of the southwest.

7. DEFENSIVE PREPAREDNESS.

I am in favor of making a sane preparation to successfully defend our government against any serious invasion of our rights, or aspersion upon our national honor. The Panama Canal must be properly fortified and protected. We must be prepared to defend at all hazards our harbors and coast cities. The Canadian Border and the Mexican frontier must not be overlooked; and El Paso, the gateway between this country and Mexico, must be amply fortified, armed and protected. An adequate number of submarines and destroyers, of latest model and of most effective capacities must be promptly built. War aeronautics should be effectively developed and perfected, and our Government should be equipped with an adequate number of the latest and most improved models of the different types of air-crafts, well manned with trained and patriotic men, and armed with the latest improved air projectiles. We should be prepared to lay impregnable mines in the entrance to all harbors, upon short notice. Our diplomatic secret service should be increased, well-trained, and put in dependable condition. Steps should be taken to train an adequate reserve of patriotic volunteers, who are to receive no remuneration, unless enlisted in active service. We should be deeply impressed with the apparent helplessness of super-dreadnaughts, and the destroying effectiveness of a single submarine. But beyond a sane preparation for defense only, I am against this nation ever drawing its sword, except in defense of its serious rights, or its national honor.

8. FRIVOLOUS GRIEVANCES DENOUNCED.

No insignificant pretext or fancied wrong should ever embroil us in war. Differences should be diplomatically adjusted, and where possible should be arbitrated. No person who has left the United States, and lived in Mexico for thirty years, invested all of his means there, paid not one cent of taxes in this Government, rendered no service whatever to this Union, and impervious to any demand of the Nation, should ever involve the United States in war, because he has suffered imagined wrongs in the foreign home of his own selection. Questions involving our national honor are not subjects for arbitration, and I would favor offensive measures to protect the honor of our nation.

9. OWN ITS OWN WORKS.

I am in favor of this Government building its own vessels and air-crafts, and manufacturing its own cannon and munitions of war, eliminating every possible avenue of graft.

10. RIO GRANDE HIGHWAY.

For the protection of the Mexican border, for four years I have advocated the building of a National Highway along the Rio Grande, especially from El Paso to Brownsville, with interconnections connecting Sierra Blanca, Van Horn, Valentine, Marfa, Alpine, and so on to Brownsville, in order that our troops could be moved quickly, and transportation lines protected, and kept open.

11. ABSENCE CONDEMNED.

Congressmen should be at their desks during all proceedings and debates. Most speeches are made to empty seats. They receive

be thus bored, and should perform the service. I promise, that unless prevented by sickness, I will answer every roll call, and will carefully post myself concerning the substance, purpose, scope and merit of every bill introduced, before vote is taken.

12. RURAL FARM CREDITS.

I heartily endorse the rural farm credit bill proposed by Senator Morris Sheppard, and by him filed with the Joint Committee on November 28, 1915. Such a bill should be perfected and passed at once, to afford facilities whereby deserving farmers may have an opportunity to cease being tenants, and buy their farms, or hold their crops, by borrowing money on long time, and at a low rate of interest. At present only the banks and speculators are benefited by the surplus money of the Government on deposit.

13. ONLY ONE SOLUTION OF COTTON PROBLEM.

The cotton crop affects not merely the Southern States, but has become a question, the solution of which, is of national importance. Our Government spends a large amount annually in gathering statistics on the acreage planted, the growing crop, and the bales ginned, which benefits only the spinners and speculators, and which outlay is a total loss to the Government, and in no way benefits the farmer, as neither the Government nor the farmer get any returns therefrom. No individual, company or corporation, less than the Government of the United States itself, is large and strong enough to instill confidence, and to handle the cotton crop to the advantage and protection of the farmer. At less expense than it now expends annually on this item, this Government, out of its surplus deposits now used by banks and speculators, to the injury of the cotton-raiser, could safely advance to the farmer at the time his bale of cotton is ginned, a fair and safe proportion of its value, and without making itself liable for anything except honest handling, could issue to such farmer a certificate giving the weight, number, classification and mark of such bale, and the government allowance advanced on same, and after marketing such cotton at its real value, deduct actual expenses of handling, and then return to the certificate holder the balance left over and above such advancement and expense; and through such a system, the deserving women and children who help to raise and gather this crop would receive the full benefit of their labor.

14. MERCHANT MARINE.

I am in favor of building and maintaining a United States Merchant Marine, used to transport our exports in times of peace, and convertible into auxiliary cruisers in times of war.

15. BOLL WEEVIL MENACE.

I am in favor of authorizing the Department of Agriculture to exhaust every means possible to exterminate this Boll Weevil pest, which has come to us across the Rio Grande from a foreign country, and is menacing and devastating many productive sections of the country, and I will advocate an ample appropriation for such purpose.

16. ERADICATION OF TICK AND BLACKLEG.

I am in favor of the government continuing its efforts to co-operate with State authorities in eradicating the tick, and in finding a cure and prevention for blackleg, which destroys thousands of valuable calves each year.

17. TUBERCULOSIS.

I am in favor of the Government exhausting every means possible to find a cure and preventative for this dreaded national disease, and the establishment of a Government Sanitarium in the Fort Davis Mountains for afflicted employees.

18. RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION.

To protect labor conditions, and to prevent an influx of population, undesirable as citizens, disregardful of our laws, and unappreciative of our institutions, immigration should be properly restricted, and I pledge my efforts to pass such a law.

