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MERKEL STOCKMAN WINS BIG MONEY

The Blue-Ribbon herd of Herefords owned and exhibited at the recent Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth by C. M. Largent of our city sustained their reputation and proved themselves worthy of the name by which they have become known wherever there is interest in the stock industry.

The Dallas News in speaking of the Blue-Ribbon herd said: "C. M. Largent's herd of Herefords is claimed by many experts to be the best ever exhibited in Texas." The criticism and comment of correspondents of other papers were similar but the real evidence was the number of awards given the Merkel cattle by the judges.

There were but two exhibitors who took more premium money than the Merkel man and they had several car load exhibits. In the classes and honors for which the Blue-Ribbon herd were entered they were the biggest winners and the total amount of premium money realized by the entire herd totaled about \$2,000. In addition to this the Merkel stockman sold two head to Tom Waggoner of Fort Worth for \$1,000 each and another choice animal was sold for \$750.00 for a later delivery.

The exhibit of Mr. Largent and other Merkel country stockmen was an advertisement for our country, showing the interest in this industry and the adaptability of our country and climate.

Judge Mims for Mayor.

The Mail is authorized this week to place the name of Judge C. D. Mims in our columns as a candidate for the office of mayor of our little city.

This authority was given us by one of our old pioneer citizens who took the action after consulting with a large element of our representative people and without the knowledge of the man they would elect to serve in this important office. Judge Mims upon solicitation refused to become a candidate for the office, stating that while this was his home and he felt the same interest of other citizens and would be identified with every interest for the good of our community he would decline for the reason that he had been here but a few years and felt that some other could better fill the duties of the office. He refused to become a candidate but the friends authorizing this announcement feel certain that he will serve in the event of his election.

Judge Mims served in Nacogdoches county as county judge two terms, is a clean, moral, conservative and reliable citizen, well qualified and who would make a good mayor and we ask you to give his name fair consideration.

Have you visited our millinery parlor yet? Miss O'Briant will take pleasure in showing you the new hats whether you are ready to buy or not. It is no trouble for us to show hats. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

SINGS OF SPRING AND PROSPERITY

Spring time is here, Docile Ann.

The grass is green, the trees are in leaf, wheat and oats show an almost marvelously luxuriant growth and many of our progressive farmers have some feed up to a good stand and looking good; some cotton planted. Another refreshing shower has fallen since our last issue and there is an abundant season in the ground. Our farmers are happy and there is an optimistic sentiment exhibited in our business circles. Our good prospects create confidence and this makes for better business and trade conditions.

These are signs of spring and prosperity but a better and surer sign, an index to the conditions of any country which is indisputable is that evidenced by this and recent issues of this paper. The newspaper reflects the true condition of our merchants, business and our people. In this issue are advertisements of our banks and merchants which are bids for the patronage of our people and which show the mutual interest and co-operative efforts of a progressive class.

Our merchants have been conducting an honest and conscientious campaign for the extension of Merkel's trade territory and an interview with any of them or notice of the people who are here from a distance trading will demonstrate the results of their efforts. They have bought new and complete stocks for cash and having reduced their expenses to a minimum are making prices which will continue to make impossible the competition of merchants in larger cities and will make Merkel the trading center for everyman within our territory.

The Mail asks you to read their offerings, look at their goods and compare their prices with stores elsewhere and then buy where your dollar will do the most good.

This place will be your home and every dollar spent with your home people will continue to work in your home community for our mutual progress.

What kind of flour do you use? If you have trouble getting good flour try a sack of Light Crust. We guarantee and stand behind every sack sold. Light Crust flour is an extra high patent flour made of the very choicest wheat to be had. There is no better flour to be had because there's nothing goes into Light Crust flour but the very best wheat that can be had. Try a sack next time. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson will leave Merkel shortly after the first of April for New York City where he will enter upon a course of advanced medical and surgical study at the New York Post Graduate College and Hospital. The doctor will take a complete course of the most modern teachings and will be away for several months and during his absence his practice will be cared for by his associate, Dr. Miller.

Have you visited the millinery parlor of the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company? They have without a doubt the largest and prettiest stock of millinery ever shown in Merkel. Be sure and see them before you buy your hat. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

T. A. Johnson, G. H. Adams, C. E. Bradley, Mr. Smith and probably one or two more composed a fishing party which left here Tuesday. They will make an excursion of the Clear Fork and hope to bring back a wagon load of fishes.

