

THE MERKEL MAIL

JOHN C. EVINS IS KILLED NEAR ROBY

The most brutal and heinous murder ever committed in Fisher county was brought to light Thursday afternoon about one o'clock, when the nude body of John C. Evins was unearthed near the little town of Longworth. The body had been brutally dealt with and was found buried in a crouching position in a ravine or draw west of Longworth about one mile by some small boys.

R. C. White's boys were going home from a cotton patch when they noticed a mound of freshly made dirt beneath a china grove in a secluded spot, and through curiosity they proceeded to look into the matter. They unearthed a man's foot and quickly gave the alarm. The officers were notified and went to the scene and the body of the murdered victim was soon extricated from its crude grave.

The body was covered with a coat of mud and this led the officers to the belief that it had been placed in the Longworth lake. Upon investigation it was found that the murderer had taken his victim to the lake and endeavored to sink him in the waters, but it seems that he failed in his plot and then dragged the body out and carried it about one mile to the hiding place.

Four wounds were found upon the dead man's head, either of which would have proven instant death. The instrument used was blunt and produced ugly wounds. A deep knife wound was also made across Evins' back, supposedly to enable the murderer to bend the body double in order to place it in the shallow grave.

Further investigation revealed that the murderer had worked diligently to hide his atrocious deed. Three buckets of blood-saturated sand and dirt were found in the lake and an axe with splashes of blood upon it was found near the Sellers Hotel in Longworth, but most of the stains had been scraped off the handle. It is thought that Evins was murdered while asleep and when the first blow was struck he threw his right hand to his head, as a portion of his right thumb was found imbedded in his skull.

The officers gave pursuit of one W. T. Bishop who had camped the night before at Longworth with Mr. Evins and succeeded in capturing him at Sweetwater. He was brought to Roby and placed in jail. When arrested, Bishop was wearing a new suit of clothes and had in his possession some letters, a watch, a land deed, and a letter of identification from the First National Bank of Roby, all the property of Mr. Evins. The prisoner's bedding and old clothes were found at a wagon yard where he had left his vehicle. The clothes and bedding were stained with blood. Eight dollars were found upon him.

Circumstances led every one to believe that Bishop is guilty of this awful crime, and, drawing on the imagination, it is the presumption of the public that the deed was done to gain possession of the papers, and with the aid of the identification letter he could well pose as Mr. Evins.

Bishop was brought back via Longworth and pointed out to the officers where he and Evins had camped. Blood stains were found on the ground nearby and a man's finger prints were also visible in the sand, supposedly where the blood had been gath-

ered up and placed in the buckets.

Bishop denies any connection with the appalling deed, and states that Mr. Evins left camp hurriedly Thursday morning to catch the Orient southbound train for San Angelo, forgetting his watch and papers. He also attributes the blood stains on the buggy, bedding and clothing to a fresh cut in his horse's ear, claiming the animal was fretful and in slinging its head the blood spattered on the articles.

Bishop appeared at the restaurant in Longworth Thursday morning and ate breakfast. His hands and legs were covered with mud, but he assigned this to the fact that his horse had jerked him into the lake while watering him. He then went to the cotton field where the boys were at work and inquired of a job and on leaving the field he passed near the buried body and stopped and was seen looking over into the grave where the body lay.

Mr. Evins was 55 years of age, single, and has been a resident of Fisher county a number of years, living on his farm in the Royston community. He has two surviving brothers, two sisters and other relatives who have been notified of his death.

Bishop gives his home as Ira, Scurry county, and states that he has a wife and three children there. He came to Roby about ten days ago and inquired of Mr. Evins. He was seen in Roby Tuesday and informed parties that he was preparing to buy the Evins farm. He and Evins were in Roby together Wednesday and left late in the afternoon on a supposed business trip to San Angelo. He will be given a preliminary trial here today (Friday.)

Evins' body was turned over to Undertaker Barrow of Rotan and prepared for burial. The corpse is at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Shed Overby, awaiting advices from relatives.—Roby Banner.

MEXICAN KILLED SATURDAY NIGHT

Following a game of Monte between Mexicans on the Beasley-Sears farm north of this place, Eduardo Lausedo, a cotton picker, was shot and killed by one of his fellow gamers.

Deputy Sheriff Laney went out from here and assisted in making an arrest, but officers believe that the one really guilty of the murder escaped. As usual when Mexicans have trouble and American officers are called, very few of the foreigners know anything of what has happened, and usually answer all questions "Yo no se," meaning I don't understand or the common expression "No Sabe."

Jitne Side-Swipes Car

A car driven by Mr. Derrington was side-swiped by a jitne late Saturday afternoon with results of considerable damage to the "lesser light." No damages were recorded on the Derrington car. Evidently the blame of the accident was against the driver of the jitne, whose machine headed into the heavier car.

Mrs. Virgil Touchstone of Childress came in Monday night from Anson to visit for awhile with her parents and other relatives and friends in Merkel.

Roy B. Mefford of Stephenville arrived in Merkel Friday of last week to assume his duties as teacher in the high school.

PUBLIC SCHOOL IS OPENED WITH LARGE PARENT ATTENDANCE--VARIED PROGRAM

Student Body Assembled Was an Impressive Showing Much Success in School Work For Merkel Seems Inevitable Under our Good Management

Probably seven hundred and fifty men, women, boys and girls assembled at the High School Monday morning to attend the opening of the public schools. The spacious auditorium was filled to overflowing, the walls were then lined with students and men and ladies. The halls leading up to the auditorium were crowded and, due to the interest manifested in those present, many stood for over two hours while the program was being carried out.

The song America was first sung and then Rev. Cypert opened with scripture reading, followed by prayer by Rev. Young. From Merkel a welcome was extended to the student body and to the faculty by Thos. A. Johnson in an appropriate fifteen-minute address. The address of welcome by J. C. Mason was substituted as Mr. Mason could not attend. Rev. Garvin extended a hearty, cordial and insistent welcome in behalf of the churches of Merkel. Principle Burgess replied to the welcome addresses and promised faithful service from every teacher. Superintendent Parker then addressed the Merkel public for his initial time and dealt with various things vital to a school's success.

Among some of the most important matters brought to attention by Superintendent Parker was on individual behavior, application of the student, attention and co-operation of the parent, fulfillment of duties as outlined to teachers, and promised every parent to give even greater results, to each individual effort the parent took having their child take a proper interest in the work. While no special rule was made in the matter Mr. Parker asked all parents to refrain from allowing their children to take part in, or, attend parties, socials or such from and including the school nights, Monday to Thursday. Stating in this regard that all students were more efficient where this rule was strictly observed, and in this he could only look to the parents and guardians for an enforcement of the rule as he could take no personal interest in that phase.

The musical programme of the morning were piano solos by Mrs. L. B. Howard and Miss Ona Fay Bland, a quartette by Mrs. Howard, Miss Burkett, Messrs. Armstrong and Ayres and a duet by Miss Burkett and Mrs. Howard.