19. MERIT PREFERABLE TO SPOILS SYSTEM.

All appointments to office should be based upon merit and qualifications, thus securing clean and efficient public service. The appointment of postmasters to serve the 350,000 Democrats in this gigantic district, should not be the spoils of one Congressman, used to reward political friends, and controlled by a few political leaders, but if spoils at all, should be party spoils, in which all democrats alike should have a share and voice. If elected, I shall recommend for appointment as postmasters, only the choice of democrats in each locality, fairly ascertained through local primaries.

20. LABOR AND CAPITAL.

Capital is thoroughly organized and I therefore believe in legitimate labor organizations, and where lawfully conducted, they will find in me a friend and protector. The safety, health, comfort and legal rights of all laborers should be safeguarded by adequate legislation, and likewise, legitimate business enterprises should be encouraged and fully protected by law. Every laborer should be enabled by thrift and economy to acquire his own home and to be able to devote some of his time to the pleasure and enjoyment of his family.

21. DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES.

I favor every lawful encouragement and all which under the constitution the Government can give toward the maximum development of all industries.

22. IRRIGATION.

The United States Government would be greatly benefited in the speedy development of the border country be-

tween the Pecos River and the Rio Grande. This may be successfully accomplished by the immediate reclamation of arid lands through irrigation. What the Federal Government has already done for New Mexico and a small portion of the northern El Paso country, in the construction of the Elephant Butte dam, should likewise be done for the greater El Paso, Pecos and lower Rio Grande country. I am in favor of going just as far as the Federal constitution will permit in properly developing this great territory.

23. PENSION MONSTROSITY.

Our pension appropriation has grown from \$30,703,999 in 1872, to \$180,300,000 in 1914. Over 5,000 pensioners live abroad and draw from this government over \$967,000 each year to spend in foreign lands. Bank presidents worth over \$200,000 are drawing pensions. The whole system should be honestly overhauled.

24. GARDEN SEED GRAFT.

I am strictly against it. Let garden seed be sent out by the Agricultural Department and not selfishly used by Congressmen.

25. MILEAGE GRAFT.

I am against Congressmen drawing 20c per mile for each mile traveled, when 5c per mile will pay for his ticket, Diner meals and Pullman.

26. PORK BARREL GRAFT.

I am against the system. All wasteful extravagance should be abolished, and practical business economy should be practiced. If \$10,000 judicially expended, will build a post office building adequate for the needs of a community, then instead of spending the usual \$100,000 in wasteful extravagance for same, I am in favor of building ten \$10,000 buildings for ten such communities of like needs. While we are all loyal to Dallas as our North Texas Metropolis, to me it is ridiculous that we should expend this year \$190,000 in resurveying the Trinity River (?), just to obtain an adverse report that it is not navigable.

27. PRINTING ENVELOPES.

I am against the stifling of country presses, and taking from them their legitimate business, by reason of the government printing envelopes at a loss, and in an unfair competition furnishing them to local patrons at a price cheaper than any private business press could print them.

28. RURAL MAIL CARRIERS.

The parcel post has trebly increased the work of rural carriers, and I am in favor of giving them more adequate pay.

29. INHERENT RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.

In Texas, convicts, lunatics and women cannot vote. Women may hold office, but she may vote for neither herself nor her opponent. A woman pays the same taxes on her property as a man does on his. Women are American citizens, and must pay an income tax the same as men. Many women are heads of families, and many women of large business affairs are without husbands, fathers or brothers, but some are with minor sons in their charge. The Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution guarantees to Americans alike, that race, color or former condition of servitude shall not disfranchise them. Whenever woman becomes fully emancipated, and demands the ballot, she is entitled to it under the Federal Constitution.

30. PROHIBITION.

I am a prohibitionist, both in theory and practice. I believe that the United States Government should sever its partnership relation with the liquor business, and so adjust the rights of parties concerned, to avoid an absolute confiscation of property. Should every State in the Union adopt prohibition through State laws, the United States Government would still be lawfully engaged in the business of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Washington. The Government is in the business by reason of a Federal law, and for it to go out of the business will require a Federal law.

31. INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

In a short time, the world will have had enough of war. We must find a permanent solution of this question, and make it impossible for any country to successfully declare war, and at the same time, provide a just and adequate means of honorable settlement of all international disputes.

THOMAS L. BLANTON.



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

G. B. 'BLUE' TITTLE FOR COLLECTOR

G. B. Tittle is among the early ones to announce for county office subject to the Democratic Primaries of 1916.

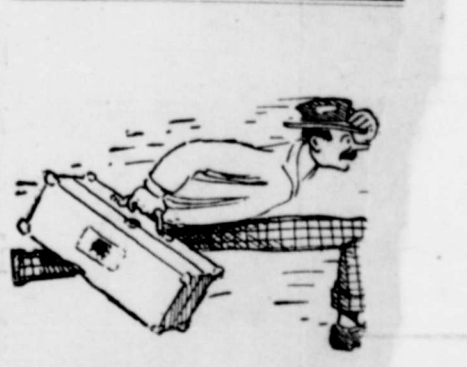
Mr. Tittle has admirably held down the office of County Treasurer during the past two terms and true to his promise he turns that office to new aspirants and comes before the people for another office. In our introduction of Mr. Tittle we only say that (Blue) is in the race and Merkel people have known him long enough to need no other introduction. Give his claims the consideration entitled when you cast your ballot next summer.

"UNCLE" JIM BAKER

Long ago he passed the fou score mark and long ago I came to the Merkel country. A man who is seen but little knows of afar. He has gathered information concerning every other foot of land in Merkel and Trent country and supposed to have walked out more land lines than any other living man south of the Mason-Dixon.

