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BOOTLEGGING COTTON SEED

We desire to call your attention to the Law passed at the last session of the Texas Legislature having for its purpose the safe guarding of the public in the purchase of pure bred cotton seed, which law created a State Board of pure Bred Examiners. Under this law a state register of cotton seed breeders and cotton seed growers was provided for.

Owing to the fact that much of the cotton crop gathered in West Texas this year (including that not yet gathered) has not been affected by rains and climatic conditions, causing to some extent deteriorated crops in some places, it is likely to be a shortage of bred seed; consequently it is going to be a great deal for prepared seed, and it is likely that persons will attempt to bootleg inferior seeds in many communities in West Texas. We suggest that you urge your farmers in purchasing seed for next year to be especially careful to see that persons from whom they purchase seed are responsible in all cases.

It is of course unnecessary to say that there is no economy for the farmer in purchasing cheap, low grade cotton seed, even though he might save 50c a bushel on the purchase. It is indeed a crime for any farmer not to plant the very highest grade seed. Especially is this so in West Texas. The development of the cotton industry in West Texas spells prosperity, and it is the duty of our merchants and bankers, and surely the duty of the commercial organization, to properly cooperate with the farmers in this important matter. We urge therefore that you take this matter up with your local papers and with your farm agents and otherwise.

It would be a splendid idea to see some lawyer in your community and get him to give you a copy of this law, H. B. 114, Chapter No. 56, page 127 Acts of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd call session of the 38th Legislature. And if you can have this Act published it would be of very great help. It might be also a good idea to post this at the Court House, in the Chamber of Commerce office, and at such other places as might seem wise. We also urge that you confer with your farmers and suggest to them that they might raise all or part of the seed for planting purposes by sowing the best seed from the selected seed that they have planted.

Respectfully,
Porter A. Whaley, Mgr.
West Tex. Chamber Com.

NOTE

Closing of the Farmers National Bank on the 30th day.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 2, we will enter the last month of the year 1923 in our church work. In many respects this has been a good year on our work, but we hope to make the last month the best of all. On last Sunday our Sunday school had the largest attendance in many weeks. The morning and night services were well attended.

Many new phases of work will begin with the new year. Beginning the first Sunday in January, we will again hold Vesper services each Sunday at four o'clock in place of the night service. Last year these services were a feature of our winter program.

All the regular services at the usual hour next Sunday. You are cordially invited to attend all our services. Fred. S. Rogers, pastor.

MASONS-EASTERN STAR BANQUET

Announcement is made that to-night, (Thursday) the local Masonic and Eastern Star fraternities will give a Thanksgiving Banquet, at 6:00 o'clock, which will be attended by the members of both orders and their families.

A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion, with the principle address to be made by Hon. R. E. McMurray of Kucx City, which will explain the principles and teachings of the two orders.

THIS PAPER A DAY EARLY

On account of Thanksgiving coming on Thursday, our press day, we have rushed things up a little in order that we might get the paper out a little early, (Wednesday night) so that the force could enjoy the holiday along with the rest of the world. So, should the news seem a little scarce, we trust our readers will over look our shortcomings and we will try to make up for same in the future.

LARGENT CATTLE ARE BIG WINNERS

Mr. C. M. Largent and sons, Messrs. Tom and Willie Joe, returned recently from the North where they spent some time exhibiting their fine thoroughbred Hereford cattle at the big fairs and expositions. In Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas City their cattle were awarded many prizes, including many first prizes. At Kansas City at the Royal Livestock Show the Largent Grand Champion Steer, just ten months old and weighing 860 lbs. was sold at \$1.05 per pound, bringing a total of \$840 to the owners, and which was the highest price ever paid for the grand champion steer in that city.

Messrs. S. D. Gambell, Dr. R. J. James, Clyde Sears and Geo. W. Mum, composing a hunting party, which was mentioned in this paper last week, returned from their hunt, where they were successful in the fine hunting to Messrs. Bud and they report a successful hunt, the killing of

They are engaged at El Paso.

BIG BANQUET FOR M'MURRAY COLLEGE

Monday night December 3rd is the time set for a big banquet to be held at St. Pauls Methodist church, Abilene Texas honoring the Football team of the past season. Lots of Turkey with all accessories that are essential to the making of a great feast. Speeches will be made by representatives of McMurray, and representatives of Old Stamrod College. A get-together program of all who are interested in our college and desire to see the faculty and student body in action. The Board of Trustees will be there. Everything will be in line with the Thanksgiving spirit. Lets go what ye say?

See M. R. Pike for tickets. Better rush; they are going fast.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF COTTON GINNED

The total amount of cotton ginned in Merkel up to Monday noon is as follows: Hamm Gin, 2,535 bales; Guitar gin, 2510 bales; Swann Gin, 2,450 bales; Planters Gin, 1522 bales; South Side Gin, 1,383 bales, making a grand total of 10,400 bales. There has been received at the public cotton yard, 10,665 bales and the Farm Bureau Yard has received 3,825 bales, making a total of 14,475 bales. Seed is selling at \$42.00 the ton.

THRIFT AND GOOD JUDGEMENT

President Calvin Coolidge says he has never failed to save at least 10 per cent of each salary installment received. He is not a rich man and is not of the type that becomes rich, but with such a policy he will never be poor. There may be difficulty in carrying out the 10 per cent plan while occupying the White House, and yet by simple living it should be possible. If so, the end of his first term alone should find him in a position well above any fear for his financial future.

The great gain of saving 10 per cent, or any reasonable percentage of each salary installment, is not entirely in the total of money accumulated as it is also a great strengthener of character. Economy is twice blessed, for it adds to both mental and material possessions. Self-control is more than riches and by nothing so much developed as by saving.

If the President of the U. S. considers it necessary to have a system in his savings, how much more is it needed by you and me. It is not how much money we make, but rather how much we save that ultimately decides the question, are we a financial success or a failure.

Another question is, "How do we invest our savings?" Do we sacrifice security for investment returns, or is safety our principle?

L. R. Thompson, accompanied a delegation of members of the Abilene Lions Club, and of which organization he holds membership, to Sweetwater last Friday evening where they enjoyed a special meeting and banquet by the organization in that city.

Mr. T. L. Grimes left last week for south, Texas, where he goes with the hopes that his health may improve. We join his friends here in hopes that he may receive immediate and permanent improvement.

UNION SERVICES TODAY AT 10:00 A. M.

The program committee for the Union Thanksgiving services to be held today at the Methodist church; beginning immediately at 10:00 o'clock, has handed to us for publication the following splendid and interesting program.

As stated above, this is a Union Thanksgiving service and every man, woman and child is invited to be present and enjoy same. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Fred S. Rogers of the Presbyterian church, and those attending may rest assured that they will be treated with an appropriate and able message.

America.
Invocation, Rev. Cypert.
Song--Gloria
Scripture--Rev. O. B. Tatum
Special Song--Miss Christene Collins.
Prayer, Rev. E. S. Tucker
Sermon, Rev. Fred S. Rogers
Doxology
Prayer, Rev. T. J. Rea.

PREACHING AT NOODLE SUNDAY DEC. 2ND.

We will observe the same schedule of the previous year with regard to our appointments on the Merkel Circuit. Sunday, December 2 will be our regular day at Noodle. Let all be present at the Sunday school hour 10:00 o'clock and remain for the preaching services at 11:00 o'clock. Monday December 3rd. will be the day that the District Stewards hold their meeting at St. Paul's Church Abilene. Tuesday, Dec. 4 will be Sunday School day and Wednesday, and Thursday will be Pastor Laymens days. Let us all observe these dates, and if we happen to be either a steward or laymen in either connection then let us go to St. Pauls on these respective dates.
M. R. Pike, Pastor
Merkel Circuit.

RAIN AND SNOW FALLS HERE WED.

