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SERVICE

Bring us your cotton or
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anywhere and we will
cash them without charge

Always lots of change and
our force is glad to
serve you

SAFETY AND SERVICE

THE
Farmers State
BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

A CONSCIENTIOUS WHO GOT KILLED
ROBBER GETS HIS MEX. OR AMERICAN

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Seven passengers on a Canadian Pacific train from Toronto were victims of an unusual robbery as the train crossed into the United States today. The train had been stopped for the customs inspection when a man walked into one of the coaches and began questioning the passengers. Of Mrs. Jessie M. Ardill of New York City he demanded:

"How much money 'have you got?"

Mrs. Ardill opened her purse and the man counted \$110. He returned \$65 to the woman, saying that he would keep the remainder as a "deposit." He wrote a receipt for the money as "paid over to the United States customs at Buffalo."

Others in the car also gave up money.

When the train pulled into the Buffalo station, Mrs. Ardill asked the conductor what she would do with her receipt. The passengers supposed the man was a customs official.

Best Treatment for a Burn

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Men's heavy underwear worth 65 cents now 45 cents at J. A. Duckett's.

Wednesday afternoon the Abilene Reporter carried an associated press report that Constable Robert Carr of El Paso had been killed by a Mexican at Clint, a small place east of El Paso.

Thursday morning the Fort Worth Star-Telegram carried an article in regard to the affair which stated that Carr killed the Mexican. We don't know which paper to believe. We had rather take the Reporter's word for the affair but they've killed an American, and the Star-Telegram has got a greaser kickin' the bucket, so we are inclined to believe the Telegram through a friendly feeling we have for our own people.

How to Give Good Advice

The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

Advertised Letters.

Adkisson, J. M.
Hudspeth, W. R.
Flores, Nicolas
Jaimes, Santiago
Palos, Jose
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 27th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

For first class cleaning pressing and alterations, visit the Star Store Tailoring Company.

Day Phone No. 9 Night Phone No. 160

MARVIN BONEY

Dodge Service Car

Reasonable Rates

Careful Driver

Open Season on Doves

Austin, Sept. 2.—Open season on doves in Texas was effective September 1st. The season for buck deer opens November 1, and continues to December 1, and the season for wild turkeys opens on December 1. There is practically no change in the game laws from last year.

Persons may hunt in the county of their home or adjoining counties without licenses. The hunting license is necessary however for hunting in other counties of the state. The license fee is \$1.75 for residents of the state and \$15 for non-residents.

The state game, fish and oyster department here has mailed to county clerks over the state large quantities of hunting licenses. Game is reported to be plentiful this season.

Good for Biliousness

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty percent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness. For sale by all dealers.

What She Made Him.

The head of the house glanced at a bill from his wife's dressmaker.
"When I proposed to you, less than two years ago," he said, "I was rather wild, and you said you considered it your duty to marry me for the purpose of making something of me. did you not?"
"Yes, Henry," answered his wife.
"Well," he continued, "your efforts have not been in vain. You have succeeded."
"I'm so glad," she said. "What have I made of you, dear?"
Once more he glanced at the bill.
"A bankrupt," he replied, with a deep sigh.

Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Grip nor Disturb the Stomach. In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not grip nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

Police Chief Arrested

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 12.—Charged with being an accomplice in the murder of John Kennedy, slain six months ago at a dance in the Osage country, four miles northwest of Tulsa, William J. Baber, former Tulsa Chief of police, who awaits trial in the district next Monday for the alleged murder of United States Marshal Holmes Davidson and Ed Plank was arrested at the Western Association baseball park yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Wooley. The arrest was made on information furnished by Osage county officials.

Constipation the father of Many Ills

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and they may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Sells Young Mules High

Sam Grayson of the Shiloh community was in the first of the week, and after disposing of two young mules he found that his surplus and profits had increased by the amount of \$425.00. Two young mules bringing \$425 and a few head of hogs selling at prices above an average, cotton going at fifteen cents and seed at \$45 was too much for Mr. Grayson and he left town without renewing his paper. He has time to spare however on his reading matter, and no doubt will buy his year's supply at an early date.

ECZEMA!
"Hunt's Cure" is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded WITHOUT QUESTION if Hunt's Cure fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm or any other skin disease. 50c boxes. Sold and Guaranteed Locally by...