Soon after he came to the Merkel country in the '70's he was appointed agent for the Texas Pacific Ry. Co.'s lands and homes to all the early day chasers. His real property when he came here consisted of two mares. His accumulations increased and before many years he was owner of valuable land the Trent country. After being camped and arranged for his future, he freighted lumber over land from Weatherford to build his home a few miles south of Trent. Among his few and far between neighbors of that day was considered one of the most prominent citizens. It was who bought and owned the buggy around Trent, and it was some sight to see "Uncle Jim" come to the store in his buggy. His success as a breeder of horses was known throughout Taylor, Jones, Nolan and I counties in the increasing years following. His health was such that he gave active farm duties and now remains at the old home to watch over the place and keep it in a state of repair. He has made thousands of dollars from his labors in the Merkel country and now enjoys that portion of life called "the rainy day."

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAIN-EX-REL fails to cure any case of Hemorrhoids, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. See the first application gives Rest and Relief.



WE ARE SCHEDULED

to give you so many VALUES in 1 Groceries. Let us have you today. We are Rushed, give YOURS attention.

E. L. RO

GROCERY

Thanksgiving



Let's all be thankful Together

So much of the good in this world is smiling an this big country of ours, that we all ought to be deeply thankful. Thankful for peace and prosperity; thankful for good crops; thankful for our ability to help the homeless ones; thankful that a huge shell isn't going to crash into our home any minute.

We're thankful that we have so many opportunities to serve the men and women in this community; we're thankful for their response to our efforts.

For Next Saturday we Offer

Some extra Special values. These prices should interest you as all the cold weather is yet before us

All Departments are Complete

Extra Specials in Shoes

4.00—One lot Mens Patent Leather Shoes Saturday	\$2.35
4.50 to 5.00—One lot Mens Patent Leather	2.85
2.50 to 3.50—One lot of Ladies Shes Patent	
Leather in small sizes	1.49
3.00 to 2.50—One lot Mens Hats Saturday Special	1.95
10.00 & 12.50—One lot Mens Suits small sizes	
Saturday Speical	2.50
35c Mens Ties Saturday Special	25c

Ladies Coat Special for Saturday Only

15.00 Ladies Coat	12.50
18.50 " "	15.00
20.00 " "	17.95
22.50 " "	19.85
55.00 " "	22.50
30.00 " "	25.00
One lot Ladies Coat Suits from 10.00 12.50	
15.00 and 20.00 Saturday Special only	10.00

Ladies Hat Special

One lot Ladies trimmed Hats 2.50 to 3.50 for only .1.00

Extra Special Ladies Hats

Saturday we offer all Ladies trimmed Hats at Exactly Half Price.

Some beautiful Silk dresses will go at extra special prices Saturday.



Woodroof Bros.

Merkel

Texas





"Bell" Connection Valuable to You

From seed time to harvest and all the year through, every farmer occasionally has business to transact in distant towns. Letters go slow and traveling is expensive. Why not let the Long Distance Bell Telephone lines carry your message? Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY. 12-R-14

SHILOH

They moved the Shiloh school last week about a mile and half west, and will add a new room to the building and school will begin when the new room is complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter, Jr., of Dawson county here they will make their future home.

Uncle Terrell Winters has treated his residence to a new coat of paint.

Mesdames Barclay and Beavers of the Golan community spent Thursday with Mrs. Laura Brown.

Miss Stella Goode of Noodle spent the latter part of last week with the Misses Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson spent Sunday on a visit to the parents in Howard county.

Mesdames Neal and Gowdy of the Golan community spent one day the past week with Mrs. Maynard.

Hugh Grayson of northeast Texas is visiting his brothers J. H. and S. L. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ubric Wheeler of Sweetwater Creek spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy of Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips of Trent spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes.

Misses Vera Phillips, Effie Mayberry and Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Misses Ruth and Ida Pomroy on Sweetwater creek.

Miss Maggie Wheeler who is attending school in Noodle visited her folks here Sunday.

Elza Mayberry returned home Friday after several weeks stay with relatives elsewhere.

Mrs. Nora Tyner was shopping in Merkel Tuesday.



Comfort in Shoes

That pair of shoes remodeled with new heels, new soles and enjoy the wear at a small cost.