Rain began falling here Tuesday afternoon, continuing on into the night, then turning to snow, which partially covered the ground while melting underneath all the while.

According to the daily press, snow fell over the most of the Plains Tuesday and in the upper Panhandle the fall in some places reached a depth of ten inches and was still falling.

BUYS HOME IN MERKEL

We are glad to learn that Mr. W. A. Tittle, one of the well to do and most excellent citizens of route five, has recently purchased from Mr. J. R. Dye, a residence in the southwest part of the city and will soon move with his family to Merkel.

W. A. Tittle is a good man, successful in the conduct of his business affairs, and will make a good, progressive citizen of our city, and we join the citizenship in welcoming him and his family among us.

PREACHING AT COMPERE

Announcement is made that Rev. B. L. Davis, of Abilene, will preach at the Comper Baptist Church on next Sunday after noon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and the public is cordially invited.

METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our congregations are increasing with every service and so is our Sunday School, and for this we are truly proud. But why not have three hundred in our attendance at Sunday School? We can if we will. When the whole church gets behind the ramrod of enthusiasm the "T" must go out of "can't". We CAN have this number in attendance in spite of pecan hunts and other things. But we must have the help of the entire church. The officers and Teachers will do their part. Will you help? IT CAN BE DONE! "Success comes in Cans, Failure comes in can't's"

We are having spiritual services at the preaching hours. Our congregations are good. But you know that there is always room for one more. A cordial invitation awaits one and all.

"Let the good work go on!"
T. J. Rea Pastor.

NO HOLIDAY HELP FOR POST OFFICE

Postmaster Comegys informs us that the Post Office Department has advised him that no additional allowance will be made this year for extra help in the local post office during the holiday rush, and he asks the public to mail their Christmas packages as early as possible, at least not to wait until the last moment.

He also states that the package window after December 1st will be closed from 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and no packages will be received or given out after that time.

COTTON SWINDLES

We have received numerous letters from various towns in West Texas stating that persons in those towns have purchased cotton on margins thru brokerage firms in New York City and apparently have been victimized. In most instances those who have operated with these New York companies have not only been unable to collect their "profits" but also apparently have lost their original capital. The apparent frauds appear to aggregate a very large sum of money.

Acting on the above we called a meeting of those who have apparently been defrauded and have made arrangements to send a special representative to New York for the purpose of investigating the situation and affording such relief as may be possible under the circumstances. If there are any in your community who may be interested in having their claims attended to by the representative who is going to New York, we shall be glad to have them consult us, and advise the facts.

Advice always comes, it seems, in these matters, after the horse has left the stables and is gone, but nevertheless, we are going to suggest that it might be a good idea to advise those of your people who "play the cotton market" to thoroughly investigate the firms they do business with in New York or elsewhere. There are plenty of reliable firms in New York City with which to do business.

Respectfully,
Porter A. Whaley,
Manager.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hunter have bought the cottage now occupied by Ira Armstrong and family and will take possession December 15th. The Armstrong family will move to Abilene.--Sweetwater Reporter.

HIGH SCHOOL EN- ROLLMENT GROWS

The enrollment in the High School Department of the Merkel School continues to increase from year to year. The high school department of the Merkel Public school is extra large compared to the total enrollment. Practically one-third of the total number enrolled in school are in the high school grades. This is in spite of the fact that the requirements have steadily increased in difficulty from year to year.

As evidence of the continued growth of the High school department, below is given the enrollment in the high school grades and in the second column the number of credits of affiliation held by the High school:--
1914-15 98 enrolled--No Credits
1915-16 144 enrolled ... No cr.
1916-17 143 enrolled ... No cr.
1917-18 106 enrolled ... No cr.
1918-19 130 enrolled ... 3 cr.
1919-20 134 enrolled ... 5 cr.
1920-21 155 enrolled ... 13 cr.
1921-22 182 enrolled ... 18 cr.
1922-23 203 enrolled ... 20 cr.

Thus it is seen that the enrollment in the last four years has grown from 130 to 203 at present, the number of credits for the high school from 5 to 20 units at present. This is an increase in enrollment in four years of 56 per cent, and increase in the number of credits of 300 per cent. Watch the Merkel High school grow in enrollment and in efficiency. With your co-operation it will.

A comparison of surrounding towns of our class might be of interest to the patrons of Merkel High school.

Merkel has an enrollment of 203 in High school with 20 units of affiliation. Albany has 91 with 18 units, Anson has 186 with 18 units, Hamlin has 118 with 18 units, Sweetwater has 260 with 21 1-2 units, Haskel has 196 with 24 units, Snyder has 231 with 20 units, Stamford has 210 with 22 units, Bailingger has 243 with 17 units, Winters has 163 with no units, Munday has 114 with 13 units, Colorado has 165 with 19 units.

With continued prosperity the school will even surpass this year what it has already done. Let's all boost and see that we have a good little high school which is second to none in efficiency.

BOX SUPPER AT SANDBURR

The Mail is asked to announce that there will be a big box supper at Sand Burr on Friday night, December 7, and to which the public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

The proceeds will go toward buying a library for the school.

TO OUR READERS

We wish to especially call your attention to the advertisements in this paper, as there are many bargains and items of special interest among them. In fact we feel sure that our readers will profit greatly by reading the advertisements in each and every week's issue of the Mail, for surely the merchant that has something to offer at a better bargain than the man who never asks for your trade through the local paper. At least the merchant that advertises shows conclusively that he appreciates your business by soliciting same. So study the advertisements, investigate the prices offered and see if you can not profit thereby.

Mrs. J. R. Baze is at home from a two weeks stay at Millersville with relatives.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

A Complete Banking Service

This bank is equipped to render complete Banking Service to businessmen, farmers and concerns large or small

The thrifty individual, the enterprising small business man, all find this bank where friendliness and fair dealing go hand in hand with an adherence to sound banking principles.

THE HOME OF GUARANTEED DEPOSITS

COMMUNITY WELFARE

Goldie Green in last issue of Farm and Ranch says:

If there is a community house fine; if not, utilize the school or church. But the school building is the logical place for community gatherings because it is the only avenue by which the whole community can be reached.

I Am Community Recreation

I am the key to open the door of getting better acquainted in the community.

I introduce a community to itself by teaching the modern gospel of play.

I develop community co-operation and socialability, thus helping to eliminate unrest and dissatisfaction among the young people (which after all is only their outward expression of the hunger for a larger life.)

I develop the rural school house into a social center, breaking the isolation of the farm social life by establishing a place where people will frequently meet together for education, recreation and the public good.

I do not come as something wholly new, but rather as a restoration and readjustment, restoring to the rural school the social value it had in the old days of spelling matches and debates.

I believe that life, love and happiness, not wealth, are the most worth while objects of living.

I teach that play is not to be confounded either with idleness or mere exercise is a useless waste of energy; but that play is the deepest expression of the child's soul and Nature' instrument for fashioning him to the human plan.

I am more necessary in the country than in the city in proportion as the life of the farm is more solitary.

I make possible the organization of every sort of recreation—such is the social center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Agricultural clubs, etc

and the organization of the farm community for various co-operative business and community enterprises.

I train the child to perceive and love the beauty of the open country, to hear the thousand voices in which Nature speaks to her true worshipers.

I teach the people to develop their capacity for the use of leisure hours in play.

A GREAT MAN

The world of science mourns the death of Charles Porteus Steinmetz, the electrical wizard whose labors in science, engineering, politics, education, and the art of living have so enlightened the world.

Of his material conquests it is hardly necessary to speak; of his far vision, his prophecies which came true, his uncanny ability to find the solution of different problems, every one knows. These, his works, will live after him, but long after they shall have been superseded by bigger and better inventions, newer discoveries, abler methods, his life will stand as an example of what America means to the foreigner who comes to her shores poor and friendless, yet with the wit to grasp the opportunity the United States holds out to all who may wish to take it.

