

MERKEL HAS A KU KLUX KLAN

For some time there has been rumors and guesses that there existed an organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Merkel, but such was only a guess and a surmise, until on last Saturday when the Editor of this paper returned to his office from lunch, he found slipped under the office door an envelope containing a \$100.00 bill and note attached, instructing that the money be immediately handed to Mr. C. L. Tucker, who had the night before lost his home and household effects by fire, and who just a week before had a young son killed by accident. Below we publish the note, which bore the official seal of the Klan, and also the envelope contained another note which follows the donation note and which goes into detail seemingly, giving out some of the things for which the Klan stand for as well as those which as a national and local order it is opposed to.

Merkel, Texas,
December, 3rd, 1921
Thos. Durham, Editor Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas.

Dear Sir;
Enclosed please find one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which you will hand to Mr. C. L. Tucker as token of sympathy to him and his family in their recent misfortunes. "Not for Self But Others".

Merkel Klan No. 137, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan "To the people of Merkel and Surrounding Country;

"You have been looking for us, you have not seen us, never the less we are here and in numbers that would astonish you. We owe you a duty and in announcing ourselves we propose to perform that duty by apprising you of a few of the many things we stand for and against. "We stand four square for the prime purposes and tenets of the Christian religion. "We stand for free speech and a free press.

"We stand for law enforcement and that by the duly and legally constituted authorities. "We stand for a clean Judiciary, clean Executive and a clean constituency to help them attain this end.

"We stand for strict enforcement of law against graft and oppression in high places.

"We stand for the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors, drugs and narcotics.

"We stand for pure womanhood, upright and upstanding manhood, for the protection of young girls, young men and the American home.

"We stand for clean bodies, clean minds, and clean conduct.

"We stand for the helpless and down trodden of our country.

"We stand for 100 percent Americanism above all other governments, civil, political or ecclesiastical upon the face of the earth.

"We are against the slanderer and the traducer of the Christian Ministry and against any and all societies, civil or ecclesiastical, seeking the destruction or suppression of the Christian religion.

"We are against law violations in any and all forms, especially the mob.

"We are against and will not tolerate an impotent Judiciary or Executive nor a dirty, conspiring constituency, seeking to nullify our laws and pervert justice.

"We are against graft, intimidation, usurpation and coercion in public office.

"We are against lewd women and coarse men seeking to pollute the pure fountains of American citizenship at its very source.

BIG LYCEUM AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The second number of the High school Lyceum course will be given at the High School Auditorium on next Tuesday evening December 13th at eight o'clock. This number will be the "Lyceum Arts Quartet, a company of young lady musicians, artists in their line.

This quartet leaves nothing to be desired, musically or artistically. Their program is a finished product, both in individual and ensemble numbers. The program is a series of delights both to the eye and to the ear. The Company is composed of Miss Estelle Van Horne, first soprano-humorous reader; Miss Vivian Cody, second soprano; Miss Francis Webb, Mezzo; Miss Thelma Allen, Contralto. Hear these charming young women in their program of classical and popular musical and humorous numbers.

Admission will be by season ticket or single admission at the door. Single admission for this excellent number will be 50 and 75 cents, 50 cents for school others.

POPULAR COUPLE WED IN ABILENE

On November 25th Mr. Nat Anderson and Miss Pearl Toombs, both popular and well known young people of Merkel slipped away from their host of friends and drove over to Abilene, where they were happily united in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs, one of Taylor county's pioneer, best and most substantial families, and is loved and esteemed for the many womanly graces with which she is possessed; while the groom is one of Merkel's promising and enterprising young business men, who by his good manners, honesty and integrity has won the friendship of all with whom it has been his good fortune to become acquainted, and with whom, we join in extending congratulations and good wishes to him and his fair bride, for a long life of usefulness and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are happily domiciled for the present, in the palatial home of Mrs. E. L. Woodroof; having secured rooms there.

Editor's Note—We wish to state that this interesting item of news among some others, was unintentionally overlooked last week. This, we regret very much, but we are just human, and like other folks subject to mistakes and oversights.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation to all who so kindly assisted us during the continued illness and death of our beloved son. May the richest blessings be extended each of you. W. B. Alsbrook and family

ican citizenship at its very source.

"We are against unclean bodies, as well as unclean minds, arising from low and disorderly conduct and association.

"We are against the oppressor of widows, orphans and the helpless aged.

"We are against every un-American practice and for 100 percent Americanism, we are the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, No. 137.

MAYO WEST IN A REMINDER OF DUTY

Ordinance No. 9, of the City of Merkel, require, among other things that each person who resides within the Corporation limits of this city, who maintains a toilet on same, be required to place such toilet on property line at the alley, where city driver may have free and easy access to same.

The Ordinance also further provides that any one who shall interfere or attempt to interfere with the driver in the discharge of his duty shall be fined any sum not exceeding \$100.00

It also provides that anyone who shall fail or refuse to pay for such service, as set forth in ordinance, may be fined any sum not exceeding \$100.00.

Any persons who are convicted on any of the above offences also lay themselves liable under the city, state and county sanitary laws and such persons may be dealt with as the law provides in such cases.

Knowledge has come to the council that some of our citizens, either thru neglect or misunderstanding, have failed to comply with some of the above regulations.

Failure to comply with the above regulations is liable to create conditions that are undesirable and dangerous. We believe that, for the most part our citizens have the best interests and the welfare of the City at heart and that it will only be necessary to call their attention to this matter.

Our drivers have been instructed to call at each and every residence, within the City limits, during the month of December. Also our collector will call some time during the month, following such service, and to file complaints against all who fail or refuse to comply with these regulations.

We trust that it will only be necessary to call your attention to these matters and that no further action will be necessary.

Should anyone desire to contest the City's authority in same we have instructions to prosecute same to the limit.

Yours for a better Merkel,
H. C. West, Mayor.

MONEY RAISED TO DRILL STITH WELL

We understand the money has all been subscribed for the putting down of the Stith well to 3,500 feet deep unless oil or gas is found in paying quantities at a lesser depth, and that about \$7,500 of the money has been paid in to the committee, and all that is needed to start the test on down now, is for the balance of the \$10,000 pledged to be paid in. So, if you have subscribed to this fund see some member of the committee or drop in at the banks and pay your subscription.

This undoubtedly is the fairest proposition ever offered to the people of this country to get a sure enough test, as there is not a cent to be paid until the work is underway, or in other words, until the work is done according to contract with the citizens.

Let every body pay their subscription and let's get this drill to work, and it is possible that within the next 100-feet, which will go beyond the Sears sand, we will be able to announce to the world that we have an oil field. At least, we will know soon the real facts.

BLANTON MAKES A BIG HIT HERE

Congressman Thos. L. Blanton, spoke in this city last Thursday night to an audience which packed to the limit the Cozy Theatre. In fact it is stated that as many people went away who could not possibly get in the building as there was in the building.

Mr. Blanton who is making a tour of his district for the purpose of giving his constituents a report of his stewardship in the lower house of the National Congress, from the continued applause with which his remarks were met, evidently convinced his hearers that he has not only been serving them fairly and honestly but wisely and efficiently. It is said that some one in the audience shouted, "We'll send you to the Senate and which caused Mr. Blanton to ask that "All who would support him as a candidate for the Senate to please stand", and that almost the entire audience rose to their feet.

From press reports over the district, Mr. Blanton is meeting with the same favorable endorsement elsewhere as was given him here.

CHURCH LADIES DINE EX-SOLDIERS

The Methodist Ladies of the Missionary Society entertained the ex-service men with a great banquet at the Parsonage of the church, on Wednesday evening, December 7. There were thirty-seven of the men present. This is certainly a fine body of young men, some of whom are already among our best business and professional men. We are proud of these boys and wish for them a most prosperous and happy life. In view of the fact that the ladies determined to manifest an interest in the men and invite them to organize for themselves a Sunday School class in a room given them by the Philathia girls. Dr. Hunt of Abilene, and Mr. Thompson, of our city, delivered the addresses.

After attending the services at the Presbyterian Church the men came in a body to banquet at the parsonage where they were met at the door by C. W. Foote, acting as toastmaster. Through the hall-way they shook hands with the Missionary ladies and were introduced to Rev. Hunt. Then they were seated at the tables arranged for them. Soon good things to eat, in the way of baked chicken with gravy, dressing, cranberries, salads, pies, and all that goes to make a good meal, were placed before them. Now, these boys had one good feast. There was enough to spare.

Mr. Thompson then made a spirited address, calling the attention to the fact that there was still a fight ahead for the boys; a fight for right against wrong. There is a service to render to society. Dr. Hunt followed with a stirring appeal to the men to acquit themselves like soldiers, as they were, in the fight for the triumph of Christianity. He emphasized the wit and humor along with his great oratorical powers and gave a cheery, thoughtful address. Music was mingled along with other good things and at the close the boys followed a leader to the Sunday School room, set apart for them. Here they found a cheery fire and a good light. With an informal presentation of the room to the boys, by Rev

BIG CAMPAIGN ON BY BAPTIST FOLKS

During the year now about to end the Sunday school of the First Baptist church of Merkel has enjoyed a most wonderful growth in both interest and numbers, but that does not appease the desire of the officials and leaders of that organization from making a stronger effort to increase the attendance up to 500. Infact they have January 8, set as the date for reaching that goal. And as chairman of their enlistment committee, they have selected Mr. Earnest M. Mims, who travels out of this city for a wholesale dry goods company, and who although a young man, has had several years experience as Superintendent of Sunday schools in some of the larger cities. And in each case Mr. Mims has by his capable efforts increased the attendance to more than double what it was when he took hold of same. At the First Baptist church at Brownwood he raised the attendance from 250 to 846 within three months time. And at Gaston Avenue Baptist church, Dallas, he more than doubled the attendance. And although he travels out of here most of the week, he has agreed to lend his able assistance to the church in their effort to reach this goal, and we predict that when January 8 arrives this number will have been exceeded.

On last Friday, Mr. Mims drove through in his car from Roswell New Mexico, three hundred miles to reach Merkel in time to be present to teach his class of boys of about 13 years on Sunday morning.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT M. E. CHURCH

Announcement is made that at the Methodist Church in Merkel, on Saturday night, December 24, there will be a regular "old time" Christmas tree. And while the whole church membership and the public is invited to attend, take part in the way of putting presents on the tree. Supt. L. W. Cox, desires that it be especially stated that the tree is for the special benefit of the boys and girls of the Sunday school, he also states that visiting boys and girls will be welcome. And boys and girls, Mr. Cox says he has made arrangements with old Santa to be present on this happy occasion there fore, you may expect to receive your presents direct from old Santa. Hence, it will be safe to go early in order to be sure of getting a seat in the building, as it is expected that the church will be packed to full capacity at this time.

A fine program is being arranged for the occasion, announcement of which will be made next week.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEY TELLS ME A FOOL EN HE MONEY SOON PANTED, BUT SHUCKS! HE DON' HATTER BE NO FOOL --ME EN MAH MONEY DOES IT, TOO!



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HOME IS BURNED LAST FRIDAY EVE.

It is often said that "bad luck and misfortune hardly ever comes to one singly", and truly that seems to be the case with our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. C. L. Tucker, for while he and his son and daughter were in the city attending a social entertainment of Odd Fellows and Rebecca Lodges, their home one and half miles east of town, together with all their household effects, were totally destroyed by fire. As to cause of the fire no one seems to have any idea as to how it started, as there had been no fire in the home since morning.

This great loss to Mr. Tucker coming within less than one week after he had lost a young son, who was killed by accident is indeed heart rendering, and the Merkel Mail joins the entire citizenship of Merkel and surrounding country, in extending to him and his family deepest sympathy during their deep sorrows and losses, as we are informed not a dollar of insurance was carried on either the home or household goods.

However, these great griefs and losses may come to Mr. Tucker and other good citizens but the people of Merkel and surrounding country, of which there is absolutely none better came quickly to his rescue with an abundance of the material things of life, when several petitions were circulated here, at Blair and through the country as well as a shower given at the home of Mrs. H. F. Groene by the ladies of the town in behalf of Mr. Tucker's daughter, Miss Bessie, and we are told the total of all cash donations and other gifts from all sources will amount to at least \$1,000. While we are sure Mr. Tucker appreciates to the fullest extent, the very generous aid tendered him by the big hearted people of this town and vicinity, as well as some that came from a distance he by no means asked any assistance, for he has by his honesty and promptness in business affairs, won for himself a liberal credit, and stated to a close friend who mentioned the matter of assistance that "he could get along alright" and insisted that no help be asked for. But a generous people, such as reside in this vicinity, would not allow such misfortune to befall one among them, without showing their token of sympathy in a substantial and really helpful way, as is evidenced in this case.