A. BROWN Shoe Repairing.

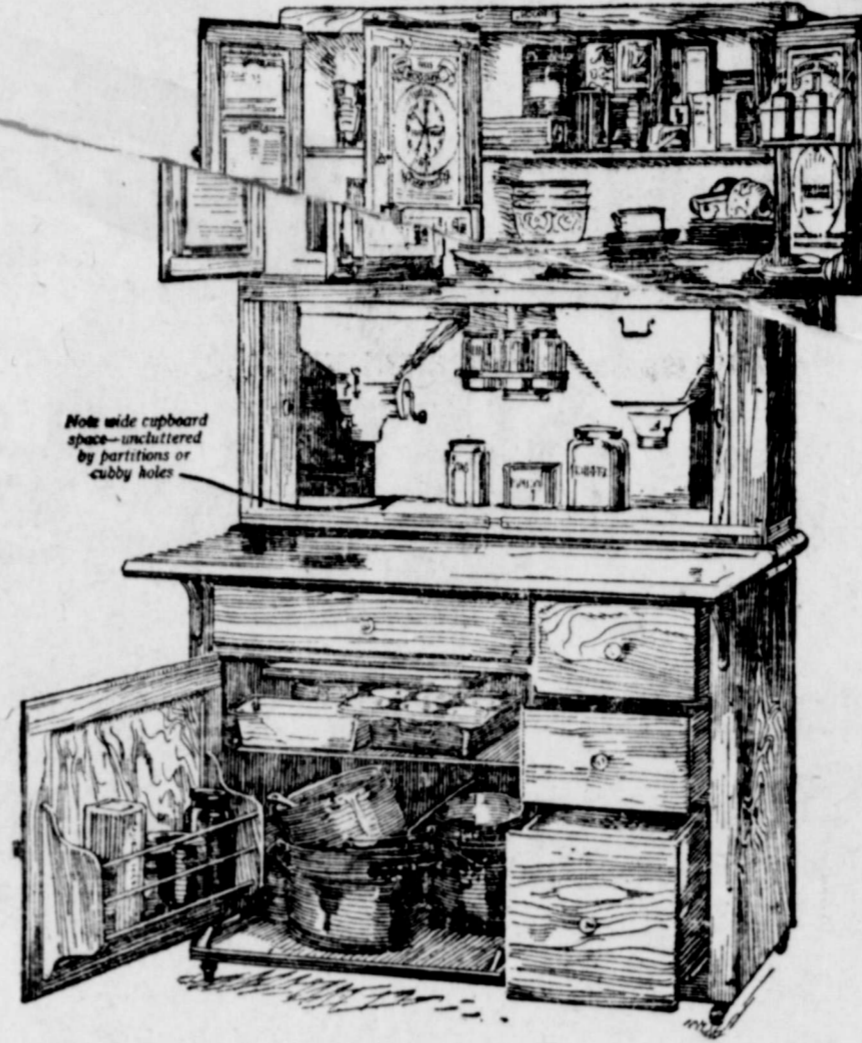
Xmas Present for Some One--FREE

IT MAY BE YOU

This famous Cabinet will be given away without any strings, whatever, to some woman

Saturday Morning
DEC. 11

No guessing, no work to do
Watch for the Particulars



Note wide cupboard space—uncluttered by partitions or cubby holes

*Belmont & Miller Co.
Mack*

Jewelry

For Christmas

Lavalliers in diamond, cameo or pearl settings, \$3.00 to \$30
Bar Pins, plain gold, pearl or diamond mounted \$1.50 to \$35
Ladies Wrist Watches, Mesh Bags, Sewing Sets
Mens Coat Chains, Emblems Pins and Buttons, Cuff Links or Stick Pins:

Make a Selection now of some Jewelry Gift, most acceptable at

Grimes Drug Store

4 Weeks Until Christmas

SECOND HAND AUTOS

We buy and sell second hand Ford automobiles. See us before you buy and see us before you sell. We rebuild cars. The Merkel Garage.

Money to Loan

Plenty of 8 per cent money to loan on farm and ranch lands. V. E. Muir, Abilene, Texas, 1544. Suits from \$10.00 up made to measure at Owens.

A Tip

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

Bulk candies of all kinds. The Elite Confectionery.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

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

NUBIA

The health of the community is excellent.

School started at Bucman last Monday with a small attendance. The teachers are Misses Inez Sharp and Eather Williams, both of Merkel. The school boy now "with satchel and a shining morning face, creeps unwillingly to school."

The young people enjoyed a nice fruit supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner's Thursday night.

There was a little "one horse shay" of a show at Nubia last Saturday night.

Several Canyon folks went to Blair Sunday to attend the exercise there.

Louis Butman made an "emergency trip" to Hermleigh last Saturday and Sunday.

Athren Boney of Strawn, who is here picking cotton for Mr. Lewis, had a chill Sunday. Moral: Come to this country and stay and dispense with chilling.

Alma Matthews left Monday for the northwest to pick cotton.

J. B. Tucker is building an addition on his house this week.

A little longer and "pass the ribs" will become the table talk.

A contrast: In Germany it is unlawful to publicly mourn for the fallen on the field; in America, which is the hope of the world, a government employee can upbraid the president for his actions and receive prestige and promotion, instead of odium and incarceration. Which do you choose to prefer?

WORDS FROM HOME

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Merkel Citizens.

When a Merkel citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Merkel resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

E. W. Dennis, retired merchant, N. Main St., Merkel, says: "My Kidneys annoyed me, at times being congested. The Kidney secretions were scanty and painful in passage and at times my back ached quite a little. Doan's Kidney Pills gradually corrected these ailments and I used this medicine until I was quite free from the complaint."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Dennis had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Hold Ups are Frequent

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 22.—Dallas holdup men claimed another victim tonight when F. T. Eypert, prominent farmer and stockman, was struck down in his wagon yard on Taylor street. His skull was fractured at the base of the brain. As he is past middle age, doctors regard his recovery as doubtful.

Eypert is the twelfth holdup victim in the last four weeks in which Dallas citizens were struck down by robbers. There are six victims with fractured skulls now in the city hospital.

Beware of Croup Substitutes

In these days of keen competition it is important that the public should be certain they get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and not take substitutes sold for the sake of extra profit. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has stood the test and been approved for more than forty years. For sale by Dealers.—adv

Returns From Austin

Revs. A. L. Jobe and L. B. Owen who were in Austin last week attending the state Baptist convention, returned Wednesday of this week and report an enthusiastic meeting.

What Would You Do?

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

Any One Man in a Hundred will fail to take advantage of our UNHEARD of offer in WINTER SUITS and OVERCOATS.

Mens Suits

- Mens \$10 00 suits, one lot. \$4 95
- " 12 50 " " " 8 95
- " 15 00 " " " 11 45
- " 20 00 " " " 14 45
- " 25 00 " " " 14 95

Above suits comprise the best known makes on the market, guaranteed not to fade, and fit perfectly. They are all this season's newest models and are the biggest bargains we have, ever offered, even at the close of a season.