We will pay you the highest market price for your produce. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

T. J. Toombs was a visitor to our humble shack Wednesday and gave us the names of two sisters back in Sunny Tennessee as new subscribers to our paper. Mr. Toombs reported that Perry Bradley suffered painful injury Tuesday when he was kicked in the right side by a horse. A physician was summoned who does not believe the injury serious.

What about your foot wear? We have the prettiest line ever brought to Merkel. We have everything new in Patents, Tans, Suades, Velvets, Vics and Gun Metal for dress and street wear. See our line before you buy. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

John Sears sold three registered Hereford calves at the Fat Stock Show, for which he realized \$125 per head. At this price there was a very large profit for the seller for the calves were bred and raised on his stock farm north of the city at very little expense.

Try us on your grocery orders this month. Our groceries are all new and fresh, and your order will have our prompt attention. Phone 170. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mrs. S. A. Cox who has been visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Taggart returned the first of the week to her home at Abilene.

Phone 170 for a sack of Light Crust flour. Every sack guaranteed and backed by the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

When selecting the flour for our new store we were determined to have the best flour we could buy. We figured with more than a dozen mills. We had sample sacks sent to us for trial. We decided on and bought Light Crust flour from the Burrus Milling Company Fort Worth, Tex., because we thought it the best flour to be had. We pay more for this flour than any extra high patent flour brought to Merkel. Try one sack and you'll use no other. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mrs. Jim Eoff was in Abilene last week and was present at the marriage of her cousin, Miss Lucy James of Coleman county to Mr. E. Rodden of Valero, Texas. Judge Blanton performed the ceremony during court hours.

Phone 170. The new store for your wants in Dry Goods and Groceries. Your orders will have prompt attention. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mrs. W. A. Cozart who underwent an operation at one of the Abilene hospitals recently is still quite sick and her condition causes much uneasiness for the family and many friends.

See our line of slippers before you buy. We have the newest things in Patent, Suades, Velvets and Satins. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Dr. W. E. Brown returned from San Angelo last week and after a few days left for Fort Worth and will later go to San Antonio.

Miss P. E. Kemp returned to her home at Stamford after a visit to relatives near Trent.

S. D. Marlow is suffering with chills.

CHESHIRE-BERRY POPULAR WEDDING

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry, in this city, Mr. C. C. Cheshire of Abilene was married to Miss Genevieve Berry Wednesday evening.

It was a quiet home wedding, only a few of the special friends of the bride and family being present but was beautiful in its simplicity and Rev. A. M. Martin, pastor of the Methodist church performed the ceremony.

The groom is a successful young business man of Abilene and popular in business, social and athletic circles. He is at present in the employ of the National Packing Company and holds a responsible and lucrative position.

The bride is the beautiful, talented and popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry one of our most worthy families and she enjoys a friendship almost equal to her acquaintance in Merkel and Abilene society.

Those present who witnessed the happy event were Mrs. W. T. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys, Miss Zora Coggin and Miss Bowyer of Abilene.

The Mail joins in the congratulations and good wishes of our people for the future happiness and prosperity of this popular young couple.

They will make their home in Abilene.

Wedding at Nubia.

Nubia, March 21.—Mr. J. B. Solon of Big Springs and Miss Abbie Butman were quietly married Sunday, March 19, at the ranch home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, only the family and a few special friends of the bride being present.

The bride is one of our most charming young ladies and is loved by all who know her. The groom is a popular citizen of Big Springs and well and favorably known to many of our people in this section. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bailey and a dinner was served the newly wedded couple and party by the parents.

The couple left Sunday afternoon at six o'clock for Big Springs where the groom had a handsome little home elegantly furnished and ready for the reception of his bride.

We join with their friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

A Friend.

Farmers.

I will be in Merkel Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25, with a car of the famous Rowden Cotton seed direct from Wills Point. I want to show the farmers the merits of the Rowden Cotton and the difference in seed. I would like to meet every farmer in the county. Respectfully, F. Hill.

Go to the Patchwork and Minstrel Show at the Opera House, Friday 24th. The specialties are all home talent. Prices 35c, 25c, and 15c.

Homer Easterwood was in Abilene this week.

ATTRACTIVE MILLINERY

FOR THIS SPRING

A shipment of more new patterns arrived this week. To make a good selection come early before they are picked over. We are glad to fill your orders and make suggestions for your Spring Millinery. Our line is complete which undoubtedly stamps our collection as being superior to all others. We have decided not to have a set day for our opening and will want every day to be opening day. Come early and place your order with us and we will give you our best prices and consideration. We are ever anxious to please you.