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WITH THE METHODISTS

Bring your offering for the Orphan's Home to Sunday school next Sunday. Let us make glad the heart of some motherless child. Be sure to come on time and let us have a full attendance. The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock and probably at night also. The League and Missionary Societies will have their usual meetings. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday night. Let every body attend these services and hear some of the announcements regarding plans for the new building.

Here's a Guaranty

The people who are familiar with the policies of this Bank, who know our officers and have used our service, really need no guaranty of the Safety of their funds. We have their confidence, and we are proud to say that this confidence is fairly earned.

Here is a guaranty, however. The Depositors Guaranty Fund, of which we are a member, assures our depositors one hundred cents on every dollar deposited here. This is a guaranty of which every bank depositor is invited to avail himself.

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NOTICE

This is to notify the public that hauling wood and otherwise trespassing on the land known as the Freng Pasture, is strictly forbidden. Please comply with this request. Jasper McCoy. 9t2

Swafford and Leslie for Coal and Feed. Phone 203.

MONEY TO LOAN

If you need money to extend mortgages or do improving, town or farm property, low interest rate, see or write me. Loan about 40 per cent of conservative valuation. E. B. Moore, 12 Radford Building, Abilene, Texas. Want an agent in Merkel. 2t2

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

JEWELRY

for XMAS PRESENTS



Just Received a New Line of Jewelry, Beads, Laveliers, Rings Brooches, Etc.

Prices to Suit the Times

Make your Christmas Gift a Jewelry Gift

A. C. BONEY

We want to urge every member of the Presbyterian Church to line up with Sunday school during this last month of the last quarter of the year. We want to end the year, and the contest, with colors flying. It will be easily done, if only you will lend your assistance. Incidentally, you form a habit and receive a blessing that will carry you well into the new year.

Next Sunday will mark the Conclusion of the revival meeting which Mr. Bullock has so ably and faithfully conducted for us. Let us make this day the great day for our Sunday school. Our enrollment has gone above our first goal and our attendance has very nearly reached the one hundred mark. On next Sunday let's endeavor to put the enrollment up to one hundred fifty, and let's have an attendance of at least one hundred.

Jas H. West, Supt.

FOR SALE—1920 Model Buick Roadster. Terms if desired. See Booth Warren at the F & M Bank.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

"Stop! Look! Listen! Make it your aim to get every member of the Epworth League present Sunday evening at Six o'clock.

Subject—The Rule of the Epworth League, Lest we Forget. Scripture Lesson (Lukeix, 57-62.)

Piano Solo—Mona T. Christopher

Aim of meeting.

Application of the Motto, "All for Christ"—Mrs. Vaughn.

"Things that help us to remember and do"—Lotta Butman.

Song Service Prayer. Business. League Benediction.

NOTICE

The Road Law having been changed, notice is hereby given to every Road Overseer or any one else who might happen to have in his possession any tools or anything belonging to Taylor County to bring and deliver to me no later than Jan. 1st at Merkel, Texas. Respectfully, W. H. Frazier. It

Buy a sack of that big, snow-white, butter kist Pop Corn at Boney's

Messrs W. O. Boney, A. B. Patterson, B F. Cox and W. N. Hall are attending a meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Waco this week.

SOME GROCERY PRICES

Come unto me all ye that labor and money is scarce and I will sell you groceries at the lowest prices possible, I will save you money and appreciate your business. Look at these prices; Fine East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup just received at \$1.10 per Bucket.

Nigger in de Cane Patch, Geo Sugar Cane at 90c.
King Komus at 75c.
Green Velva at 75c.
Everybody Syrup at 75c.
Raven at 70 cents.
White Star Syrup at 70c.
Fairy White at 75 cents.
Gallon Blackberries at 95c.
Gallon Peaches at 85c.
Strawberry Preserves at \$1.15
25 pounds of sugar at \$1.90
Lima Beans at 11c per pound.
Pink Beans at 12 pounds for a \$1.00
Pinto Beans at 12 pounds for a \$1.00
6 pound of compound lard at 95c.
8 pounds of Swift Jewel at \$1.25
Dry Salt Meat at 16 1-2 cents per pound.
Smoke Bacon at 24c per lb.
Breakfast Bacon at 30c per lb.

All other goods in proportion. Come to A. L. Jobe's Store. It

We have the largest stock of tires in West Texas. New shipment just received. Merkel Garage.

On Monday of this week reports weresent out to parents of children in Merkel School, giving a record of the work done for the first three months of this school year. These reports are very important, and should have received a careful examination on the part of the parent. The term is now one-third gone, and if a pupil is badly failing, something must be done quickly, or the child will have sinned away his opportunity of making his grade, no matter how hard he might work. When he realizes that he has done so little that no matter how hard he may work from then on, he cannot make up for what he has failed to do, then he loses interest in school and will likely give both the teacher and parent trouble from then on.

Please examine carefully these reports that are sent to you every six weeks. Your co-operation to see that every thing possible is done to have the child succeed in making his work will be appreciated. Now is the time to see about these failures, now while there is yet time for most of the failures, to be made up if all energies are bent toward this end. A few more weeks of failing grades will mean that there is no chance to make up the work no matter what resolutions are then made.

The Honor roll that appears elsewhere in this paper gives an idea of what many are doing. This list does not include many others that are passing in their work.

Any helpful suggestions, and your hearty co-operation will not only be appreciated by the teacher, but may mean the saving of a year's school work for your child. Your co-operation in helping your child to succeed now will be appreciated by Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

You will enjoy the holidays more if your clothes have been properly cleaned and pressed. Ligon the Laundryman. Phone 218. tf.

Try American Beauty Flour and Meal. They stand for perfection in Bread making. Crown Hardware Co. tf.

We have the largest stock of tires in West Texas. New shipment just received. Merkel Garage.

THE OLD SHOE SHOP

Men's 1/2 soles for 85 cents.
Ladies 1/2 soles for 75 cents.
Ladies Rubber Heels 40 cents
All work guaranteed. E. L. Ash. 1tpd.

WEEKLY PRAYERMEETING

The Weekly prayer meeting met with Mrs. Chas West and had 17 present and a very profitable meeting. We voted to centralize our meeting place thru' the winter months, consequently we will meet each Wednesday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Chas West. Our lesson for next Wednesday, Dec. 14 is the 21 Chapter of Matt. with Mrs. Estes as leader

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits Price 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Born on December 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood, a fine nine pound boy. The mother and babe are at home of the former's parents, Mr and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.



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NEW WIRELESS AND TELEGRAPH INSTALLED

By the Tyler Commerical College, of Tyler Texas It is the best and most modern outfit obtainable from the Washington Co., and has a guaranteed radius of 1200 miles. In ordinary weather, it will pick up messages from all over the United States, and in clear cold weather, it is possible to communicate across the Atlantic Ocean with the High powered stations in Europe

The news from the present International Conference on Disarmament is being sent out by wireless and in our opinion communication by wireless telegraph and telephone will eventually be widely commercialized as Morse Telegraphy has been.

At this time, a large number of wireless stations are being operated all over the United States, not only by the Government, but by individuals as well, and the demand for operators is rapidly increasing. Excellent salaries are paid.

Many young people have already recognized this need and have inquired of us at different times why we did not teach this work It is particularly appealing to young people because it is comparatively new and unlimited field

Our initial class will be limited to fifty. Naturally, those who first apply will be allowed to enroll first in this work. Our teacher is one of the very best to be had and our radio plant will always be in the charge of an operator licensed by the U. S. Government. Fill out the coupon below and mail immediately so that you can enter the first class that is now being organized.

Name
Address
Interested in Wireless?
Tyler Commerical College, Tyler, Texas.

The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

MRS DERSTINE HOSTESS

Four cars filled with ladies of the "T. E. L. Class of the 1st Baptist church, went to the home of Mrs. W. H. Derstine, three miles west, on the Trent Pike, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Each member carried a little Christmas package, and as they entered the Derstine home, were relieved of same by Mrs Reece Hale.

The class president asked that we sing our class song, "My Faith Looks up to thee", then Mrs. Burl Scott read a passage of scripture which was in keeping with the Christmas sentiments. Mrs. Jinks Winter offered a prayer, after which, the business of the class was transacted.

Mrs. Derstine had a "Misspelled words contest and almost every guest was able to correct each word. The contest over, the door to the dining room was thrown open, and the guests asked to enter. In the center of the table sat a beautiful little tree, all bedecked with candle and other decorations. Two ladies at a time, walked up to the tree and each took a present off, and with a nicely worded greeting, presented it to her partner; thus each member received a token of the fellowship existing between each other.

Mrs. Derstine assisted by Mr. Hale served delicious refreshments of Hot chocolate, fruit, with whipped cream, and Angel food cake to the following: Mesdames; Howard, Winters, A. E. Brown, Scott, Renfro, Bland, Collins, Largent, Meador and Miss Dove Teaff. Class Reporter

You will enjoy the holidays better if your clothes have been properly cleaned and pressed. Ligon the Laundry man Phone 218.

Miss Mary Campbell spent last Friday and Saturday with friends on the Whitten ranch, near Sweetwater.

OUR BIG PRE-HOLIDAY SALE

Begins
Friday, Dec. 9
closes
Saturday Dec 24

14 Days Big
Stock - Reducing
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Our stock is too large for inventory on January 1st and we must begin before hand to reduce same to the lowest possible figure, regardless of Present Day Values

MEN & BOYS SUITS

Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and odd pants at greatly reduced prices.

All \$65.00 Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suits are now \$49.50
All \$55.00 Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suits are now \$42.50
All \$50.00 Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suits are now \$39.50
All \$45.00 Curlee and Griffon Suits are now \$32.50
All \$40.00 Curlee Suits now \$28.50
All \$35.00 Curlee Suits, including our No. 6121 Blue Serge at \$27.50
All \$30.00 Men's Suits now \$19.75
One Lot of 25 Mens Suits, Values up to \$45.00 and \$50.00 now \$19.75
One Lot of Men's Suits, Values up to \$35.00 Extra Special.. \$14.95

Boys Suits and Pants

All Boys Suits and Extra Pants at one half price.
All \$22.50 Boys Suits now \$11.25
All boys \$20.00 Suits now \$10.00

Shoes Shoes

Our Mens, Womens and Childrens Shoes are the very best makes and are all included in this Big Sale.

Mens Shoes

All \$12.00 Mens Florsheim, Brown Kid Shoes now \$9.98
All \$10.00 Florsheim and Marshal Shoes are now \$7.98
All \$7.50 and \$8.50 Mens Dress Shoes are now \$6.49
All \$6.95 Mens Dress and work Shoes are now \$5.85
All \$5.50 Mens Work Shoes now \$4.69

Extra Special

One Lot of Mens Dress Shoes, Values up to \$10.00, now \$4.95

Ladies and Childrens Shoes

10% Discount on all Ladies and Childrens Dress and School Shoes.

COTTON GOODS SPECIALS

Every item in Cotton goods has advanced from 50 to 75 per cent in the last 90 days. However we placed orders early on a basis of 10 cent cotton and are passing the advantage in price on to you.

Best grade 36-inch Bleached Domestic, well worth 25 cents, Special Price, 20 yards to the customer at per yard..... 15¢
Best Grade of 36-inch Sea Island Brown Domestic at per yard 12¢
Best Grade 36-inch Heavy Brown Domestic at per yard 10¢
Best Grade Heavy Outing in all colors at per yard 15¢
Best Grade Heavy 9-4 Bleached Sheeting at per yard 45¢
Best Grade Heavy 10-4 Bleached Sheeting at per yard 50¢
Best Grade Heavy 9-4 Brown Sheeting at per yard 40¢
Best Grade Heavy 10-4 Brown Sheeting at per yard 45¢
Best Grade Heavy 8 ounce ACA Feather tick, per yard 29¢
Good Heavy Grade Feather tick per yd... 25¢
Good Mattress tick per yard 15¢
Good Heavy Grade Shirting per yd.... 15¢
Good Grade Gingham, per yd..... 18¢
All Red Seal and Toil Du Nord Gingham Special per yard 20¢

Special on Toilet Articles

Two Cans Williams Talcum Powder, regular 50c Values at 2 for 26¢
Hinds Honey and Almond Cream, regular 60c Value, now 39¢

Mens Overcoats

One Lot of Mens Dress Overcoats, Values up to \$45.00, now \$19.75
One Lot of Mens Dress Overcoats, Values up to \$50.00, now \$24.95
20% Discount on all Men's Dress and work Pants.

DRESS GOODS

All Woolen and Silk Dress goods at less than the market price today.