The Man Who Cares

delights to see his wife as well dressed as other women and for the Economical Wife our store offers wonderful opportunities for replenishing her wardrobe with a combination of Simplicity, Style and Good Taste altogether charming.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Children's \$2.00 Coats only \$1.25 | " 2.50 " " 1.45 |
| " 3.00 " " 1.95 | " 3.50 " " 2.45 |
| " 4.00 " " 2.95 | " 5.00 " " 3.45 |
| Misses 6.50 " " 3.95 | " 7.50 " " 4.95 |
| " 10.00 " " 6.45 | " 12.50 " " 7.45 |
| Ladies 6.50 " " 3.95 | " 7.50 " " 4.95 |
| " 10.00 " " 6.45 | " 12.00 " " 7.50 |
| " 15.00 coats & suits 9.95 | " 17.50 " " 12.45 |
| " 20.00 " " 14.45 | " 25.00 " " 16.50 |

Above are all brand new and of this season's latest models.

to be WELL DRESSED may be gratified by visiting our store and looking over our immense stock of BOY'S CLOTHING and a glance at the following PRICES will show you now you may have YOUR BOY well-dressed without any great outlay on your part.

Boys Suits

- Boys 4.00 suits, all latest models, only \$2.95
- Boys 4.50 suits, all latest models, only 3.45
- Boys 5.00 suits, all latest models, only 4.95
- Boys 9.00 suits, all latest models, only 6.95



When Showers Come

don't let them find you without a Stylish and Durable Raincoat.

Raincoats

- Childrens 2.50 rain capes and caps to match, only \$1.75
- Ladies 4.00 rain coats 2.95
- " 6.50 silk rain coats 4.95
- Mens 7.50 " " 4.95

For Every Item on Your List

whether GOWN, MILLINERY, CORSET or LINGERIE—there is just "one best" place to shop and that is the place where you are sure to get JUST WHAT YOU WANT.

- Ladies 75c gowns, only 48c
 - " 1.00 " " 68c
 - " 1.25 " " 89c
 - " 1.50 " " 98c
- Myriad other Big Bargains on Display.

It is Now Time

to get an outfit from under the hat of yours and get under one of our NICE NEW KIND.

- Boys 50c Hats, only 35c
- " 50c Caps, " 35c
- " 75c " " 48c
- " \$1.00 Hats " 75c
- " 1.25 " " 98c
- Mens \$1.50 Hats, only 98c
- " 2.00 " " \$1.45c
- " 2.50 " " 1.95c
- " 3.00 " " 2.45c
- " 4.50 Stetson Hats 3.45
- " 5.00 " " 3.95
- " 6.00 " " 4.45
- " 6.50 " " 4.95

We would be glad to quote every price and give a minute description to every article on sale in our mammoth stock but it would require the entire Merkel Mail, thus depriving the good subscribers of the coveted news of the week, which we absolutely refuse to do.

A trip to our big store of Bargains in Mid Season will do you good and we will then have the opportunity to prove to you that every article in our store is truly the genuine bargain we have represented it to be. Let this be a time when skepticism does not deprive you of the saving this monster event offers. Join hands with the hundreds who will find timely use for this saving at a future time.

Don't Miss it---Your Time will be well Paid for

Harm and Beauty

MILLINERY should be sure to appeal to Women of Good Taste and Refinement. We have anticipated your needs in a charming selection, combining all the new Fashion requirements.

Let us fit you in a charming Hat—a fitting supplement to that New Spring Gown. Marked Reductions on Every Hat. Let Miss Emlet please you.



Well Laden.

and WELL SATISFIED are all those who attend our MAMMOTH SHIRT SALE.

- Mens 75c Black Sateen Shirts only 48c
- Mens 75c heavy Jersey shirts, only 48c
- Mens 75c Dress Shirts only 48c
- Mens \$1.00 Dress Shirts 89c
- " 1.25 " " 98c
- " 1.50 wool overshirt 98c
- " 2.50 Fine Wool Overshirt \$1.65

in val Prices Volplaning Down Come to our store and enjoy the Sensation of getting up-to-Date Values at such amazing low prices.

STAPLES

- Royal cotton checks, round thr. 4c
 - 7 1/2c colored outing 5c
 - 8 1/2c bleached toweling only 5c
 - 8 1/2c Percales only 5c
 - 7 1/2c Bleaching only 5c
 - 10c Sea Island brown domest. 7 1/2c
 - 8 1/2c white Outing only 5c
 - 10c colored Outing only 8 1/2c
 - 10c bleached domestic only 7 1/2c
 - 10c Gingham, fadeless, only 7 1/2c
 - 12 1/2c and 15c Gingham only 10c
 - 10c Linen toweling only 7 1/2c
 - 7 1/2c fadeless staple Gingham 5c
 - Full width sheeting, best grd. 25c
- These are only a few of the many we are ready to show you.



Experience

is the best teacher and when you have once Experienced one of our REAL BARGAIN OFFERINGS it will teach you the Mutual Advantages of our Unvarying Rule:

MAXIMUM VALUES
MINIMUM PRICES

Men and Boys Underwear.

- Mens \$1.25 ribbed union suits, only 89c
- Mens \$1.50 best Blea ribbed union suits, only 98c
- Mens 75c Blea ribbed shirts and drawers, only 45c
- Boys 75c ribbed and fleeced union suits, only 45c
- Boys 50c fleeced union suits, only 35c
- Boys 35c fleeced union suits, only 25c



Extra! Extra!

We have on sale some Extra good things at Prices that will make the goods Move so you had better Hurry before they are all picked over.