Dr. Steinmetz, although an educated man, did not speak English when he landed from Breslau, Germany, in New York in 1889. His first "job" was a draftsman at a bare living pittance. But he did his job so well and learned English so fast that it was but a short time before his genius was recognized and he had won a place for himself with the General Electric Company, which was later to do him honor building for him the greatest electrical investigation laboratory in the world and giving him anything he wanted, either for it or for himself.

Dr. Steinmetz wanted little for himself. A man of simple tastes, he asked only for a living, but spent a fortune in apparatus and facilities for research. He got them, and well did he repay the expenditure. And yet, busy as he was, he was never too busy to head the many great scientific societies of which he has been president, and never too busy to teach. He would have been an able man any where, but it was through America opportunity he became truly great.

Lubbock paid \$90,000 of her citizens hard earned money for the site upon which the great Technological school is to be erected, and since that time the citizens of that growing and thriving town have voted civic improvement bonds to the amount of \$500,000. Yes Lubbock is going to make the best town on the Plains. Why? Because of the majority of her citizens are awake to the best interest of the town's needs, and are not made up of the moss-back variety.

NOW is the time to buy at great saving--Brown Dry Goods Company. It

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittan of Fort Worth were here a few days visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brittan were former citizens of Merkel and will be remembered by many.



Exasperating COUGHS—

NOT only you—but all those around you are annoyed by the constant hacking of a persistent cough. Dr. King's New Discovery breaks coughs quickly by stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off the clogging secretions. Has a pleasant taste. At all druggists.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Merkel, Texas

The Success of this Community Depends upon

The Thrift of Its Citizens

Make money and spend less than you make and keep it safe by Depositing the Surplus in

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

One of the strong and conservative banks of West Texas—Under careful and expert management and direction

We Solicit Your Business

The Record We Have Made

4% Interest On Deposits in Our Savings Department.

We have for rent 50 modern two-lock safety deposit boxes. Secure one and keep your deeds, bonds, and records absolutely safe and strictly confidential.

COME IN and TALK it over.

Never missed a dividend—Never assessed a shareholder

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Ladies ready-to-wear at great reductions. **BUY NOW.** Brown Dry Goods Company.

Come in and let us show you our samples the best in the world for the money. Come in and be convinced. Mrs. C. L. Cash, phone 180.

Mr. J. W. Juday and Mrs. Maggie Wagner of Trent were issued marriage license at Sweetwater the first of the week.

A. P. Petty and family, who have been farming south of town this year, left Monday for the Plains country, where he will locate between Big Springs and Lamesa.

Charley Higgins and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a new daughter into their home on Saturday night.

Mrs. P. P. Frederickson is in Oklahoma City visiting relatives.

Wholesale Cost On GROCERIES

We have decided to discontinue our Grocery Line so that we may have more room to display our Hardware Stock. Therefore we will commence on

Saturday Morning, Dec. 1,

to sell our entire stock of Groceries at actual wholesale

COST

We mean to actually quit the Grocery line, therefore we mean Business, and we are going to sell to the General Public.

ALL GROCERIES, During This Sale, MUST be CASH

Come and get your supplies while you can buy them at these Low Prices.

Crown Hardware Company



Ford Trucks Are Best On Performance Record

If you were to ask a hundred—or a thousand—Ford truck owners why they use Ford trucks, in preference to all others, they would likely say, "Because Ford stands up." They know the endless grind

Ford Trucks

The Necessity Store

Where You Find Things Different

Has on display many valuable, interesting items that are different, and which will be appreciated for Christmas gifts. We invite you to come in, look them over and make your selections while you may get the first choice. Don't wait until the Christmas rush, and then have to take--well just what it left.

THE PRIC E--Well, that's the thing that will interest you. It will save you money.

BIG AUTO FREE

Yes, boys and girls, that big free auto will be given away at our store on Monday December 17, so don't over look this, it's dandy and you will be proud of it.

And fire works, Oh! We have lots of it--fire crackers, roman candles, sky-rockets, canon crackers, etc., and they are not going to last long, so better get yours.

We Will Appreciate Your Trade, Whether Small or Large.

THE NECESSITY STORE

HIGHWAY MARKING

The following valuable information has been officially received from Captian J. D. Fauntleroy, State Highway Engineer

In addition to the State taking over the maintenance of all State Highways January 1st, 1924, as announced in our October 30th Bulletin, the State Highway Department will also take over the marking of all state highways on January 1st, 1924, under the direct supervision of the sixteen district engineers, details of which are as follows:

The road signs will be very simple in design and merely intended to inform the traveler the distance between towns, cross-roads and other important places.

In addition to these signs, road markers will also be erected, which will consist of a black circle, six to eight inches in diameter, containing a single white star and in the center of the star will be the number of the highway. These circles will be painted on telegraph poles, bridge heads, culvert headwalls and occasionally on sign boards where there is nothing else available to show such markings. For example! Any one leaving Texarkana and following State Highway No. 1 will see these markers erected, or markers on posts, headwalls, etc. at relatively close intervals all the way to El Paso.

In addition there will be other signs for "Bad Curves", "Railroad Crossings", "Detours," etc.

The State Highway Department will finance the marking of all Highways and have exclusive control of same, which will eliminate the necessity of the Public Contributing funds for the purpose of making highways.

This is indeed valuable information and persons reading same should make it a point to tell others.

Ladies ready-to-wear at great reductions. **BUY NOW.** Brown Dry Goods Company. It.

Mr. J. N. Hatfield, splendid citizen of Noodle, Route one, was in the city Wednesday and we were sorry to learn from him that members of his family had been sick and a son seriously so.

In our last issue there appeared in the paper a small advertisement, under the **LOST** and **FOUND** column, stating that a ladies purse had been found. Mrs. Marvin Boney had lost hand bag and called at the office and identified the bag as belonging to her. It is another evidence that it pays to advertise. Yes, a small advertisement in our classified column generally brings fine results. Try it.

Mrs. V. L. Merritt, who has been in an Abilene Sanitarium for some time, was able last week to be brought to the home of her father, Mr. C. L. Tucker in this city, and is we are glad to learn getting along nicely at this time.

FARMS FOR SALE

Homes for sale; Business houses for sale; unimproved land for sale; in fact everything in the real estate line. Let me tell you what I have to offer. You do not have to pay a commission; the other fellow pays that. I also have a farm land company to tell you about. And if you need money, come to see me. E. D. Coats. It

Born on Sunday, November 25 to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox, a beautiful nine pound baby girl.

LAYING HENS PAY
Make 'em Lay and Pay--Feed
MARTIN EGG PRODUCER
And get more Eggs or your money back
Martin's Roup Tablets. Blue Bug Remedy and Taroline Guaranteed by SANDERS DRUG STORE

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Topic: Fighting the good fight.

Leader: Dixie Howard.

Introduction: Leader.

1. Paul's enemies, Coma Haynes.
2. Figures describing fighting Mr. Stephens.
3. Fighting and fleeing: Dovie Teaff.
4. The soul armed for service. Flossie Campbell.
5. Living the victorious life: Valerie Dye.
6. We'll move at his command Mae Lassiter.

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Dr. Mellenthin

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Grace Hotel Wednesday and Thursday December 12 and 13. Office Hours: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Two days only.

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas.

He visits professionally the more important towns and cities and offers to all who call on this trip free consultation, except the expense of treatment when desired.

According to his method of treatment he does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers of stomach, tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

If you have been ailing for any length of time and do not get any better, do not fail to call as improper measures rather than disease are very often the cause of your long standing trouble.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands. Address: 211 Bradbury Bldg. Los Angeles, California. 23t3p

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without cost to you watch the papers or step into our store and ask us

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The prices will be ready for you Friday morning, Nov. 30.