Yard wide Taffetas in a line of leading colors, Special per yard..... \$1.49
Yard wide Messaline, in all the leading colors, Special per yard \$1.49
40-inch Crepe de Chine and Georgette crepe in a range of colors, special per yd.... \$1.49
One Lot of all wool Dress goods in 54-inch Serge, Special \$1.29
One Lot of 40-inch all wool Serge, Special per yard 98¢
One Lot of Kiddie and Galatea Cloth regular 35c Value, now 26¢
One Lot of 75c Imported Gingham in a range of colors, now 49¢
One Lot Dress Percales in dark and light colors, regular 25c value now 19¢

Blanket and Quilt Specials

All regular \$4.50 Wool-nap Blankets and Quilts, now \$3.49
All Regular \$3.00 and \$2.75 Blankets and Quilts now \$2.29
All \$2.50 Blankets and Quilts now.... \$1.98

Extra Specials

Mens Heavy Fleece Union Suits now \$1.29
Mens two-piece Heavy ribbed Shirts and Drawers, now 49¢ each
Boys Heavy Fleece Union Suits now.. 89¢
Mens half-hose, regular \$1.00 mens silk hose, now 79¢
Regular 50c mens Silk lisle Hose now.. 39¢
20% Discount on all mens Dress Shirts
One Lot of mens Dress Gloves, values up to \$4.00, now \$1.98

Don't Forget the Date

December 9 to December 24

LADIES AND MISSES COATS & SUITS

25 to 33 1-3 per cent discount on all Ladies and Misses Coat Suits; Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats, Dresses, Blouses etc., regardless of replacement values we must reduce our present stock.

All \$65.00 Ladies Coats and Suits are now \$43.35
All \$60.00 Coats and Suits now ... \$40.00
All \$55.00 Ladies Coats and Coat Suits are now \$36.35
All \$50.00 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits are now \$33.35
All \$45.00 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits are now \$30.00
All \$37.50 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits are now \$25.00
All \$30.00 Ladies Coats and Coatsuits are now \$20.00
All \$25.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats are now \$16.65
All \$20.00 Ladies and childrens Coats are now \$15.00
All \$15.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats are now \$11.25
All \$12.50 Ladies and Childrens Coats are now \$9.38
All \$10.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats are now \$7.50
All \$8.00 Ladies and Childrens Coats are now \$6.00
All \$7.50 Ladies and childrens Coats are now \$5.65
All \$5.00 Ladies and childrens Coats are now \$3.75
Big Lot of Crepe de Chine, Georgette and Taffeta Waists, values from \$3.50 to \$10.50 Sale Price 33 1-3 off.

All Millinery at exactly one-half price
All Ladies Corsets and Brassiers at 25% off

Extra Special

Ladies Heavy Fleece Union Suits, \$2.00 values now \$1.29
\$3.00 Ladies Silk Hose, now \$2.25
\$2.00 Ladies Silk Hose, now \$1.49
\$1.50 and 1.25 Ladies Silk Hose, now.. 98¢
20% discount on all ladies and childrens Cotton Hose.

Merkel Dry Goods Co.

MERKEL'S BIG CASH STORE

Merkel Mail
 Every Friday Morning by
 MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC.
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T. & P. TIME TABLE

Time Table of the Texas and
 Pacific trains taking effect on
 June 5th.

West Bound
 No. 1 (Sunshine) 9:36 p.m.
 No. 5 4:18 a.m.
 No. 23 5:00 p.m.
East Bound
 No. 2 (Sunshine) 8:36 a.m.
 No. 4 9:30 a.m.
 No. 16 11:50 p.m.

It is alright to have a grouch
 provided you keep it to your self

More people are killed by step-
 ping on the grass than by blow-
 ing it out.

And in old days we used to
 judge a girls beauty by her
 face

There would not be so much
 unrest if so many people were
 not resting

Another cause of hard times
 is that so many people are hunt-
 ing soft jobs.

You can send a boy to college
 but you can't always make him
 profit by it.

A Man has to hustle these
 days in order to keep up his
 running expenses

Add to list of nuisances; The
 chap who eats peanuts at the
 moving picture show

We would never suspect some
 men of doing good deeds if they
 didn't come around and tell a-
 bout them

Everything will come out al-
 right at the disarmament confer-
 ence, the Norfolk Virginian-
 Pilot thinks, if the yellow races
 act white and the white races
 don't act yellow

OTHER FARMS SOLD

E. D. Coates reports the Sale
 of a 142 acre farm for Mr. J. W.
 McKinney, two miles west of
 Comper to H H Toombs. Also
 the sale of the residence of
 Mr. J. M. Counts in the city to
 W. E. Stanford. It.

LOST—A Bundle of Baby cloth-
 ing on the street from the Rail
 road leading by the old Baptist
 church on last Tuesday. Find-
 er please return to the Merkel
 Mail Office. Itp

Kitchen Cabinets

HOOSIERS--SELLERS--ANY KIND

From now until January 1 1922 we are making special prices on all our large cabinet stock. As a special inducement to those who want their cabinets for Xmas we make the following announcement:

TEN DOLLARS

puts any of these cabinets in your home. The rest to be paid out in easy weekly installments. Come in and talk it over with us.

The Xmas Holidays are nearly here. Why not make your gift of furniture this year? Furniture makes a pleasing, lasting and beautiful gift.

Let us show you our Stock.

Phone 196 Merkel, Texas
J. T. DARSEY & COMPANY

**GARNER HILL, GLADSTONE
 N. J. SELLS RAT-SNAP**

"I sell and use RAT-SNAP. Like to look any man in the face and tell it's the best. It's good." People like RAT-SNAP because it "does" kill rats. Petrifies carcass—leaves no smell. Comes in cakes—no mixing to do. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, and \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug and Liberty Hardware.

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores, and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Dec.

Phone 203 for Coal and Feed

**MR TUCKER EXTENDS
 THANKS**

To the incomparable citizen-ship of Merkel and surrounding country; the Knights of Ku Klux Klan; the Sisters of the Rebecca Lodge and Order of Eastern Star;

Again has misfortune overtaken us, and again as before, have numberless loyal friends rallied to our support, lending graciously, generously their sympathy and substantial aid. Surely God will with hold no good things from such a people. But our hearts are too full for further utterance at this time. Hence, we will have something more to say at a later date.

Gratefully yours
 Curtis L. Tucker and
 Children.

Phone 203 for Coal and Feed
 It. The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

FOR SALE OR TRADE

A Dodge Roadster, cheap for cash or will trade for houses or lots well located.

Also have a dandy Ford Roadster to trade for Merkel property or cheap for cash.

I still have several good farms worth the money to sell and have some of them to trade for Merkel Homes. Have some land in Dawson county to trade for land here. Tell me what you want and I will try to get it for you. E. D. Coats.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Dec.

Some folks have an idea that a Steam Laundry is more expensive to patronize than the wash woman. Let Ligon the laundryman convince you that it is a wrong idea. Phone 218 brings my car. tf.

VISITS IN MENARD COUNTY

Uncle Frank Sears, Dan Matthews, returned last Sunday from a trip to Menard county, where they went to visit Messrs Clyde and Bud Sears on their newly acquired ranch in that county. And Uncle Frank who is one of our most excellent pioneer citizens, states that he found that a great ranch country and that stock were fat and doing fine. On their trip down they were accompanied by Mrs. Bud Sears who went to join her husband on the ranch.

**W. J. CUNNINGHAM WILL
 MAKE RACE FOR
 CONGRESS**

Hon. W. J. Cunningham, district attorney, left Tuesday for Breckenridge on official business and before leaving was seen by a representative of this paper.

When ask regarding the recent statement to the effect that he was expected to be a candidate for congress from the Seventeenth Congressional district, Judge Cunningham said "I have definitely made up my mind that I will be a candidate for congress. I will be in the race regardless of who else may run."

Judge Cunningham, who is widely known over West Texas, has been regarded as an almost certain candidate for the last several weeks, and he brushed aside all doubts on that score when he made the above announcement Tuesday.

His wide acquaintance and high standing throughout the district will give him a distinct advantage in the race, his friends assert.—Abilene Reporter.

CITATION

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County Greeting;

You are here by commanded to summon J. E. Rider, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some news paper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the city of Abilene, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1922 the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of December A. D. 1922 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4859, wherein Effie Rider is Plaintiff and J. E. Rider is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married in 1917 and lived together as husband and wife until April 1918 when the defendant, without the consent of Plaintiff, voluntarily abandoned her, and has lived separate and apart from her since said time. That of said marriage there was born two girls, minors, ages 13 years and six years; that plaintiff is the proper person to rear said minors, Plaintiff sues for divorce, for custody of the minor children, costs and general relief.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 7th day of December A. D. 1921.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk,
 District Court, Taylor County
 By B. Wellbour, Deputy.

Cozy Theatre

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| Friday | December 9 | Saturday | Dec. 10 |
| Billie Burke | Rulin Comedy | H. B. Warner | Fox Comedy |
| in | and | in | and |
| "Sadie Love" | Fox News | "Haunting Shadows" | Mutt & Jeff |



We are ready with our Xmas Goods. The Holiday Goods you want are here in abundance and variety. You will find that our Dolls and Toys are much cheaper this year and your dollar will go farther than last year. We invite you one and all to come in and look over the pretty things, examine them and buy if you like.

You are Welcome

Phone 105

The Merkel Drug Company

Phone 105



The Store of Practical and Inexpensive

Christmas Gifts

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

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

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

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

A FEW MORE DAYS UNTIL XMAS



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

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

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

LET US SUIT YOU IN OUR \$15.00 SUIT SPECIALS

Big Values in Men's Overcoats and Rain Coats

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

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



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

FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, ETC. SHIRTS, UNION SUITS, BLANKETS, ETC.

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

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

5.00 gun metal and russian calf, English style and button, only 4.15

regular 4.50 and 4.00 mens shoes in gun metal kid, only 3.49

Russia calf and t kid, only 3.49

3.50 mer metal but. and lace 2.85

3.00 mer metal, dress and shoe for men

Nothing but the newest shoes to offer.

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

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

Our regular 3.00 soft kid for old ladies 2.49

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

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

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

special lot mens blue demin overalls, regular 1.00 special size garments only 79c

khaki pants, regular 1.00 grade 79c

khaki pants, regular 1.50 grade \$1.20

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

One lot mens 50c knit underwear, only 37c

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

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

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

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

Mens 10c linen handkerchiefs, 4 for 25c

1.75 and 2.00 cotton blankets, only 1.45

One lot extra good 1.25 blankets, only 95c

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

Regular 50c bleach bath towels, only 41c

Regular 25c bleach bath towels, only 19c

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

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

Regular 10c chevots in solid and mixed colors 7c

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

Regular 15c feather tick, only 12c

Regular 10c cotton mattress tick, only 7c

Best grade 10-4 bleach sheeting at 25c

Best grade 9-4 bleach sheeting at 22c

Exceptional values in woolen and cotton blankets.

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

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

3.50 Wool knap blankets in plaids and solid colors 2.85

Full assortment of Ladies Handkerchiefs in crepe, linen, lawn, etc., from **2 1-2c TO 50c**

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

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

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| Best Light Crust Flour only | \$3.25 |
| Best Eagle Brand Sugar, only | |
| Best Pearl Meal, only | |
| Best Lard Compound, only | |
| Best choice dry peaches, only | |

Godroof Brothers Mercantile Stock,

Ladies' coat suits, sell from \$12.00 only
\$10.00

7 spools of O. N. T. thread for only
25 Cents

One lot men's suits, small size, regular price, \$5.00 to \$12.50, extra special only
\$2.50

9-4 bleached pepperel sheeting for one
23 Cents

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

want every woman to notice this, every piece of outing flannel in this use, worth up to 12 1/2c, about 150 bolts the lot, all colors, during this sale at the ridiculous price of 8c

EXTRA! EXTRA!

2 pieces extra quality, fine French mercerized table damask, positively and absolutely worth 65c at any store in the world, as long as it lasts, at the yard 35c

EXTRA SPECIAL!

We will sell you a silk dress for almost the price of the goods in the piece. Be sure and see them.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Gold medal bleach domestic, 13 yards for \$1.00. Prices slaughtered on everything. Get here.

One lot men's Pat. leather shoes, regular \$4.00 and \$3.50 kind only
\$2.35

Ladies' trimmed hats, at exactly
Half Price

Notions! Notions! Notions!