Michellaneous

- 7spools best thread only 25c
- \$4.00 Georgett and Crepe de Chine waists \$2.50
- \$4.50 and \$5 Georgett Crepe waists 3.45
- Boys 50c fleeced union suits 25c
- Boys 75c ribbed and fleeced union suits 48c
- Mens 75c black sateen shirts 48c
- Mens 75c heavy Jersey shirts 48c
- Mens 75c bleach. rib underw. 45c
- Boys 50c waists only 25c
- Mens 75c dress shirts only 48c
- Mens \$1.50 wool over shirts 98c
- Mens \$2.50 wool over shirts \$1.75
- Mens \$2.25 & \$2 dress pants \$1.48

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Merkel's Bargain Oasis

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AN IDEAL PLACE TO TRADE WHEN YOU NEED ANYTHING
AFFORDED IN A FIRST CLASS DRUG STORE

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Bucking the Waves at 54 Miles an Hour



The fastest time ever made on water. On Lake Michigan, in the worst kind of racing weather, the Disturber IV won a world's record at this speed.

Commodore Pugh, her owner and driver, selected **TEXACO MOTOR OIL** and **TEXACO GASOLINE** for this important race, after testing them out in every way.

He congratulated us on their performance and credited **TEXACO PRODUCTS** with his freedom from engine trouble and his unusually high speed. The same "gas" and oil which contributed to this result can be obtained from our agent in your town.

The Texas Company
General Offices—Houston, Texas
Agents Everywhere

LOVERS OF GOOD BOOKS

You will be surprised to learn that I have written and had published a book, a fine story pertaining to North England and Scotland in the time of George I. of England. Friends who have read my book complement me highly on my success. I want all my friends to read "The Noble Earl of Fleetwood" and encourage me by sending their name for my next book "Lady Hawdon" or "Cupid at the Altar," which will be issued some time this year. In this exquisite romance friends whom I have known and loved need not be surprised to find a true description of themselves depicted in some lovable character, for in almost every instance my description of a character has emanated from some fond remembrance of a charming friend. This book is beautifully bound in red with gold stamping; another binding in dark green stamped with red (very dainty) can be had at the same price. Make your choice. \$1.50 per copy.

TWO OTHER CHARMING BOOKS

I also have of my own writing two other charming books, "Aimee Foster" and "The Love of the Lame Prince." The former, "Aimee Foster," is a charming story of the Old South when my grandfather owned great plantations and many slaves. "The Love of the Lame Prince," a German Classic, is an exquisite love story. Both these books are being sold at the price of 25 cents each.

Mrs. S. F. Annis, Merkel, Texas,
or call at Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store

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In Merkel at Latham Brothers
BUSY BEE CAFE

Open day and night, hot Waffles each morning 4 to 9 o'clock. Oysters on sale in bulk—always fresh.

CLASSIFIED ADS

AUTO FOR TRADE—4 cylinder Mitchell touring car for sale or trade. J. W. Daniel.

PIANO FOR SALE—Will sell on easy terms or will trade. Write Post office Box 549. tf.

FOR SALE—Some extra good young mules, also a few extra good mares. I will sell them cheap. See me at the Hellums Wagon yard. Grady Parmelly.

Lost—Pair gold rimmed spectacles in case marked H. W. Queen, Eastland. Finder return to Mail office. pd.

FOR SALE—One gray mare 7 years old, weighing 1000 pounds. Also one practically new buggy for sale at a bargain. H. M. Warren.

WANTED—100 customers at Wetzell's barber shop. 10 and 15 cents in Coats building.

Returns to Merit.

C. A. Bickley of Merit returned to his home Wednesday noon. Mr. Bickley is a Texas man who has recently purchased Merkel country farm property and is one of the many investors who are highly pleased with their purchases.

Distress in the Stomach

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is due to indigestion and easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets after meals. Mrs. Henry Padghan, Victor, N. Y., writes, "For some time I was troubled with headache and distress in my stomach after eating, also with constipation. About six months ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Recent Automobile Sales

H. M. Warren local distributor for the Ford Agency at this place announces the sale of a five-passenger touring car to Route 2. The sale of an Allen five passenger touring was also made by Mr. Warren to Mrs. N. E. Horn of Noodle.

G. H. McDoan local distributor for the Dodge Brother Motor Co. made sale of a five passenger car to Mammie Pair of the Hodges country. The writer also got one of this caliber in on an advertising contract.

Sick Headache

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all dealers.

Notice.

New Shoe Shop opened up on Front street in the Coats building I do all kinds of shoe work. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see me. J. M. Jordan. tf.

SOCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Friday evening the W. C. girls were entertained by Miss Gertrude Stanley. The guests were first entertained at the Groene Theater after which the making and serving of candy were enjoyable features of the evening. A midnight luncheon was served.

E. L. Rogers and his clerks entertained customers Friday afternoon at the store from 3 to 5 o'clock. A baking contest in which 12 of the best cake bakers contributed cakes carried prizes. Miss Eva Walteas won 1st prize, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Sr., 2nd prize, Mrs. J. H. Oliver, 3rd prize, Miss Ina Mae Adams, 4th prize, Mrs. L. B. Owen, 5th prize and Mrs. Asa Sheppard, 6th prize. The judges were Mes. Dolly Payne, Jno Daly, Misses Willie and Pearl Shrock of Abilene. The prize cakes with Follers Golden Gate Coffee and Grape Juice were served. Local talent furnished a musical program.

20th Century Questions

How does Puck report Titamas awakening and infatuation?

Describe how the rival lovers deert Hermia and turn to Helena?

What view of the case does Helena take?

Explain the knot of complication as it is fully tied after the two lovers and the two ladies are introduced on the stage. Show the difference between the origin of the misunderstandings in the men and the women?

Compare the scene with any scene of misunderstandings and cross purposes in the comedy of Evans and tell wherein they differ?