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Our continued growth for many years evidences the services we render and the confidence of the public. We want your business, large or small. Banking matters handled with


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

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*Family Dr. says:
You will enjoy your
shave if you use
our Shaving Stuff.*



YOU CAN MAKE SHAVING A JOY INSTEAD OF A BOTHER IF YOU USE OUR SOAP, TOILET WATER AND TALCUM. COME IN AND LET US SUPPLY YOU WITH YOUR "SHAVING STUFF."

MAKE OUR DRUG STORE YOUR STORE FOR ALL THE "LITTLE DRUG STORE THINGS" YOU USE AS WELL AS FOR YOUR MEDICINES. WHEN YOU HAVE A PRESENT TO MAKE COME IN AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE FOR GIFTS.

WE WANT YOUR DRUG STORE BUSINESS, AND WHEN YOU DEAL WITH US YOU CAN RELY ON WHAT YOU BUY.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

WEAR A CLEAN SUIT

LET
FERGUSON & RENFRO, The Tailors

AT THE CITY BARBER SHOP DO

Your Cleaning and Pressing

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, Inc.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System The Old Standard general strengthening tonic. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

LOCAL NEWS

Carbon at Burroughs.
Miss Myrtle Farris of Noodle is in Cisco for a short visit.
School books are cash. Burroughs.

Mrs. G. W. Roach was in Abilene Tuesday visiting relatives.

Gents shirts, sizes from 14 up to 20, cheaper than ever before. A. L. Jobe.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McDonald returned Friday of last week from an extended visit to relatives on the Plains.

Same goods for less money; more goods for same money, at A. L. Jobe's.

Mrs. W. J. Lewis and her niece returned to Fort Worth this week, where they will spend the winter, that the latter may attend school there.

A classy line of cut glass at Burroughs.

Miss Jewell Toombs enjoyed a vacation last week from her work in the Anchor Mercantile Co. The time was spent visiting relatives in Clyde.

Mrs. J. E. Young and little Alice Glenn of Lampasas are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bigham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson departed Monday afternoon for Weatherford, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble. Mr. Anderson returned Tuesday afternoon on the Sunshine Special.

Messrs. Thos. Roy and John Winters purchased an '85 Overland, touring car Saturday from local dealers.

Mrs. J. L. Williams and children left Monday for Tatum, N. M.; to join Mr. Williams, who is teaching at that place. They were driven there by Robert Dennis and Stanley King.

Rev. and Mrs. Garvin and Miss Mary left Monday afternoon for Stamford, where they enjoyed the home-coming at Stamford College which was observed on Tuesday of this week.

Misses Martha Jane and Elizabeth Swafford left Tuesday morning for Dallas, where the former will resume her work in the city schools.



**FASHIONABLE MEN
FALL CLOTHES FOR MEN**

OUR SHOWING OF FALL STYLES IN SUITS, OVERCOATS AND FURNISHINGS WILL PLEASE THE MAN WHO IS PARTICULAR ABOUT HIS LOOKS. OUR CLOTHES MAKE YOU LOOK "DRESSY" BECAUSE THE QUALITY IS THERE; WE SEE THAT THEY FIT YOU PERFECTLY; THEY ARE THE LATEST STYLE AND THE FINISH AND WORKMANSHIP IS HIGH CLASS.

BUY YOUR NEW FALL SUIT AND OVERCOAT FROM US. BUY IT NOW. THEN YOU WILL ENJOY THE BRACING FALL WEATHER, BE COMFORTABLE AND WELL DRESSED.

WE MAKE THE SHORT PRICE ON OUR LONG-WEARING CLOTHES.

Does the saving of a Ten Dollar Bill mean anything to you? If so be sure and see the real \$25.00 suits we are making to measure for

\$15

Men and boys Hats
New and Nobby
See Them

100 pounds Marechal Neil Flour	\$3.90
3-pound can steel-cut coffee	90c
3 pkgs puffed wheat or rice	25c
3 cans pie peaches	25c
3 cans Kraut	25c
3 cans Corn	25c
3 cans Peas	25c

Our stock of dress goods is full and complete. Do your shopping at our store and enjoy the feast of good things - HIGH in style and quality, but LOW in price.