- Hair pins, 1c
- Pine, per paper..... 3c
- Talcum powder, worth 10c, sale price..... 4c
- Pearl buttons, the card..... 3c
- Safety pins, per card..... 3c
- 25c hair combs, each..... 15c
- Elastic, the yard..... 7c
- Thimbles, each..... 2c
- Mens hose supporters..... 20c
- Bachelor buttons, box..... 8c
- Seam braid..... 3c
- San silk, the spool..... 4c
- Horn hair pins and barretts, worth 25c..... 10c
- Shoe strings..... 2c
- Handkerchiefs, worth 10c each..... 4c
- Ladies black and tan hose, worth 10c for..... 7c
- Towels worth 25c..... 19c
- Ladies handkerchiefs worth 5c, now..... 2c
- Mens black and tan hose..... 6c
- Ribbons worth 25c, now..... 19c
- Embroideries worth up to 10c, price..... 6c
- Hose supporters for ladies..... 19c
- 5c pencils, each..... 2c
- Suspenders for men..... 19c
- Canvas gloves..... 7c
- Mens hemstitched handkerchiefs..... 4c
- Hair nets, only..... 5c

Hosiery for Ladies and Children

This don't happen often; here is the chance of a life-time—prices given are for both ladies and children on regular lines.

- 10c black and tan hose, 10 days sale price..... 7c
- 15c hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 11c
- 20c hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 14c
- 25c hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 19c
- 35c hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 23c
- 50c hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 39c
- 75c hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 48c
- 1.00 hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 85c
- 1.50 hosiery, 10 days sale price..... 1.35

Underwear for all the Family

- 25c garments 10 days sale price..... 19c
- 50c garments, 10 days sale price..... 45c
- 75c garments, 10 days sale price..... 48c
- 1.00 garments, 10 days sale price..... 85c

Ladies' and Children's Suits, Cloaks and Skirts

- Here is the rarest chance ever seen. The prices made are on the entire stock.
- \$1.50 garments, 10 days sale price.... \$1.20
 - 2.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 1.65
 - 3.50 garments, 10 days sale price.... 2.85
 - 4.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 3.25
 - 5.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 3.98
 - 7.50 garments, 10 days sale price.... 4.95
 - 10.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 7.45
 - 15.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 11.95
 - 20.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 14.95
 - 25.00 garments, 10 days sale price.... 18.95

Silk and Wool Dress Goods

Ladies, this is the very best opportunity you will have at any time to secure the best values ever offered in any town.

- One lot cotton suitings, worth 25c per yard, 10 days sale price..... 21c
- All 50c Mohairs, Brilliantine, etc., many different colors and patterns, all go in this 10 days sale for..... 39c
- Big line wool dress goods and suitings, worth 75c and 85c, 10 days sale price.... 63c
- \$1.00 quality finest high grade dress materials, 10 days sale price..... 93c
- One lot brocade fabric, worth 50c, 10 days sale price only..... 35c

Silks! Silks! Silks!

\$1,000 worth of the finest silks ever brought to this market. We warn you that you must get here quick to secure what you will need. These prices will clean out this stock very rapidly. Silks of every class and description. Nothing held in reserve. New fall silks all included. A beautiful array seldom ever witnessed for 10 days. Every known kind at smashing reductions. Beautiful crepe de chine, all go.

- 50c silks, 10 days sale price..... 39c
- 75c silks, 10 days sale price..... 53c
- 1.00 silks, 10 days sale price..... 85c
- 1.50 silks, 10 days sale price..... 1.35

Muslin Underwear

Splendid assortment; prices smashed to smithereens—get here LADIES and pick them out; all marked in plain figures, at the lowest possible prices.

THESE GOODS MUST GO

Table Linens! Table Linens!

Finest stock of linens in this county. All go, nothing reserved.

- 50c grade, 10 days sale price..... 39c
- 75c grade, 10 days sale price..... 58c
- \$1.00 grade, 10 days sale price..... 85c
- 1.50 grade, 10 days sale price..... 1.29

Ladies', Misses and Children's Sweater Coats, etc., All Go.

- 50c values..... 39c
- 75c values..... 53c
- \$1.00 values..... 85c
- \$1.25 values..... 95c
- 1.50 values.....
- 2.00 values.....
- 2.50 values.....
- 3.50 values.....

Mens Hats! Mens Hats!

You positively never will see such values as these again! A hat for every fancy, a fit for every head—get here men.

- 1.00 hats, 10 days sale price..... 8c
 - 1.50 hats, 10 days sale price..... \$1
 - 2.00 hats, 10 days sale price.....
 - 2.50 hats, 10 days sale price.....
 - 3.00 hats, 10 days sale price.....
 - 4.00 hats, 10 days sale price.....
 - 5.00 hats, 10 days sale price.....
- Every hat in the house included

Wool Shirts

- Mens fine \$1.25 wool shirts...
- Mens fine 1.50 wool shirts...
- Mens fine 2.50 wool shirts...
- Men come here! Get your few hot prices:
- 75c shirts, 10 days sale price.....
- \$1.00 shirts, 10 days sale price.....
- 1.50 shirts, 10 days sale price.....
- 2.00 shirts, 10 days sale price.....

Men's Odd Pants

- Men, here is your chance. Biggest ever seen. Hurry—get your size.
- \$1.00 pants, 10 days sale price..... \$
 - 1.50 pants, 10 days sale price..... 1.
 - 2.00 pants, 10 days sale price..... 1.
 - 2.50 pants, 10 days sale price..... 1.
 - 3.00 pants, 10 days sale price..... 2.
 - 3.50 pants, 10 days sale price..... 2.
 - 5.00 pants, 10 days sale price..... 3.
 - 6.00 pants, 10 days sale price..... 4.

Mens Work Clothes,

- Mens heavy Corduroy work to 4.00, sale price.....
- Mens 1.50 heavy linens, 10 days sale price.....
- Mens 3.00 corduroy wool sold quick, and 3.00 grade Mens blue and linen work sizes, fall cut, 10 days sale price.....
- Mens khaki pants, all sizes
- Mens blue overalls and jumps, more, full cut, union made,
- Mens gray mixed sock.....

These prices are positive not affected

A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE

To the people of this entire trade territory we send this message of economy. For offer for sale for cash the entire stock of high grade merchandise in this store pocket book to remain away. We will not for for any reason whatsoever at the goods and we get the money. If you find the price right and don't buy. There is only one consideration and that is to sell the goods will be saved by the people. Come here any day and secure your goods not hesitate. When the opportunity has passed your opportunity is gone. December 25th

THE PRICE IS THE THING

If You Don't Come Early You'll be So

We have just purchased two thousand dollars worth of goods at 25 cents on the dollar and we are going to make a sale that will astonish the natives. I have the space to mention only a few items, so you had better get yours before the stock is sold over. It will go almost as quick as those 35-cent brooms went for 15 cents. So don't blame us if you don't get

SAVE A LOT OF MONEY

YOU Can save enough here on staple lines to buy your holiday goods. Compare these prices with others:

Large Turkish Towels, worth \$1.00, sale for . . . 9c
 The lot regular 12 1-2c
 ingham now only . . . 9c
 Ladies' \$5 and \$6 skirts only \$2.48
 Ladies Coats worth \$7.50 to \$10, must go at . \$3.98



BIG Lot men's boys hats worth to \$2.50, your c. while they last, . . . 6

Big lot of men's, ladies and children's hose worth and 15c, per pair only . . . 7

Peroxide of Hydrogen, druggist price 25c, our price, only 5c
 Grape Juice regular 10c size, our price 5c.
 Holiday goods at our usual low price. Do not fail to see the large \$1.25 dolls in our show window. Your choice of these dolls only 25c with \$3 purchase of other goods. Why not wake up and buy your goods at right prices. We can sell you lots of goods for less than other merchants pay for them. Don't let others make you believe that our goods are inferior.

..... **We Can Sell The Same Goods For Less Money. Investigate**

.. J. A. DUCKETT ..

RICE IS THE THING

MERKEL, TEXAS

MERKEL COUNTRY AND ITS RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURAL LINES

What Has Been Accomplished by a Few Farmers Within The Last Few Years In Merkel Country

J. N. TEAFF From Temple

With all due respect to the owners of black land property we are forced to say that "the Merkel country has the black land skinned four ways from Sunday." As proof of this, we advise all parties interested to write or see any member of the Teaff family who have moved here from the vicinity of Temple within the last ten or twelve years. They are J. N., N. B., J. W. and Ed Teaff, all well-to-do farmers and land owners of the Merkel country.

Mr. Teaff now lives one mile from Merkel on one of the best farms in Texas. Mr. Teaff came to Merkel on December 10th, 1903. He had heard how the country land was being sold in Erath county, and he offered to buy some. He divided his time into three equal parts, sleeping, following a walking and hunting coons, wild squirrels. He was especially fond of the sport called coon hunting and he would chase a coon or catch him. He has since made a fortune in this country and after a short stay with Rhader Thompson he returned to work on his own farm.

head. We then asked if he considered \$50 to \$60 a fair price, he again refused to talk. The price he paid for this land in 1903 was \$16 per acre. During seven years Mr. Teaff has lived here so called "dry years" have come and gone but the Teaff farm always produced and paid dividends. The owner attributes this success to the excellent soil, conservation of moisture and plenty of work.

BILL BARBEE AND RAZOR BACKS

Fifty seven years ago W. L. Barbree was born in Navarro county and obtained his early education from a blue-back speller. As soon as he was old enough to work an attempt was made to get him started right, but he had seen too much of the world in and about the cane brakes of that section. He divided his time into three equal parts, sleeping, following a walking and hunting coons, wild squirrels. He was especially fond of the sport called coon hunting and he would chase a coon or catch him. He has since made a fortune in this country and after a short stay with Rhader Thompson he returned to work on his own farm.

RHADER THOMPSON AN OLD CITIZEN

Born in Mississippi in 1857, Rhader Thompson came to Texas in the vicinity of Erath county at an early age. He was the oldest child of a widowed mother and the responsibility of providing for the household fell his lot. While yet a boy he was one of the best drivers of ox-teams in that section and freighted between Erath county and points further east. It is said of him that he was so enthused with this work that the family were often aroused from their slumbers by the "Gee Bawley and Haw Pide", drivers words that Rhader used. Not being contented with herding the several yoke during the day, he would talk to his leaders in his sleep. In the year of '79 he entered the realms of cow-boys and started to work on a ranch in Shackelford county and migrated to the Merkel country in '81. His first work here was on the Hart ranch. Life here seemed hard enough and before he became contented with this country for good he toughed out one year in New Mexico. On his return he worked for a short time for Rhader Thompson.

the old settlers were there and Rhader was given an outlaw horse as a test of his ability. Defeat on such an occasion would have marked the downfall of his supremacy in the mind of the best girl and the riding that he did would have been an inspiration to any member of Buffalo Bills Wild West Show, and after it was all over, like Alexander the Great, Rhader broke down and cried because there were no real bad horses to be had. After years of work he was fortunate in finding a woman of his choice. He was married and settled good at the place he now lives. To his worldly possessions he has 160 acres of as good land as can be found in the Noodle country, and from all accounts it is no more for sale.

R. B. Wells

R. B. Wells came to Texas 24 years ago but found his state of being highly unsatisfactory until he bought 320 acres of land here in 1903. The price paid was \$22.50 per acre. He has since made over \$1500 worth of improvements to the place. In 1904 with cotton at eight cents he made money out of 127 bales of cotton, his feed stuff and farm produce.

Monday, Dec. 15

NOW

Great
readiness.

From early dawn to late at night
people are reaping a won-
derful harvest of bargains.

The Greatest Price Smashing Sale Ever Held

We warn you to get here during the period of this sale, that you may secure your share of the enormous bargains advertised. If the price is not cheaper than you have ever seen it before, don't buy. If you find that the price marked on the merchandise saves you money, then it is real wisdom for you to secure that item. Smashing, slaughtering, cutting, wrecking slashing! 10 big days. Get your share.

December 15th to December 25th
Woodroof Brothers, Merkel, Texas

A Giant Re-Adjusting Sale
December 15th to December 25th

Look Men! Look!