How does Oberon direct Puck to manage the lovers so as to avert the quarrel?

Is the plot now brought to a climax? What will be the mark of resolution?

The Methodist Baraca and Philathea classes held a joint reception in their rooms Monday evening after the business meeting. Candy was a delightful feature and was daintily served to the guests.

The Twentieth Century Club held its regular business and social meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. C. Moore. Sixteen members answered roll call. The question of Federation was under discussion. The hostesses lead the Shakesperian lesson. A two course luncheon was served.

The Womens Missionary Society will give a Pie Social at the home of Mrs. G. B. Brown Monday night December 29. Ask for particulars.

Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mill's, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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

WHEN IN ABILENE

EAT

AT THE MOZART CAFE
JACK GILSTRAP, Mgr.

How to Prevent Croup

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as following: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Sold by all dealers.—adv

RHEUMATISM ARREST

Many people suffer the torturing lame muscles and stiffened joints because of impurities in the blood, and each succeeding attack seems more acute until rheumatism has invaded the whole system. To arrest rheumatism it is quite as important to improve your general health to purify your blood, and the cod liver in Scott's Emulsion is nature's great maker, while its medicinal properties strengthen the organs to expel impurities and rebuild your system. Scott's Emulsion is helpful every day who could not refuse the alcoholic.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS

Cures Old Sores, Other The worst cases, none are cured by the Forter's Antiseptic Pain and Heals at

OUR MIGHTY CLEAN-UP

From Now---Through December---Till

YET THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF THIS SEASON'S MOST EXCELLENT WEARING APPAREL AT THE END-OF--PRICES. NEVER BEFORE WAS SUCH MERCHANDISE PUT ON SALE IN MID SEASON AT SUCH PRICE REDUCTIONS. STOCK, HOWEVER, MUST BE REDUCED TO THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LIMIT AT ALL HAZARDS, AND THAT

Our big November sales were most gratifying, which we owe to the patronage of Customers whose e are most consistent--saving dollars on necessities that will in time procure Lnxuries

Only Four Weeks Until Christ

and with this monster opportunity at hand beckoning to those who yet have supplies to buy every need apparel should be purchased as early as possible while all departments are most complete and selection. **OUR ENTIRE BIG STOCK WILL BE ARRANGED in the most accessible manner, permitting the closest scrutiny of ea** **EVERY DAY WILL BE A BARGAIN DAY**

Our big efficient force of sales people will handle every sale in the most efficient manner, giving every customer every minute of time necessary to the most desired satisfaction.

Read These Prices--Come Fully Assu

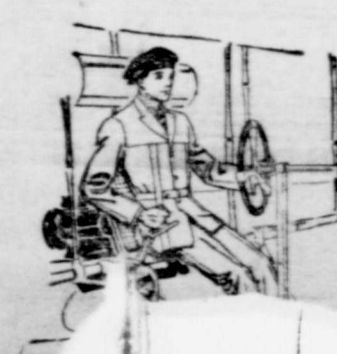
Buy most liberally and you will not go beyond the limit. Our prices well protect you.

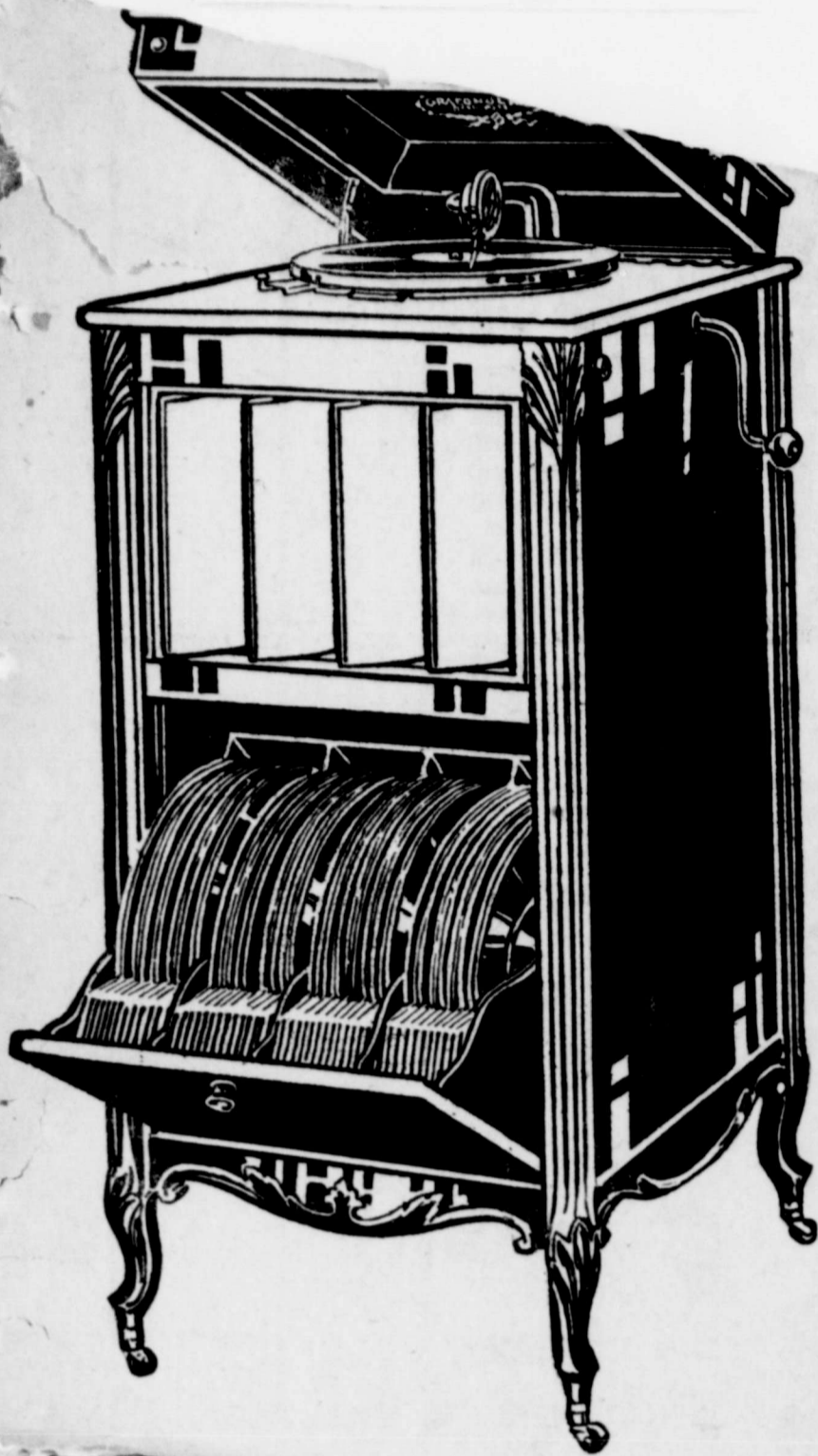
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Merkel's Most Progress Cash Store