We Are Overstocked

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Men's, and Boy's Clothing, Ladies' Ready-to-wear & Our Large Shoe Stock

Now is the time for you to stock up. It will mean a great saving for you--you well know the **Quality Merchandise** we sell.

Come Early While Sizes Are Complete

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QUALITY MERCHANDISE

Woodrum Filling Station

In order to accommodate our ever growing and appreciated patronage, we will soon install another new and modern Visible Gasoline Filling Pump, so we can better serve you with that

GOOD GULF GASOLINE

And don't forget that we can fill your order for a set of those well known and always satisfactory

GOODRICH CASINGS

In fact we can give you real, prompt and satisfactory service in our line.

WOODRUM FILLING Station

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ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY FOR INSERTION IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL

Foreign Advertising Representative THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

There never was a time when it was more favorable for putting out fruit trees, shrubbery, etc. than now. Let's put out a few trees and help to make our town more attractive.

WHY THEY MOVE TO ABILENE

Brother R. E. Burns has bought a place in the city of Abilene and still they go. Yes, moving over there where they have paved streets, sewer system, and hard surfaced roads leading out in all directions. Of course there is a tax charge against all these conveniences, in other words high taxes, but still our folks when they have reached that financial stage in the game, they want to move away where they really do things. And so it is, over here in grand old Shackelford county our best folks are going away from us, they do not like mud holes, crooked roads and steep hills and cow trails, yet, getting away where they can burn gas see the sights and have a good time. Now Brother Burns owns a nice ranch in this county, he leaves that with us, and ever afterwards, this is his cutting pen, where he comes back every once and a while, rounds up his herd, and hurries back home. And now being minus good roads, and all other modern things, ere long this county will just be the shipping pens for all this cow traffic. Of course we will want a post office, phone line, depot, butcher shop and a family grocery where we can buy cheese and crackers and

"THANKSGIVING"

To-day, Thursday, November 29th, is another day that we give thanks to our Maker that we are permitted to live in a land of Liberty and Freedom.

We wish also to thank our friends and customers for their liberal patronage since last Thanksgiving, and assure future service.



The Turkey and Chicken dread to see the last Thursday in November and Christmas Day, but we have a large supply of Incubators that will deliver the goods and have them ready for those days. All sizes, 80 to 400 egg.

Poultry Supplies of all Kinds.

Liberty Hardware Company

"Only Exclusive Hardware Store in Merkel, Texas"

My, just think of it, a big fat turkey at 15 cents per pound for Thanksgiving. Yes, that's what the local poultry dealers were offering them at, with the prediction that they would be still cheaper for Christmas.

The farmer--the man on top in this country-- is buying his actual needs, but he's not throwing money away this fall as has been done by so many in prosperous times gone by.

There is no reason why Merkel business men cannot sell goods as cheap as can be bought any where in the country, and when they do they should have the patronage and support of the people of the town and community.

If you are going to send a package away for Christmas it will be much better to send it soon so as to not wait until the rush. You will get better service, and then you will help the postal officials to better serve the public.

sardines on shipping days. And they are patting us on the back and keep saying Dick wait a while longer, less you put us

out of business with your good roads craze. Well we have been sitting here for twenty-five years waiting, have waited until the seat of our pants is threadbare, our business is swunk up until we can hardly make ends meet on the first of the month, business all gone, the whole stocking match, turned into a big pasture, and we are still waiting patiently, but Sonny, patience has ceased to be a virtue, and pretty soon, we are going to make a move, and "bust" our pantaloons or "spile" a horn. Do you get us?--Albany News.

Our good friend and excellent citizen, W. D. Haynes, residing on route four, was in the city last Saturday, and while here made this office a pleasant and appreciated call. He reports 86 bales from his farms this year, and that he is well pleased with the year.

REBUILT TYPEWRITER BARGAINS

(Terms like Rent) Special Discount for Cash UNDERWOODS REMINGTONS L. C. SMITHS WOODSTOCKS ROYALS OLIVERS ALL MAKES

USED MACHINES ACCEPTED AS FIRST PAYMENT Satisfaction Guaranteed or Payment Refunded

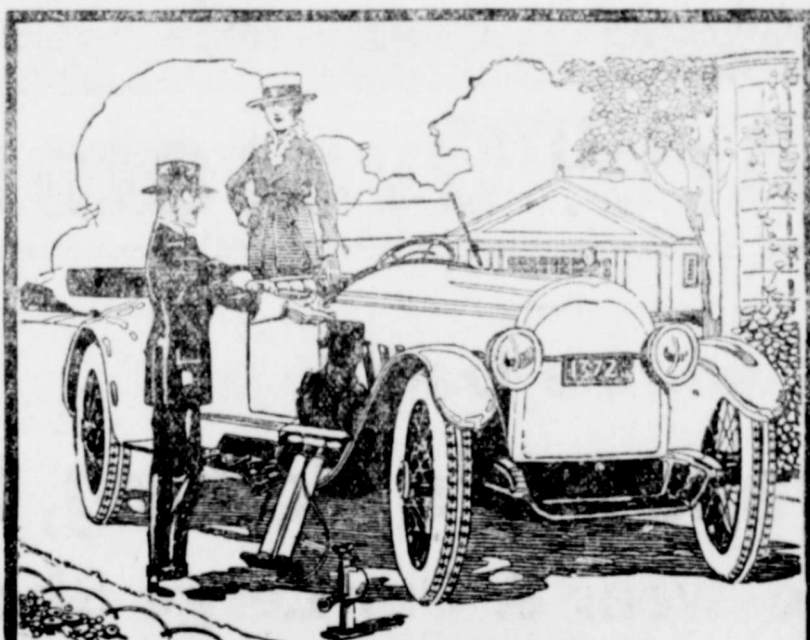
WE REPRESENT JOHN YORK OF DALLAS TEXAS

To cure costiveness the medicine must be more than a purgative; it must contain tonic, alterative and cathartic properties.

Tutt's Pills

possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural function.

- Spotlights
- Clocks
- Motometers
- Speedometers
- Visors
- Bumpers
- Door Handles
- Throttle Extensions
- Horn Buttons
- Tool Boxes
- Steering Wheels
- Muffler Cut-outs



AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES

The Four Best Buys For Ford Cars

FOX LOCK AND STEERING WHEEL

Locks front wheels, steering gear, and steering wheel rigidly--the only safe type of lock for Fords. Hundreds of thousands in use. Big, corrugated walnut wheel makes driving more comfortable and improves appearance of the car. Center horn button is great convenience.

ATLAS FRONT FENDER BRACE

No holes to drill--no rivets to cut. Bolts in place under lamp props and fender eye bolts. Neat in appearance--no bolts or clamps on top of fenders. Holds fenders forever rigidly in place.

In twenty-five years of business we have never found it necessary to misrepresent our merchandise in order to sell it. We will not misrepresent it to you. Every accessory that we sell must make good or we will see that it does.

ARISTOCRAT MOTO-METER AND CAP

This new model comes to you complete--a genuine Boyce Moto-Meter plus the most beautiful metal locking cap ever mounted on a Ford radiator. The complete unit may be attached in a jiffy, by anyone, and once installed becomes an ever lasting watch dog against costly repair bills, and premature wear.

MARQUETTE REAR FENDER BRACE

A rear fender brace and bumper--all in one. Protects the rear of your car against careless drivers, and holds your fenders secure against destructive vibration. Furnished in either nickel or black.

- Clamp-On Dash Lamps
- Windshield Cleaners
- Gasoline Gauges
- Oil Gauges
- Radiator Caps
- Klaxon Horns
- Pedal Pads
- Pumps
- Jacks
- Heaters
- Alemite Lubricators
- Exhaust Horns

WEST COMPANY

"The Busy Auto Supply House"

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may be too late. Today, the day Before you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is the one wise day to cover yourself fully with insurance.