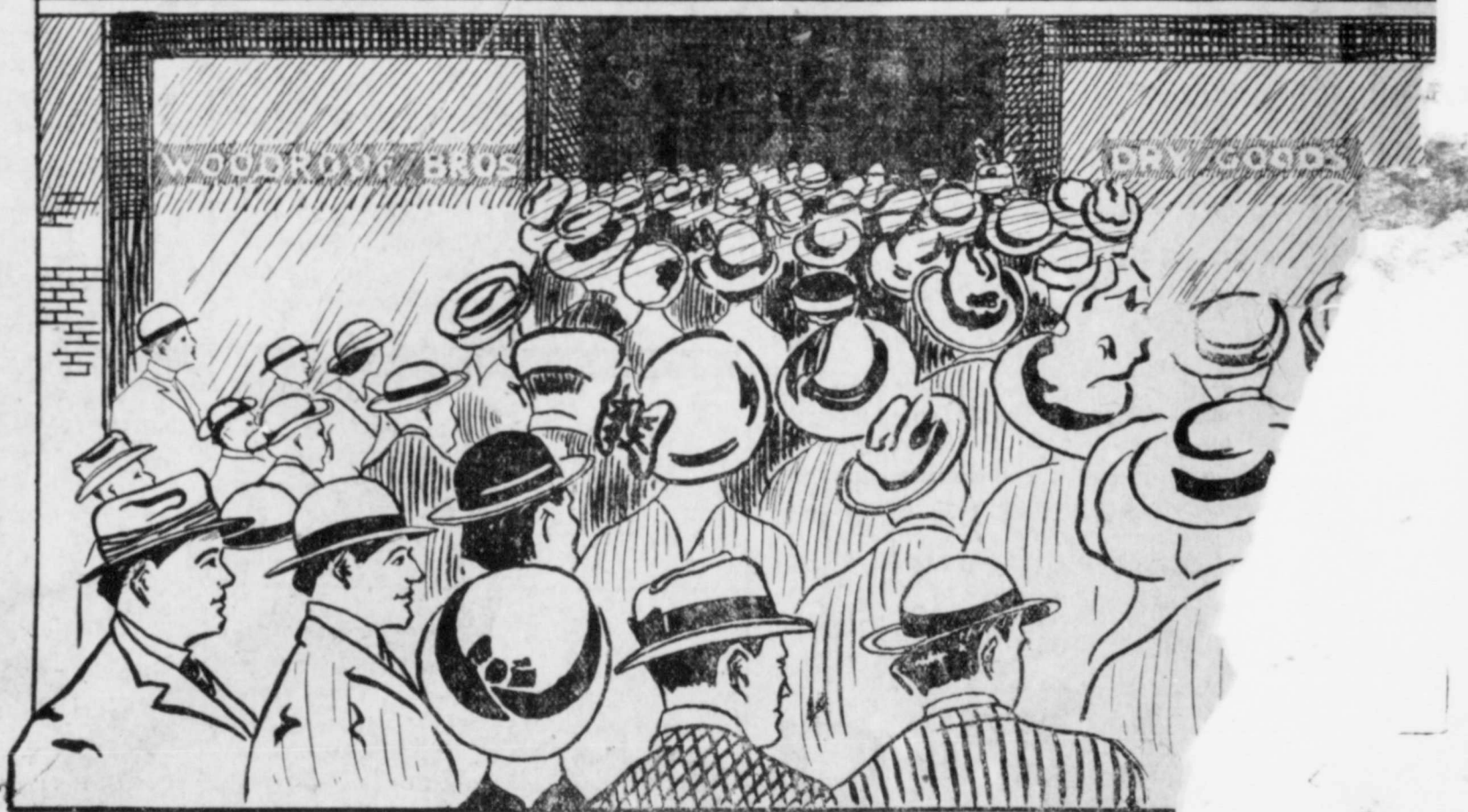
John B. Stetson hats, all styles, all blocks, Columbia, Dakota, San Antonio, Mountain and Big Four shapes. Positively the highest priced \$5.00 Stetson hat ever brought to this market. 10 Days Giant Re-Adjusting Sale, the price is your choice for \$3.85. Positively brand new stock.

Like a clap of thunder coming from the clear sky the news in the town of Merkel will astonish the people a portion of the tremendous bargains that will be offered. Clothing, Hats, Caps, Furnishing Goods, Ready-to-

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and placed in the homes of people at prices formerly unknown in Texas. Prices almost beyond the belief of the human mind. Lined quality to be sold to every man, woman and child with

CLOTHING. SHOES. WOODROOF BROS.



WOODROOF BROTHERS HAVE DETERMINED TO COMPLETELY RE-ADJUST THIS SALE

and realize fully that there is nothing on earth that will accomplish that end so quickly and so surely as that of PRICE. Ten years of uninterrupted, pleasant, profitable mercantile business in this town lead Woodroof Brothers to the conclusion to sell to the people at unheard of prices, that this readjustment can be made. You are standing in the portals of opportunity. At this instance you are reading the wonderful savings to be made such as you probably have never witnessed before. You are confronting startling price reductions that you cannot afford to pass by unheeded. You are being made aware of an occasion that will mark a period in calendar of time, setting forth values that will long be remembered. Values that no living human being can duplicate. Prices on standard established merchandise of the highest grades that will bring people in throngs from far points and from points that are near.

You are reading of an occasion that will fill people with buying enthusiasm seldom, if ever, witnessed. Neighbor will vie with neighbor to see the amount of bargains ever offered. Strangers will flock all eager upon one another, snapping up the countless thousands of dollars worth of goods. This sale will be in for

**Gifts
Everyone**

Pockets for the Closet



These convenient pockets will be welcomed by either men or women as a pair of wall pockets for the closet. A strip of denim or creponne is cut long as the maker may choose and bound with tape. Strips of the material, ranging in width and length and bound with the tape and a deep pleat is laid in each one.

These pieces are stitched along the sides to the plain strip to form pockets, as shown in the picture above. The pockets hold slippers, shoes, rubbers, hosiery, corsets or all articles for the laundry. Pockets made to extend the length of the closet door will hold everything which usually finds a place on the floor.

Darning Bag of Silkalene



Two darning bags made of silkalene are shown. One is made by hand and the other by machine.



**A Box of Candy for Mother
Sister, Daughter or Sweetheart**

Surely is the best and most enjoyed gift of all. A large line of beautiful Christmas Boxes of Johnston's and Brown's, the finest Chocolate Candies made, many new designs and variety of kinds for you to choose from. It would be hard to select a Gift that would be more appropriate. If you will visit this store and see them, you will readily agree with us.

Home-Made Christmas Candies

"Made in Merkel"

Buy your Christmas candies, nuts, fruits, etc. here and you are sure of getting the freshest and best made. Everything for The Season



A WOMAN'S GIFT TO A MAN

Women who are seeking Christmas Gifts for men can not do better than to let their presentations take the form of a box of Cigars.

Not only will it reflect your good judgment and discrimination but you'll delight him in appreciation oftener than by any other gift. He'll be thankful to you as long as the box lasts and then be thankful to you after for introducing him to a good smoke. That is what he will say if you give him a box of our cigars for Christmas.

Elite Confectionery

The Christmas Candy Store

**Gifts That
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Collar and Cuff Set for



Quaker collar and cuff sets are easily made and among the most fashionable of dress accessories. They make charming Christmas gifts and may be made at small cost. Sheer materials, in cotton or silk, are used to make them, with narrow lingerie lace and embroidery in small sprays for decorative features. A Quaker collar with cluny lace is shown in picture.

Gauze Bag Holding Puff Balls



Gauze bags, made to hold individual powder puff balls, are among the popular new fads that make lovely Christmas gifts. They are made of chiffon, silk muslin or gauze, gathered over a silk-covered embroidery hoop. Hangers of light satin ribbon are fastened at each side of the hoop with a rosette.

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FARMS FOR SALE

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I have in my charge, some of them for sale, a number of good farms in Taylor and Jones counties. Then I have a large acreage of raw lands near Merkel that can be bought and improved to suit the owner. These farms and lands are owned by non-residents, and they can be had at reasonable prices and on good terms. None of the lands which I represent are for trade, but for sale; and I would like to see them owned by people who are going to live in this country and upon the lands they buy. If interested, come and see me, and I will be glad to tell you what I have, and extend to you as far as I can an opportunity to get a good farm—either one already improved or one that you can improve to suit yourself.

C. D. MIMS.

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SOCIETY

H. DICKSON, EDITOR

or Extends Xmas Greetings

My best Christmas greetings to the readers of this dear old paper. I wish you all the good things that God has in store for you. My duties as society editor end with this issue. Years spent with the pen in continued service to the senior members and labor. I want to express my appreciation to my friends for their loyalty in making the department readable and payable. Christmas will be spent with my mother and sisters in Memphis, Tenn. Early in the New Year you will find me (?) at the highest price of and eggs.

Wishing all the readers of the Merkel Mail a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson,

Missionary Society Meets

The Womans Missionary Society met at the parsonage Monday, Dec. 13, 1915. The following officers were elected for 1916: President, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr.; Vice-President, Mrs. C. D. Grimes, 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. P. Shaffer, Supt. Publicity and Mission study, Mrs. M. Armstrong, Assistant Supt. Publicity and Mission study, Mrs. E. L. Woodroof, Supt. Social Service and Local Work, Mrs. J. J. Shelton, Recording Secretary, Secretary, Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Treasurer, Mrs. Lee Moore, Local Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Dupree, Supt. Supplies, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Agent for Voice.

The time of meeting was changed from Monday to Wednesday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the parsonage, Dec. 22, 1915, at 2 o'clock.

The ladies of the 20th Century Club met with Mrs. R. A. Martin this week for the study of Mid Summer Nights Dream. The program was full of interest. This will end the work until early in the new year when they expect to resume work with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Light refreshments were

The bride was formerly from St. Louis, Mo., but has spent the past season here as head trimmer at W. Partens, where the groom holds a responsible position. We bespeak a world of happiness for Mr. and Mrs. Cypert.

The party was tendered at the Elvert Tuesday evening on Locust street. Her birthday was celebrated by C. Calvert on the evening. She spent



H. C. WILLIAMS, POSTMASTER

Arriving in Merkel in 1891 Mr. Williams took up his profession of school work at Midway, now Hodges. He had under his tutorage at that place nearly all the grown Winters boys in and around Merkel and Anson. The two years following he moved closer in and taught in Mulberry Canyon, having as some of his students the Moore boys and Harley Toombs. In '94 to the spring of '95 he transferred his work to Salt Branch and there E. V. White, now Dean of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton recited "The boy stood on the Burning Deck, whence all." Mr. White is said to have stopped and after snubbing two or three times made another attempt to finish his remarks but he never could get any further than "The boy stood on the burning deck whence all." Words failed him at this point on each attempt and with tear trickling from his eyes Eddie took his seat upon invitation of the school-master Mister Williams.

In Merkel during the years of '95 to '97 among those who profited by his instructions were Lee Eason, Asa Sheppard, Hyrum Phillips, Guy Hammiton, Victor Harris, Earnest Counts and others we are not acquainted with. It was the year following

that the writer along with G. C. Johnson, John Howell, Ed Burks, Tom Casseau, and a few more Trent youngsters were fortunate in being under the leadership of Mr. Williams. It was during these days that we would untie his horse and give our school teacher all the trouble possible. During the noon hours he would calmly perch himself on a stump out from the little one-roomed school and watch the boys deliberately bore holes in biscuits with their fingers. The hole being complete the lasses bottle would be brought into play and the cavity filled to overflowing.

During the years Mr. Williams has resided in Merkel his leadership of the Sunday school of the Methodist church was through a period of fifteen years and to him can be given the credit of firmly establishing the largest Sabbath school in Taylor county. His constant Sunday meeting with the members of the church and the children established a relationship that was not easy to break when he relinquished that portion of the work to others.

His continued success as a true democratic postmaster now brings him daily in contact with those he has known and mingled with since '91 and no more esteemed gentleman resides in our town.



H. C. BURROUGHS, JR.

He was snapped while taking a sun bath at the rear of the Burroughs Drug Store. Like Dee Grimes, he occupies the position of manager of his father's drug business, and the reputation of the establishment has been upheld under his new ideas. Also in his twenties by only a few months and the best hubby in town, in the eyes of his wife. Courteous and condescending in all matters and capable of continued progress in current business affairs.



DEE GRIMES

Principal factor in the progress of the drug business belonging to his father, T. L. Grimes. Progressive and persistent, and passive enough until he was informed that his picture was going to appear in print. The above is the only photo ever taken of him and from the fuss he kicked up when we got it, it will be the last. He is yet in his twenties and in assuming the management of the Grimes Drug Store he has exhibited marked business talent.

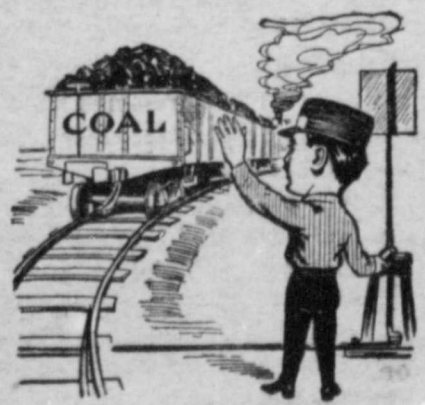
Notice.

Come to see me or ring 286. Try a sack of my Seal flour, Breakfast Delight, Royal, Manahouse and Statesman Coffee. Prepared to make prompt delivery in the city or to country wagons where teams are not safe to come on Front street. Your patronage will be appreciated. Everything guaranteed. W. F. Hamblet.