FREE! Five Silver Dollars--5 Friday and 5 Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26

These will be given out in change througho above days as the opportunity presents. KE DOLLAR When you get it, or spend it as y





Nothing Better

A Columbia Grafonola

THIS CHRISTMAS

Anything from a modest investment of fifteen dollars up--you can secure the very finest toned Grafonolas for your home

YOUR FAMILY

and you will enjoy the evenings at home much better.

Place Your Order

COME IN AND INVESTIGATE

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At The

ELITE CONFECTIONERY

Elma...

Old hats made new...

Mrs. W. R. Bigham has gone to Lampasas to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Young.

Mrs. F. Deutchman is at home from Waco where she attended the Cotton Palace and visited relatives.

All members of the Woodman Circle are requested to be present Friday Dec. 3. Election of officers. Pearl Hallingsworth, Clerk. 27t2pd.

Miss Elva Joe Payne of San Angelo came in Tuesday evening to see Miss Maude Jinkens.

Mrs. J. W. Daniels left Wednesday morning for El Paso where she will visit Mrs. T. J. Coggin.

Mrs. C. V. Bigham spent last week in Merkel the guest of her brother, F. E. Allyn and family.

Mrs. R. O. Sawyer enroute from Hillsboro to Plainview spent a few days with her brothers, Messrs. E. L., W. D. and Luther Woodroof, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bryson were in San Angelo last week on account of the illness of the latter's sister, Miss Maude Jinkens.

Miss Ollie Garrouite left Wednesday morning for Hermleigh to visit the family of her cousin W. E. Garrouite. A sumptuous Thanksgiving Dinner was the reason of Miss Garrouite's visit to Hermleigh.

A Tip

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

For Sale

Three lots, seven room house, bath room, three porches, good washhouse, small barn, cistern, well, windmill, elevated tank, plenty of pipe. Situated near school building in town of Merkel, Texas. For price and terms call on or address G. W. Johnson, Merkel, Texas. 19tf.

Hunters Notice

No hunting allowed on my property. R. B. Wells. 26t2pd.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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



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and ready for the test. This we insist on before any auto repair job passes out of our hands. We must satisfy ourselves beyond question that everything is O. K. Then we call you in for final approval. We abide by your decision.

MERKEL GARAGE
Brown & Irwin, Props.

ed on time...

Mrs. Jas. McCoy of here visiting her mother Mrs. D. Jenkens.

Have just received another express shipment of Ladies coat suits. Come early before the suit you want is gone. W. L. Harkrider.

Cleaning and pressing called for and delivered. Phone 194. H. L. Owen.

Dr. Curus N. Ray of Abilene was in Merkel Tuesday on professional duties.

Everything in the Grocery line at the prices. G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. W. R. Woodrum visited her brother James Boyce and other relatives in Abilene Sunday.

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

Ladies, have Bob McDonald shine your shoes at the City Barber Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene were here Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

A happy family is the one that has a fine Piano and a Singer Sewing Machine. E. D. Coats has them to trade for middling cotton at 12 1/2 cents. 19tf.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis and daughter Mamie, were guests of their son and brother Lester Ellis and family of Abilene, Sunday.

Cream Cheese at G. M. Sharps

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.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes was in Sylveste the first of the week visiting her son, Dr. R. I. Grimes wife and baby.

"Buy it before Xmas of Mack."

Mrs. B. Jinkens is at home from San Angelo where she was called by the illness of her daughter Miss Maude Jinkens who accompanied her mother home.

We will have another big shipment of blankets to arrive in a few days. W. L. Harkrider.

Remember that we are receiving ladies coat suits every few days. Always try to get the latest and best styles. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. D. O. Welsh and son, L. G. have returned to their home at Dublin after visiting her daughter Mrs Ben T. Merritt.

Fresh car Seymore flour at G. M. Sharps.



"HAVE I A CLEAN SHIRT"

can always be answered satisfactorily if we do your laundering. You won't have to depend on the caprice of the "wash lady" or wait for good drying weather for clean linen if you send it to us. You'll be as sure of a spotless shirt as the day comes round. Send us your linen and you'll be independent of washerwomen and weather. SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY DUDLEY & MARTIN, Agents, Merkel Phone No. 194

of Merkel,

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	6,300.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	185,208.88
Total	\$423,996.20

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
Total	\$423,996.20

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