Today we can protect you from tomorrow's possible loss. Today is the only day you can be sure you are in time. Call on us today--be insured in time.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE-- My farm in Gains Co. Merkel property preferred. Dan Ridenbauch, Loraine, Texas. 16t3

MILK COWS--Have a few more good milk cows for sale, well worth the money. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Route 5. 23t2p

FORDS FOR SALE--Have some good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin Boney. tf.

FOR SALE--A good home on Bettis Heights. Five rooms, six lots, all well improved and well worth the money asked. See J. C. Moore or R. O. Anderson. 1tp

FOR SALE--My home place between Merkel and Bettis. For particulars see Lassiter. 30t2.

SALE--Good Ford Road--Worth the Money. See Siehm. 1t.

FOR SALE--Big Poland China Dishes. See C. S. Cranston, Hawley, Texas. 30t2p

FOR SALE--Ford delivery body. See Sie Hamm. 1t.

LOST

LOST--One black bill book containing between 80 and 90 dollars with J. J. Arrington's name. Call R. S. Alexander at 34F11, Merkel, Texas Rt. No. 2. Reward offered. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED--To sell 80 acre farm good improvements, 1 mile from Merkel. Small cash payment with good terms. E. L. Horton, Abilene, Phone 346. 23t3.

We often hear one say there is a time for all things. So let us remind you that now is the time to have your clothes cleaned and pressed, before you decide to use them--then it will be too late. Mrs. C. L. Cash Tailor Shop. tf.

NOTICE HUNTERS

Hunters are respectfully asked not to hunt and otherwise trespass on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned. Most respectfully, John Sears. tf

NOW is the time to buy at great saving--Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t



Never neglect a cough

Put an end to it once with Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. Loosens hard-packed phlegm, soothes inflamed throats, restores normal breathing. Made of the same medicines your own doctor prescribes, combined with the good old standby--pine-tar honey. You'll like its taste, too. Keep Dr. Bell's on hand for all the family.

All druggists. Be sure to get the genuine.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

Lassitude

Nothing will drive away so quickly that heavy, dull, worn-out, and tired feeling as this wonderfully invigorating tonic.

Force Tonic

It Makes For Strength

WHEN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Opportunity is knocking at the doors of Texas Farmers. He is knocking most persistently at the doors of farmers who succeeded in producing a fair crop of cotton. It has been many years since they have been given the opportunity to make a start towards securing for themselves a more permanent agricultural income than past seasons offered them. Many farmers have been placed in a position financially where they can make permanent improvements, purchase needed machinery, equip their homes with lighting systems and running water, and give themselves a start with a few purebred cows, hogs, and chickens. Good live stock is the cheapest in the end because of their productiveness and the rapidity with which they develop. Permanent prosperity is never at home on any farm that is without good livestock.

Farm and Ranch does not advocate the abandonment of cotton as the money crop of Texas farms where it is suited. Cotton is the great staple crop of the South and every farmer should endeavor to increase his acre yield and improve his staple from year to year. Cotton should be made to pay the land notes, improve the buildings and buy the comforts and luxuries every farmer is entitled to. It should not be the sole source of support. The table

should be supplied, the clothing purchased and other things provided to a large extent from other farm resources.

Farmers who have made money out of cotton this year should take a lesson from the experiences of many who struck it lucky in oil. During the boom days in every oil field in the Southwest, men were made rich over night. Some were wise and immediately invested their winnings in something of a permanent nature. Others reinvested in oil and today many of them are back to their old jobs, or working at something else at ordinary rates of pay. Cotton farmers who have profited by a fair production and good prices should not reinvest everything in cotton. The price of cotton is not always going to tap 30 cents. If history is repeated, it may reach a level where it is unprofitable to produce it. The farmer who fixes up his place and stocks it, within reason, with purebreds, and has learned to provide himself with other and more regular sources of income, will be the prosperous citizen of the community some day. The one crop plunger will have had his day, and will have nothing to talk about but the time when he made a third of a bale per acre and sold it at \$150 per bale. His money will have been spent and his income reduced. Every gambler has gone broke who played the game long enough, and the one crop plunger is just as much of a gambler as the man who sits around

the ring in the cotton exchanges and bets on the course the market will take.

A monthly income, though small--something to sell on every trip to town, has brought more comforts into the farm home than the once a year income from a single crop over any period of years that can be selected.--Farm and Ranch.

FIRST CLASS LAUNDRY SERVICE

If you want first class Laundry service we do it. Any and all kinds of it. Cleaning and pressing, dyeing at reasonable prices. Semi-Finish, or family washing everything included except Silk goods, at 10 lb. minimum, 10 cents per pound. Phone 218 or leave at Petty's West's or City Barber Shop. tf

The varied services of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank are at the service of the community. If you are in doubt about the policy and services of the Bank come in and talk it over.

MEN! Our suit and overcoat stock is complete. Buy now while you get the saving. Brown Dry Goods Company. 1t

Adison Lane, who has been employed in the bookkeeping department of the Farmers State Bank, left Monday for Lubbock, where he takes a position as bookkeeper for a hardware firm.

LAND FOR SALE

I still have some of the best farms in the county for sale. Also have 10004 acres of unimproved land that I can sell well worth the money. I have plenty of homes in the city and some of the best business houses for sale. If you want real estate, let me tell you what I have to offer. I am sure I can please you as I have a large number of listings to offer and at prices worth the money. E. D. Coats.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject: The A B C countries

- Leader: Gladys Deutschman.
1. Introduction--South America's religion, by leader.
 2. Argentine by Durwood Owens.
 3. Brazil by Eunice Bird.
 4. Chile, by Joe Ben Ashby.
 5. Closing Song and prayer.

During the year of 1919 land sold higher here than ever before that date. And during the years 1921-22 and first part of 1923 values tumbled some and some people said, I told you so. Meaning that the land would never be so high again. But today values are again soaring, and the tables are again turned. The day of cheap land in Texas is past, and if you ever expect to own any of it there will never be a better time than NOW.

Miss Hary Keny has been visiting friends and relatives in Fort Worth for several days.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: Foolish Excuses: Parable of the Wedding Feast."

Leader: Mary Hutcheson. Songs Scripture lesson (Matt. 22 2-14) by leader.

Foolish excuses, Stella Wilson.

The kingdom of Heaven, by Intha Bird.

Lords Prayer.

Present day excuses, Sallie Brown.

The wedding garmet, Eva Johnson.

Announcements. League benediction.

We have a contest on and urge every one to come and bring some one with you.

Mr. M. C. Church, a most excellent citizen of the Stith community we are informed has purchased a residence in Merkel and will soon move with his family to this city. He is a fine gentleman and all Merkel will be glad to have him and his family move among us.

Ferrasal Relieves Man Losing Position

"About three weeks ago I was nearly down with indigestion and almost unable to hold my position. Have been bothered with indigestion, gas, etc., for years, started to taking FERRASAL and began to improve from the very first dose. And now I haven't felt better in several years, and gained seven pounds in the last two weeks.

A. Dee Phelps.

517 Liberty St., Dallas, Texas.

Excess acid causes indigestion. FERRASAL neutralizes this acid at the source and aids nature in passing it out of the system. If neglected, excess acids often result in ulcers, cancer, chronic bowel disorders, catarrh, constipation, kidney trouble and rheumatism. Take FERRASAL regular night and morning for a month. It will improve your health or your druggist will refund your money. 50c per box.



50c per box at Merkel Drug Co.