It is interesting to note that such an unusual interest has been manifested at the beginning of school. This showing of personal interest on the part of the patrons of the school will give the faculty more confidence in believing that the parent body is co-operating in their endeavor for a better school at all times. The actual enrollment Monday was 471. Everybody work for a better school.

12,500 BALES COTTON WILL LIKELY BE MARKETING HERE DURING THIS SEASON

10,000-Bale Estimators Have no Doubt Guessed Under the Grand Total by at Least 2500 Bales—Average Now in Excess 2000 Bales per Week

From Thursday of last week until Thursday morning of this week 2044 bales of cotton were weighed in the Merkel yards, bringing the total receipts up to 4,655 bales Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. By Saturday night the total should be increased to at least 5,300 bales, and by that time one half of our cotton crop will not have been ginned and marketed.

Many cotton growers are gathering the last, others are not half through, while there are still others who are just getting started good, and with all this in view the Mail places an estimate on the present crop of 12,500 bales.

Mrs. J. J. Shelton left Wednesday morning for Gainesville, this state, and points in Tennessee and Georgia, where she will be for some time visiting and on business. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton have decided to make Merkel their permanent home, and while away Mrs. Shelton will complete arrangements to this end. Mr. Shelton will remain in Merkel, where he is in the cotton business during the former's absence.

F. C. Sanders of Huntingdon, Tenn., returned to his home Tuesday morning after having visited his children, Mrs. H. T. Merritt and Messrs. L. E. and F. A. Sanders. It is the plan of Mr. Sanders to move to Merkel as soon as he can dispose of his interests in Huntingdon.

BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS COMING

At last the welcome news has been announced that the youngsters and oldsters of this vicinity will have an opportunity to visit the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth. This great circus will be within easy traveling distance when it exhibits in Abilene on October 7.

This year Barnum & Bailey announce an all new novelty circus, composed of more foreign acts than ever before. An important feature is the new, Oriental spectacular pageant, "Persia, or the Pageants of The Thousand and One Nights." In this gorgeous display more than 1,350 persons participate. The Oriental music incidental to the production is rendered by 350 musicians, and 3,500 costumes are worn in the various actions of the pageant.

The circus program will be one of unusual novelty and variety. More than 480 arenic artists will appear in the various acrobatic, aerial and riding numbers, and an army of fifty of the funniest clowns on earth will keep the audience convulsed with laughter. Among the new acts to be offered for the first time the season are four great troupes of Chinese artists presenting a complete Chinese circus, replete with thrilling aerial and acrobatic feats. The famous Hanneford Family, champion riders of Europe, are another new importation, as is also Signor Bagonghi, Italy's famous dwarf equestrian. More than twenty trained animal acts will be included in the program, headed by Pallenberg's two marvelous troupes of trained bears.

The Barnum & Bailey Circus is larger this season than ever and requires 89 cars to transport it. It carries 1,400 persons, 785 horses and a greatly enlarged menagerie of 108 cages and 41 elephants.

CAR TURNS OVER ONE MAN IS HURT

When the automobile Jim Kello was driving struck a series of bad sand and chug holes in the Abilene-Merkel road at a place three miles east of town, the machine turned over and very painfully hurt Charlie Massey, one of the occupants of the car.

The accident happened Saturday evening at early dusk when the driver turned out to pass a wagon, and was pulling back into the road over the rough places when the machine skidded and turned on its side. The injured man was brought here for treatment.

CAPT. E. HALL DEAD BURIAL AT ABILENE

Captain Elisha Hall, aged 84 years, died Sunday morning at his home at Merkel of old age and was buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Abilene just before noon Monday. The body was brought here on the Monday morning train and the funeral was held from the train, the Rev. L. B. Owen, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church officiating.

Captain Hall was born in Canada on October 23, 1832. He has been a resident of Merkel for several years. The widow and four children survive him as follows: Mrs. Maud Graham, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Margaret Clifton, Waco; Miss Agnes Hall, Merkel; R. E. Hall, San Diego, Cal. Captain Hall was converted 30 years ago and joined the Baptist church continuing in the faith to the last.

Mrs. Hall, the widow, is a sister of Miss Blanche Walker, and R. S. Walker of Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

Capt. Hall though a resident of Merkel spent much of his time in east Texas where he had property interests, coming here to rest and recuperate. Since a recent business visit to east Texas his health has been wretched and during the past three or four weeks his close friends and relatives realized that the end was near.

CAUGHT UNDER CAR DIES OF INJURY

H. L. Castleman, a brother of the Texas & Pacific was severely injured at Abilene Monday night and died Wednesday at a hospital in Fort Worth, where he was taken for treatment immediately following the accident. While attempting to make a coupling, Mr. Castleman's foot was caught in a track frog and he was thrown under the trucks. A wheel passed glancingly along a lower limb from the knee to the thigh, crushing the member fearfully. It was necessary for the car to be lifted with jack screws before the man could be released. A special train was made up carrying the wounded man to Fort Worth, where it was first thought he would recover.

CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson of Trent was a scene of a regular re-union Wednesday where the children of this aged couple met to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of their parents.

Those present were Messrs Cleveland and Bob Johnson and their families, Mrs. Annie Boone and children, one other daughter and family and Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are among the oldest settlers in the Trent country and have a host of friends whom the Mail join in extending congratulations and wishing all joy and happiness throughout the remaining years of their matured age.

Mrs. A. E. Creighton is at the bedside of her father at the Grogan Sanitarium in Sweetwater in response to a message stating he was very ill.

Statement of Condition

THE
Farmers State

BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12th, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$239,511.28
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,053.14
Cash and Exchange	87,531.62
Other Resources	1,399.10
Total	\$346,445.14

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	18,534.56
Deposits	258,253.73
Rediscounts	34,656.85
Total	\$346,445.14

The above statement is correct

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Only Guaranty Fund Bank in Merkel

First One Thing Then Two
By CREIGHTON

And there it stood, a magnificent statue of gilt and gold reflecting the crescent waves of the placid waters—an emblem of the high esteem in which he was held. But his eyes are touched with the curtain of darkness. He sees not the polished sepulchre. Words of praise and adoration do not penetrate the deaf and lifeless ears. If you have flowers for another, present them while the receiver can appreciate their beauty and fragrance.

Col. Hughes' "frost" in the west was tragic. Little did we dream that so noble a mind would be fed the crumbs of an unresponsive ear. Sad. He it was who imagined the populace of the west would welcome him from vale and mountain top as he strode with mighty steps on his presidential campaign. Running for the presidency with Hughes is about as harmonious as a steer in a pantry.

Roosevelt's mournful bugle call to the lost party echoed and reverberated in the great wilderness. Its sharp blast penetrated the most remote corners of the yawning canyons, but not a sound was heard in all the lonesome wilds; not a moose stirred from its lair—and Hughes swore again.