Big Time For All

Don't forget to come to Merkel Saturday, December 18. Everybody will be here so will Pr Banks Railroad Shows will give two performances in the afternoon and night. This is a high and refined as well as an exhibition. The mammoth to be looked for well as well as

Figure at the Bob Martin Gro., Co., for best in groceries.



THE SIGN

Cypert-Emllett

Mr. Rotan Cypert and Miss Golden Emllett were married in Abilene Sunday afternoon returning on No. 3 that evening. They were met by a number of their friends who showered them with rice. These young people are very popular and favorably known.

The bride was formerly from St. Louis, Mo., but has spent the past season here as head trimmer at W. Partens, where the groom holds a responsible position. We bespeak a world of happiness for Mr. and Mrs. Cypert.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. National Bank of Commerce, Toledo, O.

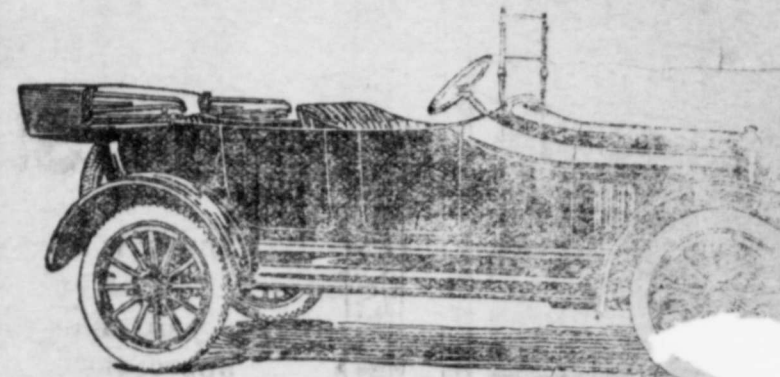
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

In Memory of George Wesley Seago

In a cold grave a darling is sleeping,
At home a mother and father are weeping.
No one knows the heart aches of the bereft,
Save those whose dear ones have left,
Mother misses this infant so dear,
For it seems she can't its wailing hear.
The God of heaven knows best,
Took the infant babe home to rest.
It is with Christ to reign for aye,
To be called to Him in the final day.
The infant's stay on earth 'twas but awhile,
Then 'twas God of heaven who took the child.
But with more zeal and courage strong
Mother and father will meet their loved one ere long.

A NICE XMAS PRESENT



Buy the family a Dort Automobile and enjoy the Holidays, going to see the kinsmen.

We now have a goodly number of the wonderful little cars on the floor and you do not have to wait 60, 90 or 100 days for delivery.

We are in the Automobile business to stay and to make good, therefore expect to have the goods on hand ready for delivery at any time.

No need to disappoint the family when you contract with us for a car.

The Dort is Fully Equipped with 28 h. p. Engine. 105 Wheel Base, Cantilever Springs in rear, Speedometer, Electric Lights, Electric Horn and Starter, all for the price of delivered at Merkel.

ANCHOR MERCANTILE CO.

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEAR

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recover

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USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS



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MORE DAYS

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MORE DAY

NEW DRESS PATTERN

A really charming gift and one that is more than welcome. Handsome patterns in many colors--wool, silk and cotton.

We Are Offering

All our ladies' Coats, men's and boys' Suits at big reductions. Many of the season's most popular styles are still here and you can get a coat or suit at a saving of of 1-4 to 1-3 off. We strongly advise you to come as quickly as you can.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY

Dainty Christmas handkerchiefs, wool caps, sweaters, Hand bags, hosiery, Ties, Suspenders, shoes, hats, etc.

.....A GIFT OF SOMETHING TO WEAR IS ALWAYS WELCOME.....

Xmas Goods You'll Like

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ST. JOHN TO RUN FOR ASSESSOR

W. T. (Tom) St. John, announces his candidacy to our readers this week for the office of Tax Assessor of Taylor county subject to the action of the Democratic primaries of 1916.

Mr. St. John in making his announcement for this office backs up his claims by his record he has made while discharging the duties of this office, which he now occupies. He is well and favorably known here and is desirous to continue in the office.

WORKED FOR \$15 PER MONTH



A. C. ROSE.

Several years ago he was working for J. P. Sharp in a dry goods and grocery store and was drawing down the immense sum of \$15.00 per month. He now assumes the position of manager of the Anchor Mercantile Company, the largest store of its kind in Taylor County.

Owens Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets.

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



Horses and

Christmas Gifts Suggestions

Something Useful, Artistic and will be appreciated by Father, Mother, Brother, Sister or Sweetheart: Electric Range, Heater, Electric Percolator, Electric Samovar, Electric Coffee Maker, Electric Iron, Electric Milk Warmer, Electric Grill, Electric

Electric Looking Glass, Electric Hair Dryer, Electric Cigar Lighter, Electric Washing Machine, Electric

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Give your wife for a present something that will be useful and think of you 365 days in the year. Equip your house equipped Electric

MERKE

HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

Only 1520 Minutes Now

Until ?

During this time you can exercise no better Christmas buying judgment than to make your selections from our complete and absolutely new line

JEWELRY and GEMS

BUY HER A DIAMOND

Get a Grimes diamond and please her. Prices are very reasonable and many surprises are in stock for those who daily visit and view our Jewelry display.

A stock of Jewelry especially selected for Christmas buyers, a stock especially selected of the best in Gifts

Better be Safe Than Sorry--Buy it Guaranteed

AT

Grimes Drug Store

BIG HOLIDAY

At

**MERKEL, TEXAS
T. DEC. 18**

of Glory

Shows

LOCAL NEWS

I thank you for your patronage. Wetzel.

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

Stop barking, use cough syrup from Burroughs.

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

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

F. E. Allen, third trick operator, is taking a 15-day lay-off.

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

The leading brand of fresh eggs at Burroughs.

You will lose money if you buy J. A. Duckett's ad in

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For Pennants

The largest line of Pennants and Floor Pillow tops, in felt and full leather ever shown in Merkel now on display at Mrs. E. M. Rusts Drug Store. The leather tops are beautifully and artistically hand painted.

Jas. H. West, Jr.

Announcements of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West were mailed December 8, and the father has been receiving congratulations since that date or at such times as he could be found at his place in the G. F. West store.

No More Sunday Deliveries

Beginning the first of January we will make no more deliveries on Sunday morning. Our customers will please take notice of this. Respectfully, the City Meat Market.

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Christmas Selections?

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Your Christmas Fruit, Nuts and Candies

I have apples in bulk and boxes candies and nuts, just what you want for Christmas. Give me your order now for your Xmas fruits. Buy a box of apples. J. B. Cox, wholesale and retail fruit dealer. 314. 105

New line of jewelry. Each express brings in something new nobby. Don't throw your money away on cheap jewelry, buy goods that are guaranteed by your local house. I guaranteed all my goods and have real bargains this year. Come and see for yourself. Mrs. E. Rust.

W. F. Evans, H. M. Warren and Geo. McDonald were in Dallas this week on an excursion to bring more automobiles into this territory.

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

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

Why buy a new hat, have the old one cleaned and blocked by Owen. Phone 194.

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

Mrs. W. M. Tucker of

LOCAL NEWS

Kid gloves cleaned at Owens.

"Buy it before Xmas of Mack."

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

Have your old clothes dyed and made new by Owen. Phone 194.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black were in Abilene Monday visiting friends.

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

If you are in a hurry have Owen to clean and press your suit. Phone 194.

Sewing and Dress making neatly and carefully done near south 5th and Mrs. W. T. Der

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

Mr. and Mrs. John in last week for a show Mr. and Mrs. J. W. this place. They returned Stockton this week by Mrs. J. W. Danie

Heflin Bros. Pro more for chief ducks that are

Located on

Santa Claus' Headquarters



We now have on display one of the largest and most complete lines of Christmas Goods that has ever been shown in our city. You will find in our showing something for all the members of the family and especially we desire to call your attention to our

Toy Department for the Kiddies

For gifts for the larger ones we have silverware, casaroles and many things in Pyrexware, aluminum ware, Ivory Sets, Cut Glass, water sets etc. For the boys, guns, tricycles, wagons, etc. For the children, Dolls, doll carts, doll bed room suites and many toys of all kinds too numerous to mention. We shall be pleased to have you come and inspect our line of Christmas Goods. The children will be delighted to see the many things we have for Santa Claus

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Crown Hardware Co.

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**Merkel Baptist
Sunday School**

Unless

You Want to Receive a
Most Hearty Welcome
Because

You Most Surely will Get One

We had 376 present last Sunday
Come help us make it 425 next
Sunday

We Have Just Installed
A Hot Air Furnace
In Our

New Brick Church
You Will be Just Warm Enough

If You want a car to call
for you next Sunday

PHONE 310

By 9:30 Sunday Morning
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Once FREE

HONOR ROLL

The following pupils of the Merkel Public School have been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 percent or more in department, have not fallen below 75 percent in any one subject, and have averaged 90 percent or more for the six-weeks grade period ending November 25th:

Second Grade: Joel Darsey, 94; C. W. Foote Jr., 91; Leo Tucker, 91; Katherine Tittle, 91; Norma Fay Sublett, 91; Oleata Moore, 90; Mabel Pilcher, 90; Ola Smith, 90; Elsie Lasater, 90

Third Grade: —Edith Smith, 94; Viola Smith, 92; Leona Rose, 92; Nadine Tippett, 91; Lula Mae Harris, 91; Katherine Hogan, 90; Julia Martinez, 90; Florence Ligon, 90; Jettie Howard, 90; Lena Rose Black, 90; Donald Newsome, 90; Howard Hedrick, 90; Fred Guitar, 90; Weldon Coates, 90.

Fourth Grade: A. R. Tipton, 95; Gladys Hardey, 94; Thelma Horton, 94; Conley Sanders, 93; Joe Largent, 93; Wm. Sheppard, 92; Raymond Earham, 92; Imogene Agnew, 92; Ethel Hamilton, 92; Lorene Dixon, 92; Ava McCandless, 92; Bernice Lassiter, 92; Lester Patterson, 91; Irene Campbell, 91; Eleanor Mae Hamilton, 91; Norma Shannon, 91; Marza Chaney, 91; Selma Lee Russell, 90; Francis Collins, 90.

Fifth Grade: Elizabeth Harkrider, 95; Agnes Sanders, 95; Edna Howard, 95; Annie Marie Brown, 95; Marjorie Band, 95; Iris Garrett, 95; Midred Holloway, 94; Sterling Sheppard, 94; Flora Francis Anderson, 94; Eunice Bird, 94; John Dee Coates, 94; Francis Barrett, 93; Burnis Tucker, 93; Ruby Walton, 92; Mildred Hamm, 92; Berdelle Adcock, 92; W. P. Jones, 91; Gladys Watts, 91; Ruby Faye Golliday, 90; Paul Causseaux, 90; Ethel Simpson, 90.

Sixth Grade: Joe Bray Cypert, 96; Mary Hughes, 96; Orpah Patterson, 96; Claude Wills, 95; Tolbert Proc-

tor, 95; Inice Brown, 95; Ina Mae Martin, 95; Merle Newsome, 95; Tommie Durham, 95; Hoyt Wills, 94; Gladys Milliken, 94; Junior Brown, 93; Clyde Mayfield, 93; Dorothy Higgins, 93; Daisy Price, 93; Wilbur Thomas, 92; Ella Murlen Weed, 92; Mary Ellen Smith, 92; Bonnie Wayne Sanders, 92; Lela Brown, 92; Aileen Childress, 92; Intha Bird, 92; Hellen Boothe, 92; Joe Ben Ashby, 91; Monetta Adcock, 91; Floy Ash, 91; Gladys Noel, 90.

Seventh Grade—Gladys Newsome, 95; Godie Richie, 95; Lila Bird, 95; Ruth Jenkins, 94; Emma Toombs, 93; Ona Tatum, 93; Opal Patterson, 92; Viola Howard, 92; Dallas Hand, 91; Edith Baker, 90.

Eighth Grade—Dorris Durham, 93; Lucille Hoggin, 93; Ona Jordan, 93; Opal Patterson, 93; Ona Faye Rose, 93; Wm. Woodroof, 91; Ray Garrett, 90; Mary Butman, 90; Velma Holloway, 90; Thelma Newsome, 90; Evelyn Woodroof, 90.

Ninth Grade—Johnnie Sears, 98 (Highest in entire school); Beryl Tucker, 94; Roxie Sharp, 93; Tom Cooper, 92; Maurine Tipton, 91; Harry McCandless, 91.