THE STAR STORE

Compare these suits with those other tailors ask \$25 for. We guarantee that you cannot duplicate them at this price—

\$15

FLORSHEIM SHOES
for men
Guarantees
Style and Quality

LOCAL NEWS

Carbon at Burroughs.
Miss Lillie Dean was in Abilene Tuesday with friends.

Live and let live prices at Jobe's.

Mrs. Couch of Kirkland is visiting her daughter Mrs. Neece Hancock.

The Merkel Bargain House is A. L. Jobe's Store. Next door to Merkel Garage.

Mrs. James Clarkson, of Blair, Okla., is here to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Watch these column every week. We will show you items that mean Happiness, Health and Prosperity to you. Burroughs.

Miss Hattie Payne of Waxahachie who has been the guest of the Bigham home for several days, left Tuesday for Abilene for a visit before returning to her home.

Mrs. Lucy Vickers of Gonzales was in the Noodle country last week visiting the family of W. L. Barbee and from there Mrs. Vickers went to Eskota where she visited her sister Mrs. I. R. Trent.

M. M. Leeman of Pyote, Mesdames J. M. Terry and Matt Fryar of Bonham, brother and sisters of the late Mrs. Alice Templeton are in Merkel are in Merkel this week disposing of the latter's household furnishings and other personal possessions.

Miss Powell of Leonard who will be one of Merkel's teachers this year arrived here from her home Wednesday morning.

John R. Daniel, a former resident of Merkel was a visitor here this week.

Carbon at Burroughs.

Mrs. C. W. Smith of Coleman returned to her home Saturday after visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosa Smith, and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, their daughters, the Misses Tracy and Mary Reed, drove to the latter's home in Hillsboro last Friday. Mr. McDonald returned home the early part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Winter and baby daughter of near Hawley spent last week in Merkel visiting relatives.

Dolf Clark started extensive improvements of his home Wednesday morning. A new and modern bungalow roof and other changes will be made.

Blacklegoids at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, are proud parents of a baby girl born this Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Paylor of Big Spring were visitors in Merkel Wednesday of this week.

Principal R. A. Burgess came in Wednesday night from his home in Lubbock. He will spend the next few days getting located and ready for his year's work which begins Monday.

Mrs. E. J. Calloway who has been here visiting her daughter Mrs. A. J. Barbee for the past few days, left Wednesday for Whitney where she will be with her son Otho Calloway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff and their three daughters who have been visiting in Eastern and Southern Texas returned home Thursday of last week. Mrs. Doye who was quite sick with inflammatory rheumatism while away is improving nicely since her return.

R. H. Dean and two daughters Lillie and Madge leave this Thursday night for Siloam Springs, Ark., there the Misses Deans will enter school. Mr. Dean will return in about two weeks before he goes to Siloam Springs to live and even then his departure will not be permanent for he will return to Merkel next fall.

T. & P. Time Table

EASTBOUND

Sunshine Special	8:44 a.m.
No. 4	9:54 a.m.
No. 6	10:18 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Sunshine Special	8:22 p.m.
No. 3	6:08 p.m.
No. 5	5:55 a.m.

The Advertised Article

is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never shopworn.



**The Range Eternal
EVERLASTINGLY GOOD**

"Yes, there is a life time of perfect kitchen service in the Range Eternal. It is a delight in our home—and the large warming closet is such a convenience," so say the women who have wisely chosen the *Range Eternal*.

The Range Eternal

is marketed by men who have devoted their lives to making it the best range—the most complete range—the most convenient, delightful range any woman could want. There's two generations of experience in every *Range Eternal*. Thirty-two points of *Eternal Excellence* offer you kitchen service that is one continual delight. Every move you make in cooking or baking or tending the range is made easier and more pleasant by one of these points. This range can also be furnished with leg base.

Flues Lined With Eternametal

an exclusive—wear-proof, rust-proof, corrosion-proof—metal—the strongest ever used in any range. Makes the *Range Eternal* wear longer—serve longer—serve better. Come in and see the *Range Eternal*. Let us explain all of its 32 vital points, before you decide upon any range.

G. F. WEST CO.

**Why Your Shades Show
CRACKS AND PIN HOLES**

BECAUSE the dry climate and sudden attacks of sucking, snapping winds, with the strain and stress of daily usage, causes your shades to lose the chalk and clay filling, revealing the coarse muslin cloth beneath in cracks and pin holes.

TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR SHADES

Take the sample of **LUX-OR** shade cloth we mailed you, fold it as much as you like in both hands, and rub it, and watch the results—a shade that wears twice as long as the ordinary kind, is one that has no clay filling, but is made of good close-woven muslin and oil colors.

"Ask For Lux-or."

BEHRENS - McMILLEN FURNITURE CO.
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School Children's Wants

Can be filled by us very readily, as we have the most complete, up-to-date variety of childrens wearables in Dresses, Suits, and Shoes ever shown in Merkel. Our line of Gingham Dresses are wonderful values in price
From 50c to 75c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and up to 2.00

Also nice line combination dresses in silk and wool serge combinations from \$4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.50, 7.50 and \$10

Boys will find just what they are looking for here in smart, stylish suits, ranging in price from \$3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.50, 7.50, 8.50 and up to 11.00

Big line of School Shoes in Gunmetal, Patent Leather and Kid

Also nice line of Minnie HaHa Biliken shoes for the smaller school boys and girls

MERKEL

ANCHOR MERCANTILE CO.

TEXAS

A COTTON LETTER ON BETTER PRICES

To the Planters and Merchants: Gentlemen:

The United States Government report on the condition of cotton to August 25th issued today was 61.2 per cent, indicating a yield of 158 1-2 pounds to the acre, or a crop of 11,400,000 running bales equivalent to 11,800,000 500-

pound bales. This is a little lower than we were looking for, notwithstanding we were sure the condition was serious.

The price of cotton advanced three to four dollars a bale.

In our forecast issued August 25th we stated that the crop was likely to run around 11,500,000 bales, which was not far wrong judging from the report. With another week of deterioration since August 25th, it looks like we will not have a crop larger than last year.

The big New York houses admit now that we have a crop disaster and no telling how high the price will go. They say that the cotton goods trade was never better, and mills are running full time to fill orders based on very much higher price cotton than present prices. It is our firm belief that cotton will go to 20c per pound this month, especially if our planters and merchants will use common sense in marketing, and not glut the market with cotton just as we are about to realize what is justly due us. Why should a farmer rush his cotton to market when it is increasing in value \$1 per bale per day?

We believe that cotton should be held off the market for three weeks more, and then sell a small portion the latter part of the month. Supplies will be scarce and the price will rise, however, the mills will have to have cotton by the 25th and we must not cut off supplies altogether, as it might cripple them, which we don't want to do. We want the mills to hum and keep the cotton worked out of the way as fast as we sell it.

We notice that England keeps threatening to place an arbitrary price on cotton if it goes to high, forbidding the importation above a certain price. That is all bluff, and is one of the scare reports we cautioned you about, that they would try to use to depress the price.

The truth of the matter is, we have caught England short on cotton, and it hurts to see American mills outstripping her for supremacy in the trade. England has always gotten the cheap cotton every fall, as they bought practically all of the early surplus which enabled her to pay the cost of transportation and compete with our mills, but we have a different situation now. The American mills have been foresighted enough to carry a pretty large stock of the actual cotton.

We hope to see our people wake up to the situation, and not throw away the best opportunity they have had for a generation. We have spent large sums in trying to put them wise as the saying goes, as we have foreseen this coming for quite awhile, and we felt it was our duty to call their attention to it. In fact it was the reason of our trade letters being established. We want that extra three hundred million dollars in our planters' pockets, and then we can all get our share through our increased prosperity. "We can fight the battles of peace" as well as war.

You can expect temporary declines in market, but the general tone will be for higher prices, unless we rush cotton on the market too rapid. Southern Cotton Review, Atlanta, Ga. Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation is taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Ladies Free Rest Room Ladies dont fail to take advantage of the Rest Room when in Merkel. It is free to you to use at any time you are in Merkel. Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. 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

Pity the Congregation. An old Scotch minister told his assistant that he felt more fatigued hearing him than in preaching himself. The assistant replied that he experienced a similar feeling when his senior was in the pulpit. "Then," rejoined the minister, "I peety the folk that have to hear us baith!"—Youth's Companion.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a medicine that every family should be provided with. Colic and diarrhoea often come on suddenly and often come on suddenly and it is of the greatest importance that they be treated promptly. Consider the suffering that must be endured until a physician arrives or medicine can be obtained. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has a reputation second to none for the quick relief which it affords. Obtainable everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grafford of Centrilla, Mo., are here for the winter, coming here to be with their granddaughter Mrs. H. K. Sheppard and Mr. Sheppard of the Merkel Drug Co. Complete line of Dr. LeGear's and International stock remedies at Burroughs. Mrs. S. D. Martin and children of Route 3, left Tuesday for Ravenden, Ark., where she will visit relatives. School books are cash. Burroughs.