The moon shed its soft radiance through the tall magnolias; the cricket chirped its nightly tune; the raven croaked and the frog bellowed, and then a strange thing happened—the wind blew through his whiskers.

"Lead on my beautiful Themis and I will follow thee." And later, when thou wouldst quinch thy thirst at the fount of Budweiser, she will follow "thee."

A man recently left a note stating that he committed suicide because he didn't care to live. Strange anyone would suicide for such a trifle.

The hot and sultry weather is fast disappearing into history, and now, for a period of several months, the Boll Weevil Wiggle will be in vogue.

It is our pleasure to announce that we have authentic advices that pork is still an excellent diet. A very wealthy gentleman informed us.

"The sun rises as of yore and his golden beams still smite the lips of Memnon"—but that has nothing to do with good roads.

"Too many women to worry over one." Maybe, but try only one first. She'll probably prove abundant.

Mexico, the land of dreams. Yes, go down there and they'll put you to sleep right away.

Villa is said to be a Mexican outlaw. Well he has nothing on any other Mexican.

Ever try looking only "at" a transparent skirt? They (skirts) are simply lovely.

If we had a pound of cotton we would sit up all night and watch it.

It is rumored that some where in the vast wilds of Mexico is a bandit.

Things that were—Republican and Progressive parties.

She jumps at conclusions and he concludes to jump.

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No. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept., 1916, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 22nd day of Sept., 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$20,074.33
Loans, real estate	1,735.00
Overdrafts	396.51
Other Real Estate	470.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	32,985.96
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to c.k., net	11,283.82
Cash items	19.35
Currency	6,181.00
Specie	877.16
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	807.16
Other Resources as follows:	
Cotton Bill's of exchange	7,732.71
Total	\$114,110.02

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	6,201.99
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	\$6,877.42
Cashiers checks	310.36
Reserve for Taxes	88.81
Other Liabilities	411.44
Total	\$114,110.02

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. T. Warren as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President,
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Sept. A. D. 1916.

(SEAL) Thos. Johnson
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: G. F. West {
R. B. Johnson { Directors
E. D. Teuton {

No. 366

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of Sept., 1916, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of Sept., 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$220,452.00
Loans, real estate	8,608.82
Overdrafts	390.46
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	41,296.24
Cash items	7,000.97
Currency	9,945.09
Specie	3,700.50
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	2,053.14
Bills of Exchange on Cotton	22,309.96
Other Resources as follows	1,521.35
Total	\$416,445.14

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	14,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,504.56
Individual Deposits sub. to check	275,355.17
Time Certificates of Deposit	19,700.12
Cashier's checks	2,191.54
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	34,656.85
Total	\$416,445.14

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. S. Swann, president,
R. O. Anderson, cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Sept. A. D. 1916.

(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest: J. S. Swann {
John Sears { Directors
M. Armstrong {

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Statement of The

Farmers & Merchants
NATIONAL BANK

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$205,603.00
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	5,900.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	152,027.04
Total	\$379,192.54

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	40,327.18
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	307,615.36
Total	\$379,192.54

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THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

The End of A Rivalry

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

Josephine Sommers was as a girl from ten to sixteen years an incorrigible tomboy. Everybody called her Joe, and everybody admitted that she was well named, for she might be considered either a boy or a girl. Her most intimate friends were boys, and they always spoke of her as "one of us."

When Joe was fifteen a change came over her—that is, she was passing from childhood to womanhood. This transition was in her case peculiar. A girl of fifteen knows that she can't do those things she did when a child. For instance, she can't climb trees with the same freedom; she can't ride on horse-back straddle without apparel fitted for the purpose; there is not the same freedom in her friendships with boys.

Joe had not quite let go, all these juvenile ways, and yet she was reaching for young ladyhood. One thing she had not yet grasped, and that was a proper appreciation of being made love to by a young man. Boys had never thought of making love to her. A boy would no more have made love to her than to another boy. For a boy to make love to her would have sounded ridiculous, and, ten to one, she would have laughed at him.

The first time that anything serious in the way of a love matter occurred to Joe Sommers was when she was fifteen and a half years old. Two boys, Bob Atherton and Johnnie Myers, laid longing eyes upon her. Neither of them made any mention of the fact to her. If one walked home with her from school the other kept out of the way. If one engaged her for a game of tennis the other amused himself in some other way. Joe did not see the rivalry, but the boys were conscious of it, and there was not a day that one did not try to get ahead of the other.

Of course this constant effort was bound in the end to make trouble between the two boys. Every time one saw the other enjoying Joe's society to the exclusion of the other the green monster flapped his wings. An explosion is sure to come in such cases, and this one was no exception.

All three of the parties to this triangular love affair—though the girl had no sentimental part in it at all—were in the same class in the Edgingham high school. When a certain baseball game was played between the Edgingham and the Waterton high schools Bob Atherton saw on the grand stand Joe Sommers sitting with a vacant place beside her. He joined her and asked if he might occupy it. She gave him permission, saying that she expected another boy to sit with her, but there was room for him on the other side.

Now, the other boy was Johnnie Myers. Before he reached the stand the place on the other side of Joe was occupied, and he saw Bob in his place. He didn't approach the two and make a scene, but there was consternation within him. He did not even claim his right to sit by the girl. He went off to another part of the field, nursing his wrath not against Joe, who was to be blamed if any one was, but against Bob.

When the game was finished and the multitude left the athletic grounds Johnnie saw his rival walking with Joe toward her home. His own route lay in this direction. Indeed, he lived not far from her, and she could look from her window into his back yard. When Bob left her Johnnie joined him and accused him of intentionally occupying his place at the baseball game. Bob was innocent of the charge, but certain words used by Johnnie riled him.

Joe had laid aside her belongings and was sitting by her window when she saw Bob climb the fence in the rear of Johnnie's home and approach Johnnie with apparent hostile intent. The next thing she saw was a battle.

It did not take Joe long to discern the cause of this encounter. Realizing that she had not properly protected the boy she had promised to sit beside at the game, it was plain to her that this disgraceful fight between her two friends was her own fault. Running downstairs and out through a back door, she vaulted all fences that separated her from the combatants, finally alighting in the yard where they were fighting. But so engaged were they with each other that they did not see her.

What predominated in Joe's mind was this: Through her neglect these two boys had been brought to punch each other. She was angry with herself, but still more angry with them for making her fault more glaring. The fact of their rivalry for her did not enter her head. Indeed, she did not know that there was a rivalry.

It happened that the gardener had been using a hose to water some plants and had left it on the ground. Joe seized it, and the first intimation of her presence to the competitors for her favor was a stream of water poured over them. For a few moments, not discerning the cause of the interruption, they continued to maul each other. Then both turned and, seeing the object of their devotion directing the stream, they ceased to fight and stood apart, whereupon Joe dropped the hose and stood looking at them angrily. She was trying to find words to express what was within her, but, failing, she jumped the fence and ran away.