YOU TELL 'EM



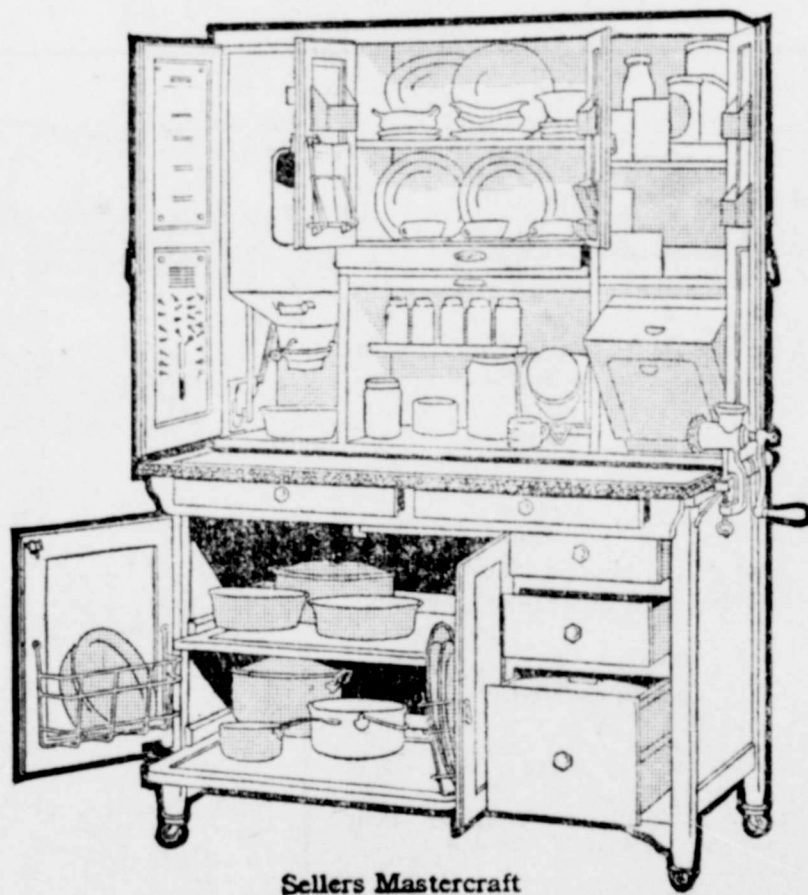
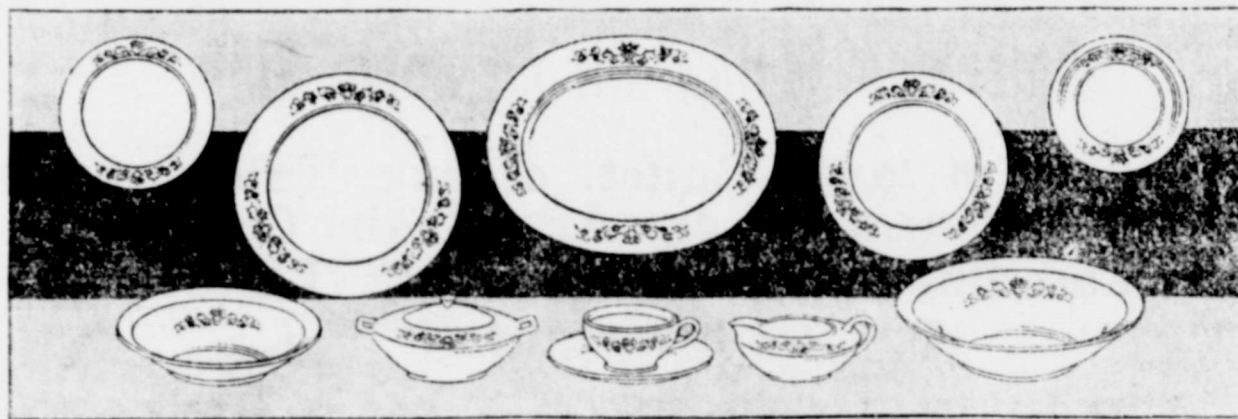
Hello folks -I am the new YOU TELL 'EM cartoon series.

One of your livest home concerns has hired me to work for them--Watch for my WEEKLY MESSAGE -

It's good!

"YOU TELL 'EM" cartoons will be especially drawn for this paper by FINCH of the Denver Post, America's foremost cartoonist. They start next week.

READ THEM ALL It will be well worth your time.



Sellers Mastercraft

QUICK ACTION NECESSARY

To make our Sale a success we must move these cabinets quickly. To make this possible we are going to give one of these sets of china without extra charge to every purchaser of a Sellers. There are only a limited number of cabinets and only a limited number of china sets. If you want this bargain you must act at once.



FREE--To the first 50 women who come to see the Sellers Demonstrated we will give a 25c can of SELLERS MARVELOUS CLEANER.

Easy Payments if Desired

J. T. Darsey & Company
Merkel, Texas

"SELECT YOUR SELLERS NOW FOR XMAS DELIVERY"

Will you accept a set of these Beautiful Dishes without extra charge to you?

We are giving a set at no extra cost to every woman who buys a

SELLERS KITCHEN CABINET

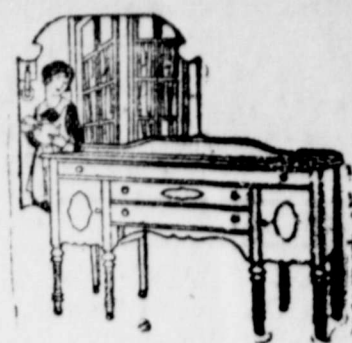
For this special event we have purchased a number of Sellers Kitchen Cabinets and a limited number of sets of Saxon China Shown above. The cabinets are the genuine Sellers in every respect, with the famous features that every woman wants. The china is of a very exclusive English design.

42 CHARMING PIECES OF FIRST QUALITY, WORTH \$12.50

The illustration gives but a faint impression of the beauty of this dinner set. Each piece is perfect and guaranteed by the maker not to craze. Sets the table for six people.



BARROW'S Year End Sale



**Sale
Begins
Dec. 1st.**

Last and Biggest Sale of the Year

Prices drop to rock bottom in this, our last and greatest Bargain Sale of the year. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity to save money and at the same time select your furniture from the largest stock shown in Merkel.

**Sale
Closes
Dec. 22**

\$1.00

One Dollar

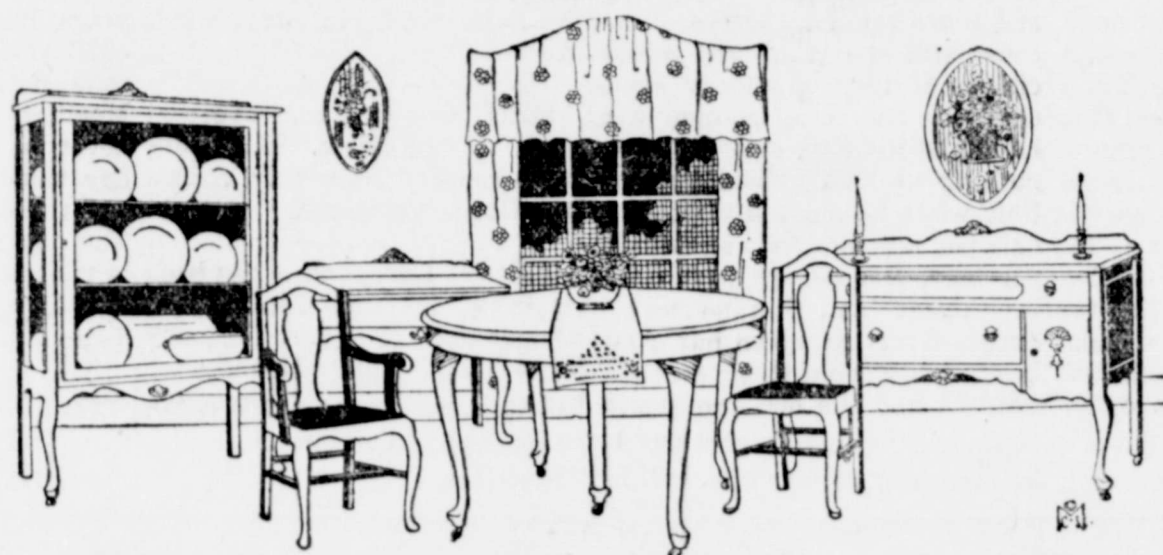
We will sell one of the best dining room suites in our store on Dec. 24 for only

\$1.00

Value \$175.00

With each dollar you spend with us or pay on your account during this sale you will be given a coupon. Ask our salesmen. Do not fail to ask for your coupons. Come or send your coupons. They must be here.