Rev. L. B. Owen extends a special invitation to all people near to and over the age of fifty to attend a special sermon he has for them, which he will deliver at the 11 o'clock hour. All others are invited to attend this service, but the elderly people, and especially those past fifty, are requested to be there.

Don't Think A Modern Windmill Looks Like This

The same kind of ingenious, inventive ability that has perfected the automobile, flying machine and submarine has been at work on the windmill.

You would not think of buying an automobile with the transmission gears uncovered and exposed to dirt and water. Nor would you buy one which required that each bearing be oiled separately. We simply urge you to use the same good judgment in selecting a windmill.

There is ONE, but ONLY ONE, thoroely modern and up-to-date windmill.

You will find in it every feature which you know to be desirable in a windmill. It runs in the lightest wind, it is strong and durable, all working parts are inclosed and flooded with oil from the supply in the gear case. The oil supply needs replenishing only once a year. The brake and furling device are simple and effective.

A glance at this illustration will bring home to you very forcefully the difference between this modern wind motor and the out-of-date windmills being offered for sale. If you have a mill of another make it will pay you to replace it, on your old tower, with an Auto-Oiled Aermotor. If you have an Aermotor you can bring it up to date by using your old tower, wheel and vane and installing an auto-oiled motor.

Our galvanized steel towers are up-to-date also. We call them "EASY-TO-BUILD-UP," as they are made in 7-foot lengths and can be built up from the ground without the use of gin pole and heavy tackle. They are tremendously strong.

Progressive windmill dealers in every locality are taking up the sale of the Auto-Oiled Aermotor. Ask them about it or write us direct for fuller information. Aermotor Co., 2500 West Twelfth St., Chicago, Ill.

Carbon at Burroughs.

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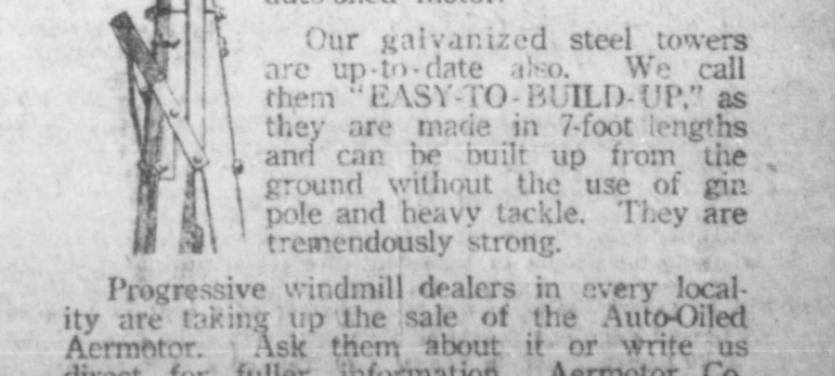
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Quality First

\$200 or \$300 MORE, AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

I once bought a 98-cent razor. For two weeks I shaved with it. Then I bought another one. I paid \$3.50 and I still have it. Nobody can persuade me to part with it.

And I challenge anybody to convince me that a 98-cent razor is cheaper than a \$3.50 one.

No, gentlemen, the \$3.50 razor is cheaper by far. It costs more, keeps a keen edge, gives me a good shave every day and lasts a lifetime.

So with the Chalmers car. It costs a little more—perhaps \$200 or \$300 more than some other cars. And what a difference that \$300 makes!

The Chalmers keeps going day in, day out; year after year. It always looks the part. About all you need do is look after the gas, oil, water and grease cups.

And Chalmers gives five-year life. The average Chalmers owner keeps his car at least five years before he sells it second-hand or trades it in.

Quite a difference between the 3400 r. p. m. Chalmers and many other cars in that one respect.

Aside from all this—the performance of the 1917 Chalmers will make you catch your breath.