That was the end of the rivalry for Joe Sommers' favor on the part of these two boys, for she turned the cold shoulder on both of them.



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Guarantees Style and Quality

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Y. Rice arrived in Merkel Wednesday night for a visit with the family of their brother, Jno. M. Rice and other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Rice were married in Hollis, Okla., Sunday, September 10th, and this is their first visit to Merkel. The friends of these two in Merkel would wish them happiness and success.

Advertised Letters.

Armstrong, Roy.
Bennette, Mrs. E. B.
Black, Frank.
Gaskin, N.
Loubet, G. G.
Lobbin, Mrs. C. H.
McGowan, Cora.
Rust, Mrs. Jim.
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Oct. 4th, 1916.
H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas

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Vocal duet.
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Piano Solo—Laura Beard.
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Carbon at Burroughs.

Ennis Grimes who has been a member of the working force of the Grimes Drug Store for some time left last week for Sylvester where he will enjoy a few days' vacation with Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes. Upon his return Ennis will go immediately to Houston where he will enter the Texas Dental College.

Be sure and look over the new jewelry stock at Grimes Drug Store.

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.

LOCAL NEWS

Carbon at Burroughs.

Sweet potatoes at G.M. Sharp's. Miss Myrtle Reeves of Blair entered school here this week.

A classy line of cut glass at Burroughs.

Just drop in and see the new things we have in the jewelry line. Grimes.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Powell Wednesday.

Carbon at Burroughs.

Emzy E. Burroughs has returned to Merkel after spending several months in Amarillo.

Try a 3 lb. bucket of Wamba coffee; it's good. G. M. Sharp.

Will Butman has returned from the state of Maine where he visited relatives.

A new and complete line of sundries just arrived. Burroughs.

Mrs. E. J. Harvey of Potterville is visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins.

We are giving 22 cents per dozen for eggs. Anchor Mercantile Co.

Miss Olie Garoutte left Tuesday morning for Snyder on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Corn and oats expected by Saturday. G. M. Sharp.

Rev. H. E. Bullock was called to Jermyn last week by the death of his wife's mother, Mrs. Newman. Mrs. Bullock having been there several days prior to the death. Rev. and Mrs. Bullock will return home some time during this week.

Wall paper and double roll—1 cent—of odds and ends. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain returned Saturday night from a motorcycle drive across the Plains. While away they visited Amarillo, Matador and other towns of that section.

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Miss Edna Munden of Midlothian arrived in Merkel Saturday evening. She will be connected with the public school the coming year.

School books are cash. Burroughs.

Miss Irene Swann left Monday morning for Judson College, Marion, Ala., where she will spend her senior year in the department of art.

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WITH OUR EXCHANGES

THINGS TO EAT

The fellow who has never tried one of those Fannin county watermelons—the kind with sunrise interiors and the flavor of a James Whitcomb Riley poem—has certainly missed a great treat.—Bonham Favorite.

That may be so, but the man who has never tasted a mesquite bean (one of the Taylor county kind) has missed half his life.

"CITY SEWERAGE"

Whitewright has just completed a modern sewerage system. That city has always been progressive, and is one of Grayson county's best towns.—Sherman Democrat.

And to think of it Merkel should not be out done in any of the matters of civic improvement.

ELECTRICITY ON THE TRANSATLANTIC SUBMARINE "DEUTCHLAND"

There was little mention made in the public press of the part that electricity played in making possible the plucky journey of the submarine "Deutschland," from her home port in Germany to Baltimore, a distance of 3800 miles in 16 days. Yet without her storage batteries and propelling motors enabling her to navigate beneath the surface, and full equipment of electric winches, lights and wireless, naval engineers agree that the voyage would have been regarded as foolhardy if not impossible.

During her voyage, most of which was made on the surface, the Deutschland was propelled by two crude oil engines. In addition to propelling the craft on the surface the electric generators to keep the storage batteries in the bottom of the boat fully charged. Even while running on the surface the electric current was of importance in lighting the interior, forcing fresh air in the living quarter and operating the wireless. Electric winches were also used for raising and lowering the anchor and loading the cargo and supplies.

When danger threatened and strange ships were sighted the Deutschland was submerged and it was then that the electrical machinery was depended upon entirely to propel her beneath the water out of the danger zone. On such occasions the oil engines were shut down and a supply of current from the storage batteries used to operate two electric motors attached to propellers. In this way, according to Captain Koenig, the submarine could travel 100 miles without rising to the surface to recharge the storage cells. On the voyage to America the submarine was submerged for a distance of 90 miles, most of which was necessary in passing through the closely patrolled North Sea. Her captain stated that on one occasion the boat was submerged to the bottom, and (in submarine phraseology) "went to sleep" for several hours.—Electric news.

THINGS LIGHTNING DOES NOT DAMAGE

Lightning, that mysterious source generated in the powerhouse of nature, which often sets fire to haystacks, frame houses and barns has never been known to seriously damage:

- Railroads, trains or locomotives,
 - Buildings with metallic grounded sides and roofs,
 - Buildings which have frameworks composed wholly of metal,
 - Grounded steel windmill towers,
 - Steel battleships and cruisers,
 - Business blocks and apartment houses in cities.
- The explanation of this phenomena is simple, for most of these objects conduct electricity so

well that electricity induced on the earth is drawn up through them and dispersed into the atmosphere, thus dissipating the charge of electricity before it becomes strong enough to produce a flash. If a lightning stroke to one of these objects does occur, the mass of metal entering into its composition will usually conduct the current safely to the ground.

Carnivals—An aggregation of bipeds organized for the purpose of raking in the dividends.

Owing to the absence of that stuff which buys gasoline for automobiles, we will be forced to refrain from taking our annual trip abroad.

PASTED PARAGRAPHS

BRIGHT SIDE OF THE INCIDENT

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 He ventured to remark:
 "Oh, stranger, you are welcome here,
 I'm glad you're not a shark."
 —Washington Star.

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 He chuckled in high glee.
 And said, "This trip, 'tis very clear,
 There'll be no tips from me."
 —Birmingham Age-Herald.

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 He said, "Now what's the dope?
 If you're a submarine, my dear,
 Where is your periscope?"
 —Youngstown Telegram.

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 He said, "I do not fear it:
 If there's an after-dinner speech
 I will not have to hear it."
 —Houston Post.

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 His nerve began to totter.
 Until this thought with comfort came:
 It can't be any hotter.
 —Kansas City Star.

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 His courage did not fail.
 "I'll have a whaling time," said he,
 "Inside a blooming whale."
 —Commercial Appeal.

When Jonah saw the whale draw near
 He showed his 1st white feather;
 But took a passage in that boat
 Regardless of the weather.

TWO CENTS' WORTH OF ELECTRIC ON THE FARM

Ten years ago central station electricity retailed for 18 and 20 cents per kilowatt in some communities, and was not obtainable at any price in most farming districts. Since then, improvements in electrical machinery, the extension of high power transmission lines and the development of great power projects has brought electric power into hundreds of farm homes at a price within reach of the humblest farmer's purse. The rate is usually between 10 and 15 cents per kilowatt today, and recent improvements in motors and lights make the consumer's money purchase more light and power than it ever did before.