Tenth Grade—Hattie Proctor, 96; Elba Cox, 92; Dixie Blair, 92; Mabel Toombs, 91; Roberta Hughes, 90.

Eleventh Grade—Margaret Graham, 93; Mary Cleo Boothe, 92; J. J. Russell, 90; Autrey Porter, 90; Mary Proctor, 90.

Respectfully, Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

**Don't Always Blame Hens
When Eggs Are Scarce.**

Rats may be getting them—U. S. Government Bulletins prove they know how to get them. Break a cake of RAT-SNAP in to small pieces and place where rats travel. If there, RATSNAP will get them — positively. Three sizes. 35c, 65c and \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug Co and Liberty Hardware

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| 30x3 plain | \$ 9.85 | ---- |
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| 30x3½ A. W. | 14.75 | \$18.00 |
| 31x4 A. W. | 22.00 | 29.40 |
| 32x3½ A. W. | 19.15 | 25.50 |
| 32x4 A. W. | 25.45 | 32.40 |
| 33x4 A. W. | 26.80 | 33.40 |
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Wednesday, Dec. 14th.
ENID BENNETT
 in
 "Silk Hosiery"
 A Paramount Production
 with
 Ambrose Comedy
 in
 "Bungled Bungalows"

Monday, Dec. 12th.
BRYANT WASHBURN
 in
 "An Amateur Devil"
 It's A Paramount Picture
 with
 A Star Comedy
 "Uneasy Money"

Tuesday, Dec. 13th.
 CAMEO CLASSICS
 presents
 "Home Keeping Hearts"
 A Pathe Picture
 with
 Adventures of Bob and Bill
 "The American Badger"

Saturday, Dec. 10th.
"LOVE'S BATTLE"
 A Universal Production
 with
 A Century Comedy

Thursday, Dec. 15th.
Mildred Harris Chaplin
 in
 "The Inferior Sex"
 with
 The International News

Friday, Dec. 16th.
JACK HOCKSEY
 in
 "Cyclone Bliss"
 with
 "Miracles of the Jungle"
 Chapter No. 8

Saturday, Dec. 17th.
 Enterprise Distributing
 Corporation
 Presents
WILLIAN DESMOND
 in
 "Duce Duncan"

human treatment of defendant towards plaintiff, she was forced and compelled to permanently abandon defendant, without cause or provocation on her part, which cruel and inhuman treatments are of such nature generally as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, and they have not since lived together as husband and wife; that plaintiff was always kind and affectionate to defendant, and was true to her marital vows and obligations for the last two or three years prior and up to the time of their said separation, defendant was unmindful of the duties and obligations of his marital vows, and began a course of unkind, harsh, cruel, abusive and inhuman treatment towards plaintiff, which continued up to the time of their said separation, until plaintiff by reason thereof became almost a total nervous wreck and was compelled to receive medical treatment; that frequently when plaintiff was sick in bed unable to wait on herself, defendant would leave home and remain away for several days and weeks at a time, showing an utter indifference for her life or health; that during said marriage one child was born unto them, a boy about five years of age, by the name of Odell Blackwelder, who now resides with plaintiff, cared for and supported by plaintiff; that defendant has failed to care for or support either plaintiff or their said child, but has refused to do so. Wherefore Plaintiff prays for a dissolution of said marriage relations, and for the care and custody of their said child, and for such other further relief, special and general, in law and in equity that she may be justly entitled to, etc.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court as its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND,

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting;

You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Blackwelder by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene

Texas on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the second day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4786, wherein Erma C. Blackwelder is plaintiff, and W. H. Blackwelder is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife, and were lawfully married in Taylor County Texas, on or about the 23rd day of December 1913, and continued to live together as husband and wife on or about the 20th day of August, 1920, when by reason of harsh, cruel and in-

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Monday December 12th.

WE WILL OPEN

With a full line of Home-made
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Hot Rolls every day at 11:30

Come look our new place over. We have many new features, one of which is that our building is absolutely rat and mouse proof. And we are doing our work in view of pleasing our customers.

Thanking you for your past patronage and in advance for your future patronage, hoping you a Merry Xmas, and a Happy New Year, I beg to remain

Yours truly,

N. Hancock

Make This An Electric Christmas

For Father—

An Electric Fan,
 Desk Lamp,
 Flash Light

For Mother—

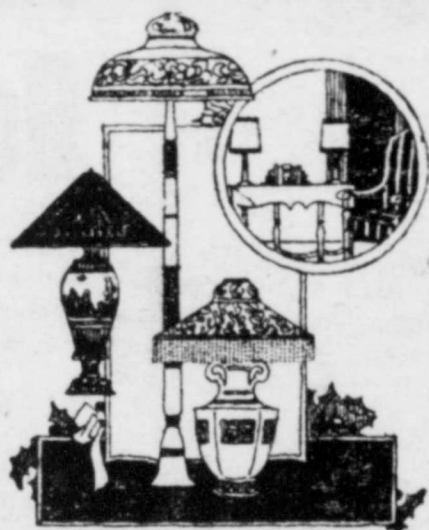
An Electric Range,
 Washer,
 Toaster,
 Percolator,
 Cleaner,
 Sewing Machine

For "Him"—

An Electric Water Heater,
 Bed Lamp,
 Flash Light

For "Her"—

An Electric Boudoir Lamp,
 Chafing Dish,
 Junior Iron,
 Curling Iron,
 Grill.



Electric Gifts at Christmas time, as on all other gift occasions, are not baubles or trinkets for a day or so. They are lasting gifts which carry electrical cheer throughout the years.

Keen Joy, real enthusiasm and gratitude will radiate from grown-ups when they receive something electrical as surely and as strongly as from the children who are given electrical toys.

For the recipients, Electrical Gifts will give Christmas Day an added meaning and increase happiness, comfort, and convenience every time they are used.

Then give Electrical Gifts for Christmas. They answer the question, "What shall I give?", most satisfactory.

EASY MONTHLY TERMS ON
 ALL APPLIANCES



Merkel Power Co.

and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas this the 4 day of November A. D. 1921.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk.

District Court, Taylor County, Texas. 214

CLOTHES CLEANED AND PRESSED

Now is the time to think of winter clothes, look through your wardrobe and get all those old clothes out and let us clean and press them. They will look like new. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180. tf.

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I now have charge of W. P. Duckett Produce business and would like to buy your produce. Give me a chance on what you have to sell. I. S. Simpson. 212.

To relieve rheumatism, sprain lame back, lumbago or pleurisy Ballards Snow Liniment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle Sold by Sanders Drug Store Dec.

NOTICE

Our coal yard will be open through out the entire season.

A car of New Mexico coal received last week.

No orders too large or too small.

H. M. Rose & Sons
 Phone 217 Phone 217

You will find the things here for your fruit cake. See Crown Hardware Company. Wood for sale. \$2.50 per cord. See E. M. Blackburn, Merkle's Office. Five. tf.

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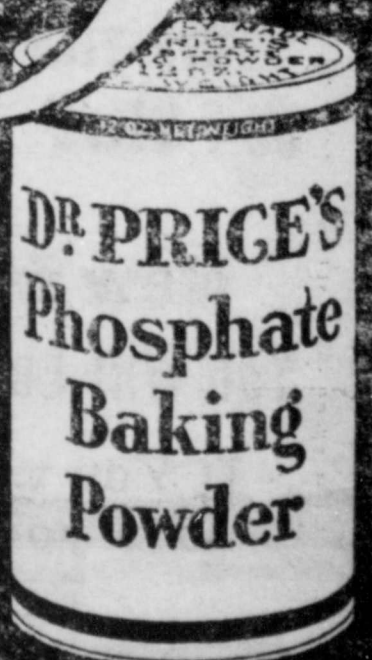
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Second Week of the Closing Out Sale AT Siegel's Economy Store

We wish to thank the people of Merkel and surrounding territory for the faith and patronage shown us the first week of the Closing Out Sale, and we will assure you that our prices are cut to the bone, and that this is a Bonafide Sale.

For those who have not attended our sale, ask your neighbor. Our stock is getting smaller and if we have what you need before Xmas shopping starts, you better give us the once over and it will help you make both ends meet, for we have the right prices.

For Saturday Only

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|--|--------|
| The Best Mens Dress Shoes regular \$10.00 closing out Sale | \$5.90 |
| The Best Womens dress Shoes regular \$8.50 value Closing out sale | \$3.90 |
| The Best grade Outing, regular 25c value closing out at | 15c |
| Mens Large Valour Hats, regular \$10.00 value closing out sale | \$6.90 |
| One Lot of Mens Dress Hats large shapes, regular \$7.50 value closing out at | \$3.90 |
| One Lot of nice Young Mens Novelty Hats, regular \$6.50 and \$7.50 values at | \$2.90 |

SIEGEL'S ECONOMY STORE

Two Doors north F. & M. National Bank.

GOLAN NEWS

Miss Menvil Hill spent the week-end with her brother, Rolie, at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Hugh Jeffery.

Miss Thelma Cooper visited Bettie Byrom Friday night and Saturday.

Edward Lawlis, wife and little daughter Marie were visiting at his parent's, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Lawlis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown of Shiloh Community were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox, Sunday.

There are several moving now. Mr. St Clair has moved to Haw-

ley. Mr. Alfred Lawlis is moving to where they live and Jim Jeffery is coming to live where Mr. Lawlis lived.

Mrs. Frank Jeffery and Mrs. Bessie McClung and little son, Harold were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Bro. Tom White filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Our Sunday School is improving and we trust that it will continue to do so. Let every one who can come and have a better lesson and we will have better attendance. Bring some one with you.

We don't know whether the Quail Season is in or not. Evidently it is from the way these little brown birds are disappear-

ing. It is a shame to kill these birds for sport when they do so much good destroying Boll weevils and other insects that damage the crops.

Miss Viola Cook was guest of Edith Hudspeth Sunday.

Prof Darwin Hill left Monday for Childress, where he will teach this coming term.

Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharps.

Plenty of Corn, Corn chops, Brand and Cow Feed at the Crown Hardware Co.

Old Homestead Coffee at G. M. Sharps.

AFRAID OF SANTA

Black Tots at African Mission Make for Place of Safety.

Presents of Apparel and Sweets Bring Confidence to the Men, Women and Kiddies.

AN AMUSING story of how Santa Claus frightened the black children at a mission station when he first appeared to them a few years ago, is told by the wife of a missionary stationed at Ballunda, Africa. They had celebrated Christmas at Ballunda before, but they never had had Santa Claus; so Mr. Stover, the missionary, dressed up as good Saint Nick. "He had been padded and powdered and packed until his own mother would not have known him," Mrs. Stover afterward related. "Presently we gave the signal, the door flew open and in walked Santa Claus. But, dear me! What shrieking! He was greeted with shrieks and groans and cries of 'Let me out! It is the evil one. It is the day of judgment!'"

"The urchins, catching the infection of terror from the older black people, fled to their bedrooms, fell down upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables—anywhere to hide themselves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a greeting before. As soon as he realized the panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and white cotton beard. Then from the bags on his back he began to throw gifts right and left and to tell who he was.

"Reassured once more, everyone was soon laughing and chatting, munching the great 'red breads' (doughnuts), fasting their fruits or nibbling at the sweets from the familiar little bags. One man wondered which end up he was to hold the fork Santa Claus had given him. Another immediately tried on his new shirt. The girls arranged their bright-hued handkerchiefs into turbans, while others sought to find some place about their scanty clothing where they could stow away their bunch of bread, as well as the paper of needles and cake of soap given to each.

"It seemed as though everyone tried to talk louder than his neighbor as they examined the costume of Santa Claus, whom they now no longer feared. One man said that he thought it was John the Baptist; another that it was Elijah returned. Yet another thought it was Satan himself.

Phone us your orders for service prompt delivery and etc. Crown Hardware Company. tf

STITH SCHOOL NOTES

The boy's and girl's basket ball teams are practicing for match games, which they expect to play in the near future.

We are proud that the water system has been installed.

The teachers, pupils, and parents joined in a yard cleaning, Wednesday afternoon. The school ground and surroundings are very much improved in appearance.

We are proud of the fact that all the teachers of the Stith school, attended the State Teacher's Association, at Dallas, the latter part of last week. They were in their places Monday morning and started anew. They all report a good time.

The attendance is large this term and everyone is studying hard to make his grade.

We had a two day holiday Thanksgiving. Some spent the two days pecan hunting, some

went to Abilene, while others spent a quiet Thanksgiving at home.

We are planning to give a box supper December, the ninth. We expect a large attendance. Every one expects a good time.

We are planning, also, to give a program some time soon. The date has not been given.