FULWILER ELECTRIC CO. IRA ARMSTRONG, Demonstrator

Parten's Great Style Show

IS A MONSTER SUCCESS :: SALES UNPRECEDENTED IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL DRESSES

Big shipment childrens suiting and gingham school dresses 50c to \$1.50
Each Beautifully Trimmed and Extra Quality
at a saving of 33 1/2 to 50 per cent.

New 12 1/2c fall ginghams, dark patterns only 10c
Now is the time to get ready for school

MILLINERY

Greatest ever shown in Merkel—Prices Most Reasonable ever
Everybody's Taking Them

Ladies' \$18.00 Tailored Suits only \$13.50
Others up to \$25.00 and Great Bargains
Silk and Wool Dresses and Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats
big variety at 50 per cent saving. Hurry to

PARTEN'S BIG BUSY CASH STORE

GERMANS LOSS IS 3,375,000 TO DATE

London, Sept. 12.—Germans casualties in the war during August, according to a compilation here from the German casualties lists, totaled 240,900. This brings the German total since the beginning of the war, as compiled from the same sources, to 3,375,000. These figures include all the German nationalities, but do not include the naval and colonial casualties. The detailed figures for the month of August follow: Killed, 42,700; prisoners, 1,800; missing, 42,900; wounded, 153,500; Total, 240,900.

Detailed figures for the period of the war to the end of August, 1916: Killed, 832,000; prisoners, 165,000; missing, 234,000; wounded, 144,000. Total 3,375,000.

To El Paso to Live

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel left in their car Sunday for El Paso, where they will make their home for a time, or somewhere in that part of the west. They go hoping the move will prove beneficial to Mr. Daniel's health, which has not been good for some time. These two will be greatly missed in Merkel. Mrs. Daniel's place at the Woodroof Store has been taken by Mrs. I. S. Allen, and this family will occupy the Daniel residence.

A. T. & S. F. To Fight Law

Galveston, Sept. 12.—Officials of the Santa Fe railroad began serving notices on employes and the public today the recently enacted eight hour law for trainment will not be observed, except on orders from the court of last resort.

SHILOH

Rev. Horn filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

A number from here attended the Ordination Services at Hebron Sunday.

Shiloh was very well represented at the singing convention at Trent Sunday.

The Winters brothers purchased a new Overland car last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Noodle visited friends in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Wheeler and little daughter of Noodle were visiting friends in this community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. McCright spent Sunday with friends in the Noodle community.

Miss Lyda Beavers spent Saturday night with the Misses Scotts of Trent, and attended the Singing Convention.

Mrs. Chas. Seago was a Merkel visitors Wednesday.

A number of boys from here visited Walter Maynard at the Sanitarium at Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Beavers has been right sick since last Thursday.

S. L. Grayson sold a fine span of mules Monday to Mrs. Bond of Merkel for \$525.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

Willys

KNIGHT
Sleeve Valve Motor

The World's Most Quiet Motor

It's easy to pick the real thing in motor cars.

Drive a Willys-Knight and you'll know—it

Otherwise it escapes your senses.

That quiet, smooth softness also means ab-

Willys-Knight owners are all through experimenting — they're fixed and know it.

LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to ADVERTISE in THIS PAPER

Good druggists everywhere
bring Oil when a heating lotion or
standard home remedy for more
effective in dealing with pain.

SOLD ONLY IN
25c AND 50c
BOTTLES



action, driving the pain entirely out—soothing the hurting parts. It is truly astonishing to feel the almost instant effect that this powerful liniment has on pain. The hurting seems to be gone almost before the application is completed.

NEURALGIA? "I have been afflicted with neuralgia spells periodically for several years until I learned of Hunt's Lightning Oil. It permanently cured me. I have never had a pain that it would not alleviate and I have been using Hunt's Lightning Oil for fifteen years," says Uncle Jesse Loving, the best known citizen of Grayson County, Texas.

CUTS & BURNS "I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used for man and beast, it is quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and flesh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity," says Mr. S. Harrison, Kosciusko, Miss. Thousands praise it.

HEADACHES "If space would permit I would print all of the testimonials written of the relief that Hunt's Lightning Oil has given to headaches, no news would be published in this paper. It would all be Hunt's Lightning Oil praise. If you suffer, don't hesitate a moment but come to our store and get a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. A surprise will be in store for you. 50c and 25c bottles.

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ALL DRUGGISTS.