At 10 cents per kilowatt-hour, the price usually charged, engineers of the General Electric Company have figured that the price of a postage stamp will buy enough electricity to:

- Milk ten cows,
- Churn 20 pounds of butter.
- Separate 1400 pounds of milk in a cream separator,
- Do two large family washings,
- Heat an electric flatiron for half an hour,
- Run a sewing machine for four hours,
- Make griddle cakes on an electric griddle twice,
- Pump water enough to last the family two days,
- Sharpen an axe or scythe on the grindstone six times,
- Thresh five bushels of oats, four bushels of barley and two and one-half bushels of wheat,
- Light a 40-watt MAZDA lamp (about 32 candle-power) an hour, a day or five days,
- Make five slices of toast every morning for four mornings.

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NOTICE

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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."

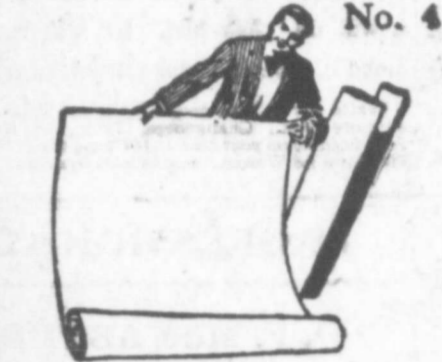
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High Grade Merchandise
The policy of stocking only high-grade merchandise is back of our recommendation of **Armstrong's Linoleum**. Careful investigation carried conviction. All materials are tested and every inch is inspected before it leaves the factory. The new patterns and colors put Armstrong's in a class by itself. Patterns for every room in the house.

How to Put Down Linoleum

If you want your linoleum to last as it should, it must, in the first place, be laid properly. So it will be well worth your while to read these directions, and then follow them carefully:

ON WOOD FLOORS: The wood itself should be dry and well seasoned, and you must see that the surface is smooth and even. This is extremely important, as otherwise the linoleum is apt to break, owing to the unevenness of the floor underneath.

In putting down the linoleum, cut it so as to allow for expansion; that is, do not attempt at first to make it fit tight. For, after having been rolled up for several weeks or months, it is bound to continue to "grow" for some little time after it is laid out flat. So let it lie loose on the floor for at least two or three weeks, giving it plenty of time to expand as much as it wants to. If you do not do this the linoleum is apt to buckle, which not only gives it an unsightly appearance, but also causes it to wear out quickly. After expansion has ceased, fit it closely all around the room.

In securing linoleum to wood floors, many people simply tack it down with ordinary carpet tacks. This is a great mistake for 2 reasons. In the first place, the tacks themselves are ugly. Number 18, 3/4-inch, wire brads, spaced about four inches apart, should be used instead. In the second place, and what is far more serious, the joints in linoleum laid this way are not watertight. Hence, moisture gets underneath, rots the wood, and naturally the result is that the linoleum breaks.

Now, such trouble can be easily avoided by the use of waterproof cement, which we can supply. This cement is a sort of glue, made especially for laying linoleum. The ideal way is to coat the entire back of the linoleum with it, but this, of course, is quite a little work, and hence a good many people use linoleum brads and binding.

"HOW TO LAY AND CARE FOR LINOLEUM" is the title of a book we will gladly mail you on request, or you can have one for the asking by calling at our store.

Linoleum is much easier laid during these warm days. Do not put it off until cold weather, now is the time to lay it.

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Armstrong's Linoleum cases the work—cases the wall. Can be cleaned in a jiffy—has the elasticity that tests the feet.

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SHILOH

Grover Tyner preached at Golan Saturday night and Sunday. Miss Edith Mayberry left Sunday for Abilene, where she will enter school.

A number from here attended the carnival at Merkel Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Wheeler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of the Noodle community.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson and little daughter Vennie and Mrs. Chas. Seago were Merkel visitors Monday.

Mr. McDonald is having some improvements made on his place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters and Grandma Phillips spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy near Sweetwater Creek.

Mrs. Walter Phillips and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnes.

Miss Albertine Winters left Tuesday morning for Abilene, where she will enter Simmons College.

W. B. Beavers and J. H. Grayson spent Sunday afternoon on the formers' farm near Sweetwater Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson.

A number from here picked cotton for Mr. Maynard last Friday.

This whole community was saddened last Wednesday evening when the news was flashed over the wires that Walter Maynard had died that afternoon at the Alexander Sanitarium at Abilene. Walter had many friends here who will sadly miss him. We know it was indeed hard to have to give him up just in the prime of young manhood and when he had such a promising future before him, but would say to his dear parents, brothers and sisters that as Walter accepted the Savior as his very own during his sickness that should be a great consolation to them. You should now look away from the new-made grave to that beautiful home over there, where Walter will never know another sorrow or care. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

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.

B. Y. P. U Program
Leader—Miss Winnie Warren. Scripture quotation on missions—by each member present. Introduction—Leader. The first duty of the churches of a state is to evangelize the people of their own state—Mrs. Lytton Howard. In a real sense the churches themselves constitute a part of our State Mission field.—Mr. Browning. Song. The work of the departments of Sunday Schools.—Miss Dovie Teaff. The work of the B. Y. P. U.—Barney Garrett. The department of church building.—Mr. Davenport. Department of Evangelism.—Miss Ola Sharp. Some general and Specific State Mission needs.—Mrs. Jones.

Fresh box candles at Grimes.

NOODLE

Sept. 15.—Little Gladys Newson is able to be at home again, having undergone an operation at Alexander's Sanitarium some few days ago.

Mrs. William Winter returned to her home at Guthrie Friday, after spending two weeks with relatives and friends.

Eld. Bankhead of Merkel preached at the Christian church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucious Ely are the proud parents of a baby girl, which made its appearance on Sept. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee and Mrs. Easterwood attended the Cowmen's Reunion at Sweetwater last Thursday and Friday, and Mesdames Barbee and Easterwood remained there to visit friends and relatives this week.

Mrs. A. C. Bayless returned to her home at Woodbury last Thursday night week, having been called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson moved to their new home at Avaca Monday where they will teach school this term.

Little Alma and Ina Faye Barbee honored their Cousin Dorothy Fultz of Sweetwater by giving her a little party Saturday night. Various games were played, then they served ice cream and cake to a number of little friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee returned to their home at Paducah Sunday night, after spending a week at this place.

Miss Helin Thompson was very ill the past week, but is able to be up again.

Sept. 21—A J Barbee and wife spent Wednesday and Thursday at this place with relatives.

Miss Beulah Ely went to Merkel Saturday so she would be ready to enter school Monday.

Mesdames Eoff and Green spent Saturday with Mrs Charlie Walker near Kale.