**BED ROOM AND DINING ROOM SUITES
SPECIALIZED THIS WEEK**



\$1.00 Value \$175 \$1.00

American Walnut Dining Room Suite

Consists of large Buffet, oblong Table, five straight Chairs and one Arm Chair. Construction and finish absolutely right. Latest two tone Walnut.

A Real Christmas Present for Somebody.

\$1.00

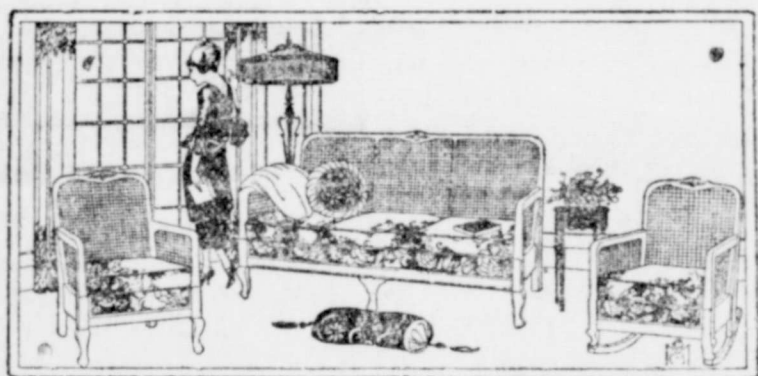
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**Rock Bottom Prices
Good Furniture**

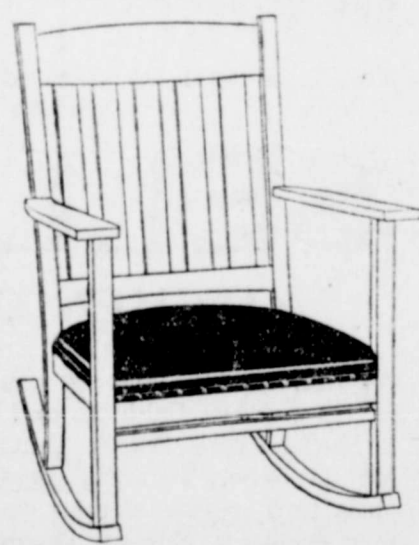


Living Room Suite

GENUINE KARPEN

Mahogany finish, spring cushion construction, spring edge with loose cushions. The biggest bargain of all.

\$119⁸⁵



**Genuine Oak
Rocker**

Upholstered Spring Seat--Best Rocker Value we have ever offered

\$5⁹⁵

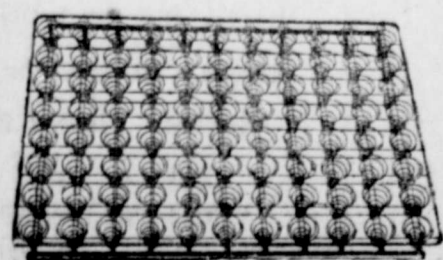
Dining Room Suits

FUMED OAK SPECIAL

Consists of buffet, table and six chairs. Solid oak. See it--not like cut. Can't be beat for

\$49⁶⁵

If You Are Going To Buy, Why Not Now!! Sale Ends Dec. 22nd.



BARROW FURNITURE CO.

Merkel, Texas

Undertakers

Embalmers



Our good friend W. M. Snow of the Canyon, was here recently, and dropped in to renew his subscriptions to the Merkel Mail and Abilene Reporter.

J. P. Howard

scientific Masseur
Collins House
Merkel, Texas

PROFESSIONAL

THOS. C. WILSON
The Jeweler

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
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All Work Guaranteed
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Physician and Surgeon

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Tornado Insurance Agent.
Notary Public.

Office over Crown Hardware Co.
Merkel —:— Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

IN JUSTICE COURT OF
TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS
TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY
CONSTABLE OF TAYLOR
COUNTY TEXAS, GREETING

You are hereby commanded to summon Izella Logan, Feme Sole, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some Newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published there in, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 5 in Taylor County, Texas, to be holden at the Court house, thereof in Merkel, on the 4th Monday in December 1923, the same being the 24th day of December A. D. 1923; Then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of Nov. 1923, in suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 37, wherein J. N. Shelton is Plaintiff and Mrs. Izella Logan is defendant, said petition alleging that defendant contracted with plaintiff for a house to store her said household goods, junk, and sundries of every kind and nature, at a rental of \$6.00 per month, and Plaintiff has stored said stuff for a period of 12 months at \$6.00 per month, and she is now due the plaintiff \$72.00 for storage.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, this the 21st day of Nov. A. D. 1923.

W. W. Wheeler

J. P. Prect. No. 5, Taylor
County, Texas. 2314

RAWELIGH'S PRODUCTS

When in need of any of the celebrated and well known Rawleigh Products call on me at the McGhee Hamburger stand on Main Street or Phone 147. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. E. B. Barnes. 16t8p

It is always better for the borrower and for the depositor to do business with a conservative bank. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank solicits your business on that basis and will have plenty of money to supply the needs of its customers. tf

MEN! Our suit and overcoat stock is complete. Buy now while you get the saving. Brown Dry Goods Company. It

Paul Alsbrook came in Saturday night from Plainview. He is down with the rheumatism and has not been able to walk for a month.

Little Miss Mary Zoe West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James West, is spending the week-end in Anson, the guest of her aunt Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and children returned last week from a visit to the former parents at Plainview. She was accompanied home on her return by her brother, Lee Seifert.

Now is the time to get all those clothes dolled up for Thanksgiving. We positively guarantee not to have any gas odor. Mrs. C. L. Cash. Phone 180. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford left Monday in their Ford for California to make their future home.

Mr. J. S. Pinckley of route one has our thanks for his renewal to the Mail recently.

A Day Of Thanksgiving

Three hundred and three years ago, one hundred sturdy Pilgrims braved the stormy Atlantic. After landing safely in the dear old ship, the Mayflower, at Plymouth Bay, they knelt and offered thanks to God.

Each season as they prospered, one day was set aside for feasting and Thanksgiving.

The progress of civilization has brought to each of us hundreds of new conveniences and pleasures of life. Therefore, how much more happier should we be! May that indomitable love of Home, of Freedom, and of Country ever be kept burning with that same brightness and fervor, as characterized our Pilgrim Fathers.

To our customers and friends we wish each and all a great day of Thanksgiving, and further express the hope that each Thanksgiving Day shall bring new blessings and joys to be thankful for.

West Texas Utilities Co.
Merkel, Texas

XMAS IS NEAR

Only 30 Shopping Days till Xmas

We Have for Your Selection Many
New Articles, Such as:

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| CUT GLASS | MESH BAGS |
| SILVERWARE | DIAMONDS |
| SHAVING SETS | DIAMOND RINGS |
| SMOKING SETS | SALT and PEPPER SHAKERS |
| CIGARETTE CASES | SILVER VASES |
| BOOKS | FOUNTAIN PENS |
| BIBLES | WRITING SETS |
| THERMOIS BOTTLES | EVER SHARP PENCILS |
| CASSEROLES | EAR BOBS |
| CIGARS | BOOK ENDS |
| PIPES | CANDLE STICKS |
| CLOCKS | BUFFETT SETS |
| VANITY PURSES | |

A BIG SELECTION OF

Brunswick Phonographs

SANDERS

DRUG STORE

The citizens of Big Spring recently voted sixty thousand dollars for a sewer system, and have already sold the bonds and will soon let the contract for the installation of same. Every town should have a sewer system. It means better health to the citizenship, and then such improvements instills in the coming generation a desire for cleaner and better things. In other words, the more civic improvements a town has the better and more enlightened the citizenship.