MIDLAND FAIR TO BE SEPT 26 TO 30

The Management of the Midland Fair & Inter State Stock Show, through the Lincoln Beachey Co., Inc., of Chicago, has contracted for Laddie Laird, one of the best Aviators in the world. Laird will loop the loop, fly upsidedown and give other fancy flying features.

On the Fourth of July, Laddie Laird was substituted for Thompson, who had suffered injury and could not fly Elk's Convention at Montana, where he was appear. Butte lies at an altitude of 8,000 feet, where the air is dry and light, but this prevented Laird giving one of the most remarkable exhibition flying ever witnessed. Every feature ever given by any other Aviator was given on this

LADIES MILLINERY

It will pay you to visit our millinery department, to see the New Fall Hats. Something new every day. If you have a hat to make over, we advise bringing it in now

NEW FALL HATS AND CAPS

FOR MEN

Cool weather has come and it is time to discard the Old Straw. A look at our New Fall Hats means a purchase. We have the new styles and colors, at the popular price **\$3.00**

VARSITY FIFTY-FIVE

THE STYLE OF ALL STYLES

Everybody likes it. Everybody knows that it stands for the newest and best in men's styles—the sure, right thing in clothes.

HART-SCHAFFNER & MARX

Have produced the Smartest Suits you ever saw. They are here, \$10.00 to \$25.00

NEW FALL SUITS

FOR SCHOOL BOYS

We are receiving daily new Fall and Winter Suits for the school boy. Our stock is large and have many styles and patterns as we have felt the demand for school suits. At popular prices. Sizes 6 to 18, at \$2.50 to \$10.00



Ready-to-Wear

Every day brings us something new and pretty for our Ready-To-Wear Department. You are sure to find just what you want in our enormous selection of Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses. We have them in all the popular styles and patterns at prices sure to please.

LADIES' STYLISH SHOES

New shoes are arriving daily in all the New Autumn Styles. Our stock consists of the latest in Two-Tone effects—Black Vamps and White Tops, Havana Brown Kid Vamps and Ivory Tops, Dark Grey Kid Vamps and Light Grey Tops, and several beautiful styles in plain Black Kid. It is a pleasure to show you. Prices \$3.00 to \$6.50.

SCHOOL DAYS

Means New Togs for the girls. School dresses at the right prices. Our fall line of dresses is now complete. Let us show you these stylish and serviceable dresses. Prices range from 65c to \$1.50. We have a beautiful line of school middies at

50 CENTS AND \$1.25

SCHOOL SHOES

FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

We can save you money on shoes. We bought before the advances and are giving our customers the benefit. Our Buster Brown School Shoes are better than ever. Better let us fit your children now, while we have all sizes and styles. When better shoes are made Buster Brown will make them.

TO AILING WOMEN

A Little Sound Advice Will Help Many a Sufferer in Merkel

No woman should consider herself healthy and well if the kidneys are weak. Poisons that pass off in the secretions when the kidneys are well, are retained in the body when the kidneys are disordered. If the kidneys and bladder become inflamed and swollen worse trouble may quickly follow. This is often the cause of bearing down pains, lameness etc. Uric poisoning is also frequent cause of headaches, dizzy spells, langour, nervousness and rheumatic pain.

When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy that has proven effective in thousands of such cases. Let a Merkel woman tell of her experience.

Mrs. J. M. Dry, Merkel, says: "I got down with my back and when I stooped over it was hard to straighten up again. Dizzy spells come on me and I felt worn out and depressed most all the time. I used but one box of Doan's Kidney Pills and the pains in my back left, the headaches disappeared and my kidneys were greatly strengthened. I have never had much need of a kidney medicine since."

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

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We have a few special bargains in Dawson County lands, at \$10 \$12.00 per acre well located, easy terms.

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Ask us to show you.
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We have opened a market on front street, in the Coats building and will furnish the best of meats, fish, oysters, ham, bread and barbecue. Free delivery in Merkel. Give us a trial. Sunday delivery. Phone 94. McGehee and Conder. 8t2pd

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look younger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Notice

Hereafter, Merkel cream station will receive cream only on Friday and Saturday, cream now worth 25c per pound butterfat, bring me your cream, correct weights and test guaranteed.

E. F. Stanley, Agt. 8t2pd.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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All wool velvet finish serge, guaranteed at **\$17.50**

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Complete line of men, ladies and childrens SHOES at the OLD PRICE

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