Arthur Rogers and wife of Comper were visiting homefolks Sunday.

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

Misses Aileen and Alma Barbee and brother Donald and Halie Green spent Saturday night with Mr and Mrs A J Barbee of Merkel.

Miss Arminta Wheeler entertained quite a number of young people at her home Saturday night.

W L Barbee transacted business in Abilene Friday. Mrs F E Church of Merkel was a guest of her parents Mr and Mrs W U Beene Sunday

Miss Beulah Jones of Shiloh is visiting Miss Zelma Bicknell.

Mr and Mrs E P Beene of Merkel were guests of Mr and Mrs Jim Beene Sunday.

Farm for Sale

Good sandy land farm, near Shiloh, 180 acres, 104 in cultivation, well, cistern, tank, 4-room house. A bargain for cash. On market only 30 days. J. H. Grayson. 22t2pd

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.



SOLD!

To the Man with the Black Mustache

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Recently a man named Hays—in an Ohio town—held a public sale of his household effects. Among the articles offered, was a *Range Eternal* which he had purchased in 1914.

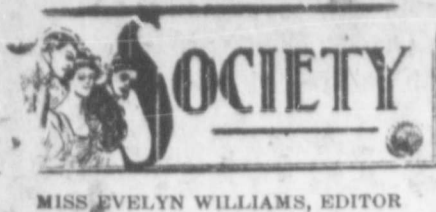
After spirited bidding, the *Range Eternal* was sold to Mr. Albert Ferguson of Grove City, O., for only 50c less than Hays originally paid for it. But that is not all. Later on, four of those who bid for Hays' *Range Eternal*, bought new ones from the local dealer.

All of which simply goes to prove that the *Range Eternal* is "legal tender" and has an established reputation for SERVICE.

Let Us Show You the **RANGE ETERNAL**
Everlastingly Good.

We have the same kind of range that Mr. Hays sold at such a record breaking price. Come in and see it. Let us explain, one by one, the 32 points of Eternal Excellence which make the service of the *Range Eternal* so delightful—and so economical. Don't buy any range until you really understand the *Range Eternal*.

G. F. WEST CO.



The opening of Simmons College this week takes from Merkel the following young ladies: Misses Nellie Tracey, Wilma Garrett, Olive Teaff and Marion Hairston. Beside these Misses Dovey Teaff and Irene Hairston will enter for special work in the department of music. Miss Beulah Garrett, a Simmons student last year, also went down for the opening.

On Wednesday night of this week Miss Josie Smith, Messrs. George A. Smith, Shirley and Stanley King left for Georgetown where they will enter Southwestern University. Our boys and girls are well represented in the colleges over the state, which speaks well for our town, and we wish for the students success in their work. Other students who are gone are Frank Armstrong, who is at Stamford College, and Joe Hartley who will be in a college at Plainview.

Announcements have been received by Merkel friends of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Glisson, at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin, 2915 Montana Ave., El Paso, on Sept. 13. This little one will bear the name of Amy Louise. Congratulations are extended by the many friends of the family here.

The XXth Century Club year books which were completed in the office of the Mail last week are now being delivered to the members of this organization. The club's course of study for this year will be The Tempest, and The Princess from Tennyson. The first meeting of the year will be held Oct. 5th.

The sweetest of sweets in fresh box candies at Grimes. Buy her a box.

Wall paper 1 cent for double roll—1 cent—to close out of odds and ends. Behrens - McMillen Furniture Co.

Edwards Reidenbach

Miss Amanda Edwards of Merkel and Dan Reidenbach of the country south of Merkel were married in Abilene Saturday afternoon at two-thirty.

The bride who is a niece of Mrs. C. P. Stevens has made her home here for several months while Mr. Reidenbach has grown to manhood in our midst. This



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young couple have the good wishes of their many friends for happiness through the glass of their married life.

The bride for her wedding was dressed in a navy blue taffeta suit with accessories of white.

Mr. and Mrs. Reidenbach will make their home on the Reidenbach farm Southeast of Merkel.

Moore-Melton

Sunday afternoon at about 3:30 while seated in their buggy at the residence of Elder Price Bankhead, Miss Hallie Moore and Mr. Richard Melton, both of Blair, were married, Elder Bankhead performing the rites of marriage.

Accompanying the bride and groom were eight young couples of their community in whose presence the ceremony was performed.

Miss Hallie, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore of Blair, is well known in Merkel, and is a very popular young lady with those who know her.

Mr. Melton has only been a resident of this section a short while, but he is spoken of as a young man worthy of the girl whom he makes his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton will in a short while be located on a farm in the Nubia community. The best wishes of their friends would enrich this new home they will establish.

THE SILHOUETTE OF THE HOUR

Straight Lines Predominate and the Skirts Fall Softly. Colors for Autumn are Rich and Warm

New York, Sept. 15.—From the earlier Paris openings, many shipments of suits and gowns have already come to New York, making it quite clear to see what the general trend of the fashions is to be.

The Silhouette has not undergone any revolutionary change. There is a quiet dignity and simplicity about the styles, in which we notice that Fashion has taken moderation to be her watchword. At least for a while—who can say for how long?—she seems to have given up everything that savors of exaggeration. Having realized that the extreme shortness of the skirts was too exaggerated, she has ordained that skirts shall be longer. The average length of the skirt today is about six inches from the floor. There are some

skirt attached at a low waistline, and a girdle is either tied loosely at that point or arranged at the normal line.

Navy Blue Serge for Autumn

The dark blue serge dress for autumn is ubiquitous, and when it is not trimmed with colored beads or embroidery it is the exception. Some of the beaded and embroidered designs are quite elaborate, but in others it is simply just a touch here and there that gives character to a dress and furnishes the correct spot of color.

Although it is evident that navy blue and black are the favorite autumn colors, still there is quite a large range of other colors to select from, and they have the advantage over the two former in that they are newer. One gets tired of dark blue and black, so the new colors are welcome not only for the sake of the variety but because they are in themselves very beautiful. Plum and purple have been adopted by Paris, probably on account of their being the colors that are used for second mourning, and the same is true of gray also. Among the other fashionable colors are the rich, warm burgundy, dark green and mustard yellow. In addition to these, brown in several shades is favored.



The Straight Lines of the New Silhouette

Paris houses which have gone to the other extreme, however, and have made dresses with skirts that reach the floor, but the majority of them have struck a happy medium, and it is not at all likely that the days of trailing skirts will come back again. Dresses, too, are free from that extravagant flare which characterized them before, and for the attainment of which we often had to resort to artificial means. This season the flare is conspicuous for its absence, one might say, for most of the dresses hang in straight soft folds. Nothing has been taken from the width of the skirts. They are just as ample, and the skirt that measures three to three and a half yards around the hem is still considered a conservative width.

Straight Lines Favored

Although the straight effects predominate in the more practical styles, in afternoon and evening dresses there are some soft draperies to be seen. Apron effects, too, in the form of pleated or gathered bits of the material, hang loosely in front of some of the dresses.