J. H. Madra of route five, was here last Saturday and reported that he had his crops gathered and seemed to be feeling fine over the good prices prevailing throughout the fall.

Read the Classified Column.

Our good friend M. P. Latimer and family were in the city one day this week and while here Mr. Latimer renewed his subscription to the Mail, for which we are thankful.

Tolbert Proctor who was hurt in a football game some time ago, is improving nicely, we are glad to announce.

Shop Early! Get the best! see the Merkel Mail Xmas Cards. tf

John Bryson was in from the Noodle community Monday.

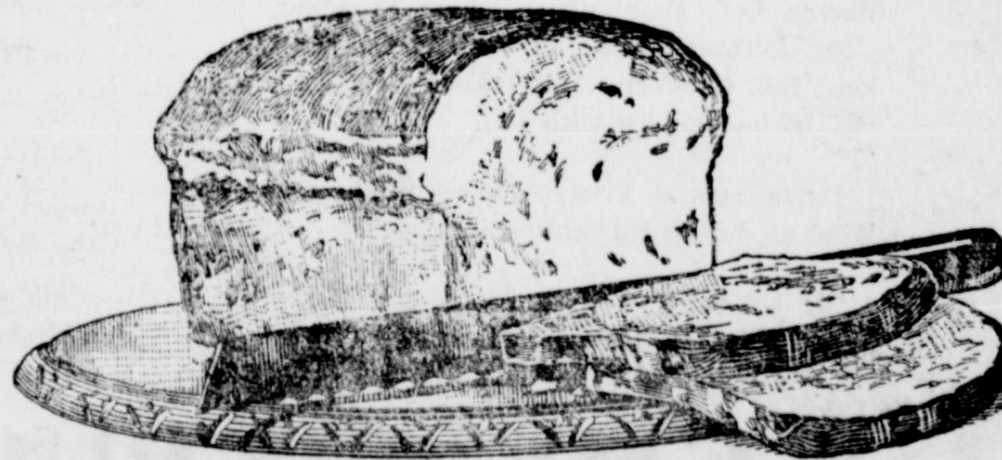
J. A. Buford and J. E. Hendrix spent Sunday at Noodle.

T. L. Grimes is in Port Arthur for a stay of some time.

See the Beautiful Selection of Christmas Cards at the Merkel Mail Office. tf

Read the Classified Column.

LITTLEFIELD LANDS—All tillable and ready to plow. This beautiful tract of land is located 30 miles northwest of Lubbock on the Sante Fe, in the shallow water belt. It is especially adapted to cotton raising. Can be bought for \$2.00 per acre cash; 10 years on the balance 6 percent. After first payment nothing but interest until 1927. We are exclusive agents for this land. WEIR & GLOVER Abilene, Texas.



Special Baked Goods

Most housewives in Merkel will serve one or more varieties of our delicious, wholesome Pastries on Thanksgiving Day.

It is so much easier, as well as more economical, to let us do this part.

The Quality Bakery

Extra Special
First day of Sale
 10 yds of good dress
 Gingham for **\$1**

Our Regular Pre-Inventory

BEGINS
Saturday, Dec. 1
CLOSES
Saturday, Dec. 15

CLEARANCE AND XMAS SALE

Begins Saturday Dec. 1st. and Closes Saturday Dec. 15th.

WE ARE putting on our Pre-Inventory Sale earlier this year so as to give the public a chance to do Christmas shopping **EARLY** and at the same time take advantage of the opportunity to buy fresh new merchandise offered at sale prices throughout this store. Our cash purchasing power enables us to offer this stock to you at these prices in this sale. Only a few items are listed below, but

Everything is included in this SALE so come in and ask the Price

Extra Specials

One lot of Mens Shoes, good Stock, but odd brands, worth \$7.50 to \$10.00, for quick clearance at **\$3.95**

One lot Mens Shoes worth \$6.00 to \$8.50 at **\$2.45**

One lot Mens \$1.50 to \$2.50 Shirts at **\$1.00**

One lot of Mens \$2.50 to \$5.00 Hats at **\$1.00**

Boys and Girls 50c hose. **.39c**



Extra Specials on the First Day of Sale

One thousand yards of Good Dress Gingham will be sold. 10 yards only to the customer, for..... **\$1.00**

Extra Specials

One lot of Ladies Pumps and oxfords worth \$2.50 and \$3.50 to clean up at **\$1.00**

Ladies 50c Vest and Pants at only **.39c**

Extra Special Clean up Prices on Boys \$1.25 Union Suits. Now on sale at **.95c**

Ladies \$1.50 Union Suits on sale at **\$1.15**

Ladies \$1.25 Union Suits on sale at **.95c**

Ladies & Misses Gift List

Coats, Dresses, Furs, Silk Petticoats, Bloomers, Bath Robes, Sweaters, Knit and Boudoir Caps, Underwear, Silk Hose, Wool Hose, Kid Gloves, Warm Gloves, Scarfs, Collars, Table Linen, Towels, Baretts, Bracelets, Beads, Handkerchiefs, Draperies, Blankets, and many other useful items.

For the Little Tot and Other Children



You will find the right gift. Novelty Purses, Dolls that talk and sleep, Sweaters, Caps, Mittens, Shoes, Hose, Bootees, Blankets, Silk Comforts, Kodak Books, Rattlers, etc. Bring this list with you.

Extra Special Prices on all Silks and Woolens during this entire Sale.

Big cut price on Skirt Plaids and Heavy all-wool Coat and Cape Materials.

Biggest Price Reduction on Shoes made in Merkel

One lot Ladies Oxfords and Strap Pumps worth \$3.75 to \$5.00 at **\$2.95**

Lot No. 245, Childs Black Kid Shoes, size 12 to 2, worth \$3.50, on sale at **\$2.75**

One lot Childrens Shoes, sizes 8 1-2 to 11 1-2 on sale at **\$2.35**

Lot No. 3061, Size 12 to 2 worth \$4 at **\$3.45**

Lot No. 3261, size 12 to 2, worth \$3.75 on sale at **\$2.85**

Lot No. 148, Childrens Shoes, sizes 6 to 8, well worth \$1.50, priced at **\$1.10**

Take your choice of any Trimmed or Ready to wear Hat in our stock for.... **\$1.95**

Entire stock of \$4.95 Blankets **\$3.95**

Good 20c Brown Domestic at..... **15c**
 Good Heavy Outings at **15c**

Childrens 25c Hose at **19c**
 Childrens 35c Hose at **29c**

Mens & Boys Department

All J. E. Tilt and Howard Foster Shoes cut deep to clean up the stock.

\$11.50 Kangaroo Shoes are **\$9.20**

\$10.00 Tilt and Howard Foster Shoes **\$8.00**

\$9.00 " " " " **\$7.20**

\$8.50 " " " " **\$6.80**

\$7.50 " " " " **\$6.00**

Justin Hand-made Kangaroo Boots, worth \$22.50, on sale at **\$19.85**

All Mens and Boys Suits, Overcoats, Sweaters, Shirts, etc. are priced Special. Buy your Christmas Gifts and save money.

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Suits, Overcoats, Sweaters, Underwear, Shirts, Bath robes, Pajamas, Shoes, Hose, Gloves, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Hats, Caps, Belts, etc. Bring this list with you, and select practical Gifts.

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