POSITIONS INSURED

\$25 Saved on life scholarships guaranteeing \$75 to \$100 positions, if you take advantage of low holiday rates to first 50 enrollments. Scholarships good at an anytime—free home study in the meantime. World famous courses, through equipment, and expert faculty save enough time and expense to repay tuition. Write for Offer X today. Abilene Draughon Business College, Abilene, Texas.2tp.

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All work Guaranteed

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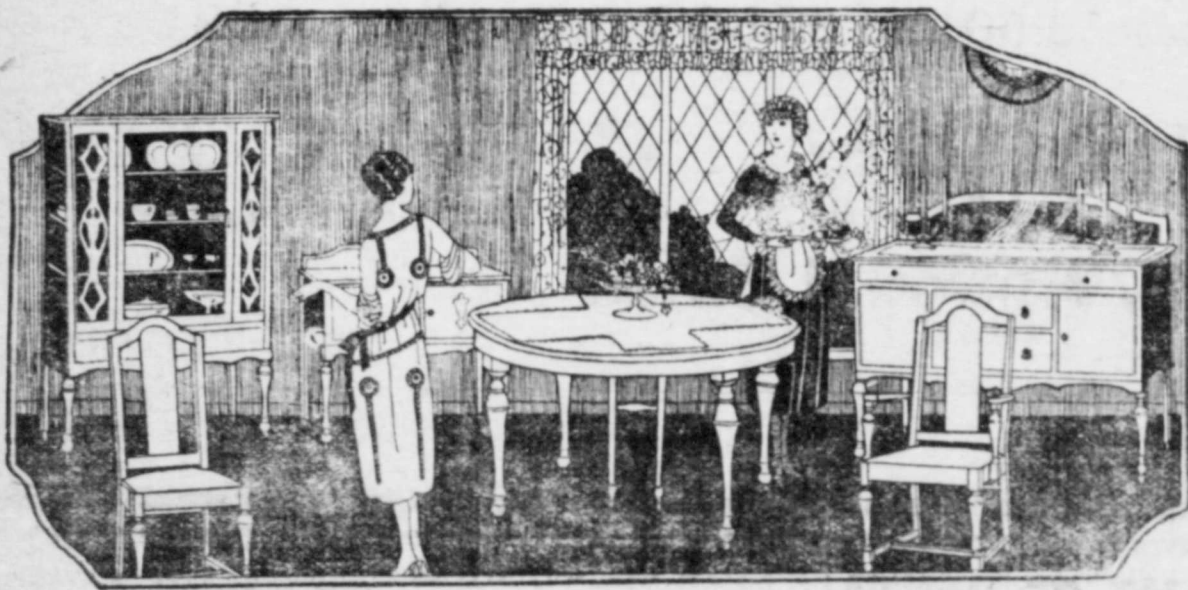
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This is the biggest Reduction Sale ever offered by a retail Furniture store. Everything in our entire stock reduced. The biggest opportunity you have ever had to buy Quality Furniture at these sacrifice prices. Our stock is complete. New goods arriving daily. Come in during this sale and take advantage of these low prices. Sale starts Saturday, December 10th and lasts until Xmas eve, December 24th

MAKE YOUR XMAS GIFTS FURNITURE.

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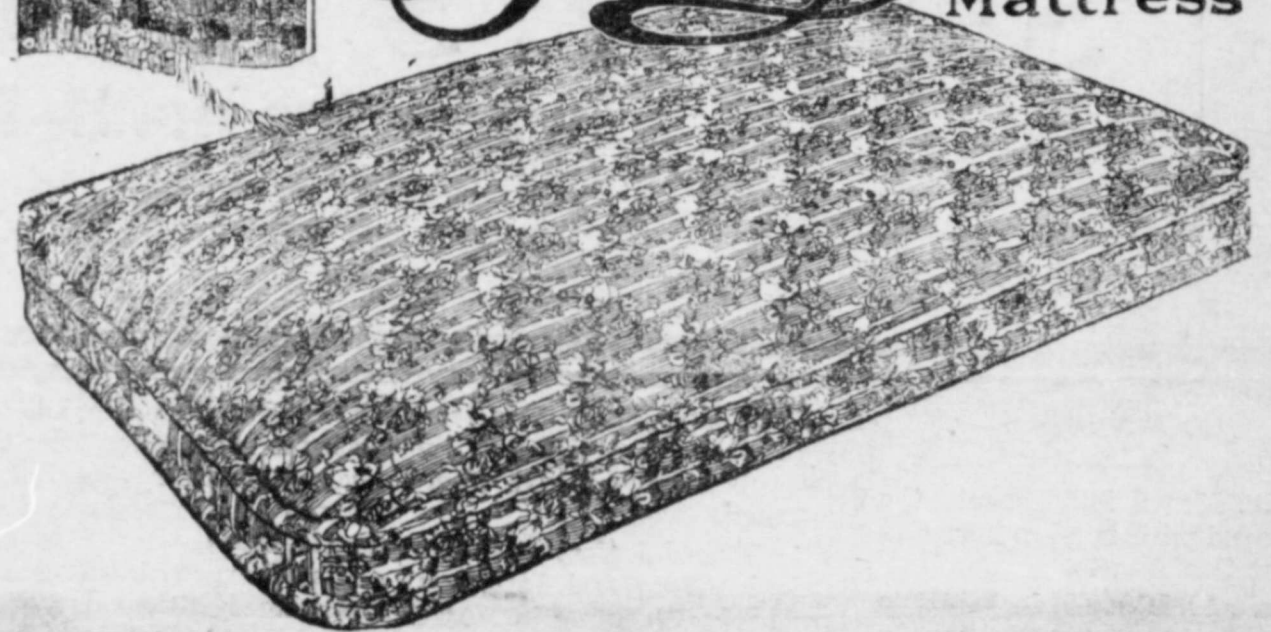


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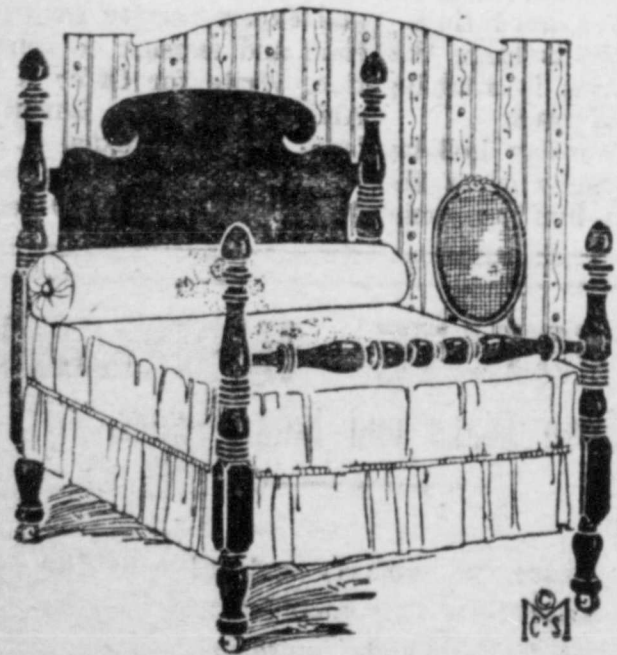


The Sealy Sanitary Tuftless Mattress



EXTRA SPECIAL ON SEALYS
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Buy a Sealy mattress and sleep the rest of the winter in comfort. Your choice in any tick during this sale only..... \$26.95
A 45-lb. all cotton mattress, rolled edge, in good tick, \$10 value..... \$4.95



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Only \$39.45

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with us that so much warm weather and a short cotton crop makes a just reason for unloading everything possible, so we have concluded to make EXTRA SPECIAL LOW PRICES for 13 selling days only, commencing Dec. 10th and run to midnight Xmas Eve
We pledge you that this sale will be a real money-saving
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Sale Begins Saturday
 Dec. 10th
 and Runs to Xmas Eve

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 and Runs to Xmas Eve

Men's Suits and Overcoats

WE ARE TAKING A BIG LOSS
 Several Suits at \$20.00 to \$25.00 your choice for \$13.90
 10 Suits in broken sizes, formerly sold at \$30.00 to \$39.00. Your choice now for only \$19.90
MANY OTHER SUITS AND OVERCOATS 1/4 OFF
 Prices on these Suits range from \$24.00 to \$33.75
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BOYS SUITS

Not large stock but are good Wool Suits, and extra well made.
 Was \$14.50 to \$18.00 cut down to \$7.50 to \$9.00
 A few 16 and 17 ages Sold at \$7.50 to \$12.00 your choice now for \$5.00

Attention Ladies!

If good garments are better than just the common kind then
THIS IS THE BEST TIME
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Every Shoe, Bootee and Oxford without a Profit to us, is Yours
 for two weeks. Men, boys, women and girls, now is your chance to get good shoes at a Big Cut

SMASHED PRICES ON ALL BLANKETS AND COMFORTS SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO BUY AHEAD FOR TWO YEARS. THE PRICES ARE CUT 40 TO 60 PER CENT

See our 8 1/2 Percale.
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Ginghams cut 2 1/2 to 5c per yard
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SHOWER FOR MISS BESS TUCKER

The Ladies of Merkel and vicinity, gave a miscellaneous shower, last Monday evening for Miss Bess Tucker, at the home of Mrs. Fred Groene's. Mrs. Groene was assisted by Misses Lorena Dry, Josie Smith Mary Eula Sears and Lynn Thompson. Miss Tucker's friends were received from five o'clock to eight.

The gifts were many and varied and were much appreciated. The citizens of Merkel wish for Mr Tucker and his family a future so bright that it will in part eclipse the sadness of the past.—One present.

Your household linen washed and ironed at 8c per pound is cheaper than you can do it your self. Ligon the Laundry man. Phone 218. tf.

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YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE STUDY

Crossing the Jordan
(a) Joshua the new leader; (b) The two spies sent out. (c) On the banks of Jordan. (d) the march to Gilgal. (e) Describe the Jordan river. (Josh. 1 to 4) by Herbert Williamson.

Encampment at Gilgal
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The Fall of Jericho.
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STUDY**

Crossing the Jordan
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HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return there on, showing how you have executed the same.
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The afternoon was highly enjoyed by all present. 42, Fling and music were enjoyed, after which Devil food Pineapple cake and hot chocolate was served to the following; Mrs. J. L. Renfro, Jas McCoy, C. M. Pogue, S. L. Owens, W. F. Golliday, E. L. Turner, Blanche Brooks, Pearl Hollingsworth, Bruce Hancock, Miss Rema Burns, Ruby Fay Golliday, Master Jack Pogue, George Bruce and Clare Jeanetta Hancock.

At the close a Busy Bee club was organized with a number of charter members. Mrs. W. F. Golliday was elected president; Mrs. E. L. Turner, vice-pres., Miss Maxie Banner, Secretary, Miss Rema Burns, assistant Sec., Mrs. Bruce Hancock, Tres. Mrs. Sam Owens, Reporter. The club will meet Friday December 9th at the home of Miss Maxie Banner, from 2 to 5 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as some important business will be considered. Reporter.

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You are hereby commanded to summon Nannie Renau by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of December A. D. 1921 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4853, wherein S. L. Renau, is Plaintiff, and Nannie Renau, is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is bona fide resident of Taylor County; that the residence of the defendant is unknown; that plaintiff and defendant were married July 4th 1917 and lived together until February 1918 when defendant voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of plaintiff without his consent and has continuously lived separate and apart from him. That defendant's residence is unknown. Plaintiff sues for divorce, costs, and general relief. Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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J. K. Fuller, Clerk. District Court, Taylor County 4tp.

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M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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A FAREWELL MEETING

A few close friends met last Friday to give Mrs. Bruce Hancock a farewell entertainment, as she intended moving to Abilene, but on her return home at three o'clock she found her house full of guests and every thing in order, but the joke turned when she announced that she would not move but would stay in Merkel as it is the best place on earth.

The afternoon was highly enjoyed by all present. 42, Flinch and music were enjoyed, after which Devil food Pineapple cake and hot chocolate was served to the following; Mrs. J. L. Renfro, Jas McCoy, C. M. Pogue, S. L. Owens, W. F. Golliday, E. L. Turner, Blanche Brooks, Pearl Hollingsworth, Bruce Hancock, Miss Rema Burns, Ruby Fay Golliday, Master Jack Pogue, George Bruce and Clare Jeanette Hancock.

At the close a Busy Bee club was organized with a number of charter members. Mrs. W. F. Golliday was elected president; Mrs. E. L. Turner, vice-pres., Miss Maxie Banner, Secretary, Miss Rema Burns, assistant Sec., Mrs. Bruce Hancock, Tres. Mrs. Sam Owens, Reporter. The club will meet Friday December 9th at the home of Miss Maxie Banner, from 2 to 5 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as some important business will be considered. Reporter.

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