The waistline in the new fashions is generally in the normal position where nature meant it to be, but it will probably not be stationed there for any length of time. There have been not a few examples of the low waist of the Moyaen Age and this seems to be gaining popular favor at a great rate. A good many one-piece dresses are made with the



An Attractive Afternoon Frock

The silhouette of the hour 'is well depicted in the illustration of the one-piece frock shown here. The design is such that it may be developed in two materials if desired. The gathered side sections of the skirt, as well as the sleeves and side body, might be of satin and the remainder of the dress of serge. Bone buttons form a straight unbroken line down the front from collar to hem. The collar is open at the throat, for women seem to prefer the open neck to the high, even for autumn wear.

Another frock typical of the style of the season is seen in the second illustration. It shows the close bodice, which ends in front in a pointed tab falling over the deep crush girdle. A tassel finishes the tab. This lends a fashionable touch often introduced in this season's frocks. On the skirt the large pointed pockets are the novelty. The points are embroidered to match the front of the waist.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

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

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side. The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

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

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

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Inc., Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-45

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stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Shoop's Croup Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no diarrhea. A safe and pleasing cough-syrup. Druggists.

Good Bye Dirt!

Here Comes Richards' Magic Washing Stick

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is one of the most wonderful inventions of the age. It is absolutely unique. Never before has there been speed without harm. Never before have women had anything which REALLY made dirt disappear as quickly, as harmlessly, as EASILY as with this extraordinary dirt loosener. It does HOURS work in MINUTES. It positively will not fade colored clothes—shrink or harden woolen, and will not rot or weaken lace curtains so they tear easily, but keeps them STRONG besides absolutely clean.

3 Sticks for 25c—less than 2c a washing

Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If yours doesn't handle it, show him this ad—he'll get it for you. Or send 5c in stamps to A. B. Richards Co., Sherman, Tex.

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Big shipment childrens suiting and gingham school dresses **50c to \$1.50**
Each Beautifully Trimmed and Extra Quality
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New 12 1/2c fall ginghams, dark patterns only **10c**
Now is the time to get ready for school

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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

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Leave your call for
your Family Dr. at
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WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO PHONE YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR DIRECT, TRY OUR DRUG STORE WHICH IS PHYSICIANS' HEADQUARTERS. WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.

AND WHEN YOU GET YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS BRING THEM TO US AND HAVE THEM FILLED CAREFULLY WITH PURE FULL-STRENGTH DRUGS. WHEN YOU WANT RUBBER GOODS TOILET ARTICLES, SOAPS, PERFUMES, HOUSEHOLD REMEDIES OR ANY OTHER "DRUG STORE THING" COME TO US AND GET IT, BECAUSE YOU CAN "RELY" ON WHAT YOU BUY.

GRIMES DRUG STORE

NO 7481

Report of the Condition of

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Sept. 12, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts (except those shown on b)	\$236,549.27
Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured, None	
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	4,000.00
Total U. S. Bonds	10,250.00
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)	1,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate owned other than banking house	5,900.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	14,884.50
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	4,859.86
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	42,101.31
Net amt. due from banks and bankers (other than inclu. in 10 or 11)	24,537.48
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	3,540.02
Outside checks and other cash items	1,030.80
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	330.25
Notes of other national banks	1,361.15
Federal Reserve notes	1,570.00
Coin and certificates	5,000.00
Legal-tender notes	20,930.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,000.00
	312.50
Total	\$378,896.84

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	17,179.67
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	1,852.49
Circulating notes outstanding	15,327.18
Net amt. due to banks and bankers (other than included in 31 or 32)	6,250.00
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	11,892.50
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	276,780.81
Cashiers checks outstanding	2,450.00
stabsavings deposits	1,538.53
Total demand deposits,	2,657.82
Items 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42	\$283,427.16
Time deposits (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days on more notice)	
Certificate of deposit	12,000.00
Total of time deposits, Items 43, 44, and 45	12,000.00
Total	\$378,896.84

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief,
THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Sept., 1916.
G. W. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. T. WARREN
G. F. WEST, Directors.
BEN T. MERRITT

SOLDIER IS SHOT DIES FROM WOUND

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 19.—Private John Clyne, D company, Second Missouri regiments, was shot and killed last night by a military guard at Dolores, as the result of an altercation with the guard, according to the military authorities.

When the lieutenant ordered his arrest, Clyne is said to have become enraged and pointed his rifle at the lieutenant, whereupon the guard shot him.

The name of the guard responsible for Clyne's death is being withheld by the authorities.

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.

Card of Thanks

To all, who so kindly administered to the comfort of our husband and father, during his late illness and after death, we wish to express our deep and sincere appreciation.

Mrs. E. Hall and family.

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.

Rev. Bullock to Preach.

A telegram from Rev. H. E. Bullock states that he will occupy his pulpit Sunday.

Rev. Bullock was called away to attend the funeral of his wife's father, which occurred at Jermye, Texas.

For Sale.

Some good seed wheat clear of Johnson Grass at \$1.50. 13 miles south of Merkel. J. S. Touchstone. 22t2pd

A new shipment of jewelry, a \$3,000 lot just in at Grimes. Come see it.

HAVE YOU BEEN SICK?

Then you realize the utter weakness that robs ambition, destroys appetite, and makes work a burden.
To restore that strength and stamina that is so essential, nothing has ever equalled or compared with Scott's Emulsion, because its strength-sustaining nourishment invigorates the blood to distribute energy throughout the body while its tonic value sharpens the appetite and restores health in a natural, permanent way.

If you are run down, tired, nervous, overworked or lack strength, get Scott's Emulsion to-day. It is free from alcohol.
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Malacca Sticks.

The most costly walking sticks come from the Malay archipelago, and the most highly prized stick is the malacca cane. To insure straightness these sticks are reared in glass tubes. A good malacca should be a yard long, not less than an inch in diameter at the upper end, perfectly straight and smooth and of a very dark chocolate color, slightly mottled. It should be used delicately, for the lacquer which gives it its beautiful gloss is easily chipped.—London Graphic.

What Happened.

"What happened to the nest egg Smithers set aside when he married?"
"It hatched into alimony."—Judge.

Its Class.

"Here's a funny story about getting a seat in a crowded car."
"That's a standing joke."—Exchange.

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

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.

Do You Suffer From

HEADACHE? NEURALGIA?

"I have been subject to severe headaches for about seven years. My head would ache so badly 2-3 times that I could scarcely stand it. Doctors and headache medicines did no good. Hunt's Lightning Oil gave me almost instant relief. Have not suffered from those dreadful headaches since I found out about your wonderful 'iniment.'" writes Mrs. W. T. Dickson, Sherman, Texas.

MAKES PAIN VANISH
The affected part instantly warms and glows under its powerful penetrating effect. You can fairly see and feel it do the work. Simply rub it on and the pain seems to fade away.
Inexpensive—25c and 50c a bottle.



HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL

FOR SALE BY
All Druggists

Miss Isabel Huffaker of Greenville is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., having returned home with the latter last week from Greenville.

Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster left over the Santa Fe Thursday of last week for a stay of several weeks in Colorado and California.

For Sale

7 room house (my home place) 3 lots, well, windmill, elevated tank, cistern, fruit trees, good out buildings; near school building. Part cash, balance terms.
G. W. Johnson, Merkel, Texas. 22tf

Notice

No camping, hunting or fishing allowed on the Winship place, in Jones County. 22t2

Any and every kind of jewelry, and its all new at Grimes.

HUNT'S CURE

Is a guaranteed remedy for skin diseases—eczema, itch, scabies, ringworm, etc. If you suffer from any such trouble, get a box of Hunt's Cure today. Don't be stung with scaly, itching skin when a 50c box will relieve you. We will give your money back if one box of Hunt's Cure doesn't rid you of ITCHING SKIN DISEASE. "I surely praise your Hunt's Cure for eczema. I suffered with eczema for ten years—the pains and itching were so great I thought lots of times I would rather die. I spent about \$1,000 for doctors' treatments and everything was in vain until I bought a box of Hunt's Cure and it entirely cured me. My skin is now as good as a ten-year-old child's. I have recommended Hunt's Cure to my friends who suffered from eczema, and they have been cured also." writes Mr. A. T. Merrill, a merchant of Durant, Okla.

Sold by

FARMERS

It has come to our ears, that some cotton farmers are a bit skeptical on Electrical power being too strong, and in operating the various gins in Merkel that it pulls the gins too fast, and by so doing, don't give the proper turn out.

That is all BULL. Anyone telling you so, don't know what they are talking about. Electric Power is the most flexible power there is.

The Electric gins have many advantages over any other motive power in favor of the cotton producer.

We would be glad to go into details and explain why the many advantages can be had in your favor, with the Electric power, to any skeptical cotton producer. Respectfully

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Don't miss it—"it's a V.L.S.E."

Admission 10 and 20c

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Be better prepared to give something you know would make an admirable present

LET US EXPLAIN WE HAVE THE PLAN

Come to see us at Abilene and you will afterward thank us for the service we are able to give.

DIAMONDS **COMPTON'S** **JEWELRY**
CUT GLASS **ABILENE, TEXAS** **AND GIFTS**

Miss Leila Hill, piano and violin teacher solicits your patronage. Pupil of McDonald and Schrimmer. Seven years experience. Studio at residence of Rev. H. E. Bullock. Phone 285 and 182. 15t8-170

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Provine have returned to Merkel after spending several weeks with relatives at Edna, Texas.

Household paints and varnishes only 15 cents per can at J. A. Duckett's.

Miss Burkett of Abilene is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. B. Howard.

Get your \$1.25 overalls and jumpers at J. A. Duckett's for 95 cents. The price is the thing.

Miss Allyce Mae Boyce of Abilene was a week-end visitor of Miss Elma Sheppard.

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



We claim that TEXACO GASOLINE gives more mileage.

This claim is proven in countless automobiles, in the motor trucks of large concerns, in thousands of motor boats and service aeroplanes.

You can easily test this claim—

Go to the dealer who displays the Texaco Star—or call up our local agent—

Get a filling of Texaco Gasoline "The Gas with the Go."

THE TEXAS COMPANY
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LOCAL NEWS

Carbon at Burroughs.

Live and let live prices at Jobe's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thornton have as a guest their sister, Mrs. M. A. Mabry of Hugo, Okla.

While it lasts, 30 cent Peaberry coffee only 15 cents per pound at J. A. Duckett's.

Ever-Ready flash lights and accessories at Burroughs.

Miss Maislee Owen of Abilene, who has been visiting Miss Charley Bell Thomas, has returned to her home.

To have your clothes cleaned and pressed by the Star Store Tailoring Co., is a positive guarantee of the best service in Merkel.

School books are cash. Burroughs.

Miss Mae White who has taught in the Merkel schools returned Friday for her work this year. She will be located in the W. E. Britain home.

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

Blacklegoids at Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent spent a part of last week visiting the Amarillo Fair, where the Blue Ribbon herd has been shown.

We sell all well known and approved toilet articles such as Hudnuts, Lazells, Colgates, Lilly's, Pivers, Djer-kiss, Jergens, Hinds and many others. Burroughs.

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

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ferguson of Fort Worth have recently visited their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson of Merkel Route 5.

Complete line of Dr. LeGear's and International stock remedies at Burroughs.

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

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.

School books are cash. Burroughs.

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

W. M. Leeman returned to his home near Pecos Wednesday of this week. Mesdames Fryar and Terry having returned to their homes earlier in the week.

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.

G. H. Adams of Denton was a business visitor in Merkel the latter part of last week. He reports his family as well pleased in their new home. While here Mr. Adams sold his residence property on Elm street to Mr. Sherrell of the country north of Merkel.

Insure yourself against loss—vaccinate with Blacklegoids—Burroughs.

Car load of school tablets for 5 cents. A. L. Jobe.

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 or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of R. W. GROVE, 25c.

WOODROOF'S

Correct Styles in Ladies

SUITS
COATS
DRESSES

The Ready-to-Wear Department is the center of great interest and activity now. New things are arriving and we offer to the people of Merkel one of the best selections of Red Fern Suits, Coats and Dresses ever before shown. Reasonably priced.

\$12.50 to \$50.00



New Fall Hats in Great Variety

Are being shown in our Millinery Department. We have a beautiful selection of Misses' Hats. If you cant find what you want we will be glad to make it for you. Prices right.



MEN'S
SHOES

We have a COMPLETE showing of Men's Fall

Shoes, in the popular leathers and lasts. Our prices are right, as we bought before the advance in shoes came. Come in any time.

LET US SHOW YOU

Caps for School Boys

Our fall caps are here. Better come in and let us fit you up, while you can get the right size and color.

50c and \$1.00

LADIES
SHOES

We carry a complete line of the well known Selby dress. There are wide or narrow lasts, and give special attention to fitting. The new Two-Toned Boots in black and white, Havana Brown, Kid and Ivory and Battleship Grey and light grey are some of the new arrivals at \$6.50

Misses' Wool Dresses

We received by express today a large assortment of Misses' Wool Dresses in Navy Blue Serges with fancy trimmings, very suitable for school wear. Especially nice for dress wear. Sizes 8 to 14 at \$3.00 to \$8.50



To MEN and YOUNG MEN

Fall Clothes Are Ready

The store contains at this moment one of the best and largest stocks of

HART-SCHAFFNER & MARX

clothes ever offered in Merkel. If you know of these clothes, you won't need to read another word of this ad; you'll come around for yours. See the new fall models of Varsity Fifty-Five. We will gladly show you \$18.50 to \$25.00. Styleplus Suits \$17.00