New Arrivals in Men's Clothing

Received this week a big shipment of the well-known Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothing in the swell shades--browns, grays and blues, and our cheap clothing are here from \$7.50 to \$15.00. And if we can't fit you out of stock we have over 200 patterns to pick from at \$15.00 made to your order, and when we order you a suit we guarantee a fit. Think of it. A suit made to your order for.....\$15.00

REMEMBER our prices are cash and we can afford to sell goods cheaper than our competitors, for we have no bad accounts to make you pay. When in need of anything in our line it will be to your interest to see us.

WOODROOF BROTHERS

HIGH PRICE KILLERS AND CREDIT BUSTERS

Grand Jury Makes Report.

The grand jury which with the exception of four days recess granted by the court has been in session three weeks yesterday afternoon, submitted its final report to District Judge Blanton. The report, which is given below, is complete in itself and needs no explanation.

Abilene, Texas, March 18.

To the Honorable Thomas L. Blanton, Judge 42nd Judicial District, Taylor County, Texas.

We, your grand jury impaneled for the February term, A. D. 1911, of the District court of Taylor county, beg leave to report as follows:

We have to the best of our skill and ability obeyed the instructions of the court as he charged us fully to do, and have diligently sought to inquire into all crimes of whatsoever nature committed within said Taylor county, and have in each instance returned bills of indictment when in our judgment the evidence was sufficient to warrant it. We have been in session almost three weeks during which time we have examined an unusually large number of witnesses, probably several hundred, and as a result of our labors we have returned into court 74 bills of indictment of which 29 are for felonies and 45 for misdemeanors.

We recommend to your honor the appointment of a finance committee to look into the county finances and are informed that one has been appointed, but has so far made no report.

We have examined the court house and jail. We found the prisoners in the jail well cared for and kindly treated.

There are probably some petty



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misdemeanors within the justice precincts of the county that will bear further investigation, but we believe that same can be properly handled by the several justices of the peace and recommend that they do so. While we have investigated all misdemeanors as far as time will permit, we do not feel justified in sitting longer on account of these matters and having completed our labors ask your honor to discharge us.

In conclusion we wish to thank the district and county attorneys

for their services, as well as the other officers of the court, and we wish to further say that the county attorney especially has been very diligent and painstaking in his efforts to bring all criminals to justice and in assisting the grand jury in performing their duties.

H. O. Wooten, Foreman.

Race Suicide

is not nearly the menace to increase in population that deaths among infants are. Eight out of ten of these deaths are directly or indirectly caused by bowel troubles McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery, sour stomach and all infant ailments of this nature. Just the thing for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c per bottle sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Merkel Jack Brings \$1,000.

Another fancy price was realized on the sale of Merkel country grown stock last week at the Fat Stock Show when Rev. J. W. Saffles sold to Mr. Watson of Claud, Texas, his young jack for \$1,000. This may seem a bit high to some but not those who know the animal for he is one of the best ever in this part of the state and well worth the money. He is two years old and measures 15 hands.

A Swollen Jaw

is not pretty nor pleasant. Whether it's caused by neuralgia, toothache or accident. Ballard's Snow Liniment will reduce the swelling and relieve the pain. The great and sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, burns, bruises, scalds—any and all aches and pains. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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STATEMENT

COMPTROLLER'S CALL MARCH 7, 1911

| RESOURCES | LIABILITIES |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Loans.....\$ 70,324.48 | Capital Stock.....\$ 25,000.00 |
| U. S. Bonds..... 6,250.00 | Surplus & profits, net. 23,667.44 |
| Premium on Bonds.... 200.00 | Circulation..... 6,250.00 |
| Furniture and fixtures 2,800.00 | Bills payable..... None |
| 5 Percent redemp. fund 312.50 | Rediscouunts..... None |
| Cash..... 90,604.06 | Other borrowed money None |
| Total.....\$170,491.04 | Deposits..... 115,573.60 |
| | Total.....\$170,491.04 |

Good service to our present customers and we invite new accounts upon the basis of our ability to properly care for all business entrusted to us.
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

One day last week T. F. Garoutte who lives north of our city was the victim of a mishap in some manner in which he was dragged a short piece by a team he was working to a planter. The good old citizen suffered some severe sprains and bruises but late reports from the home are to the effect that he is recovering as rapidly as could be expected, thanks to the remarkable vitality which he possesses considering his old age.

There were a number of Merkel people disappointed last week when they made the trip to Abilene to see Lew Dockstader's minstrels, for a delayed train made it impossible for the black-face comedians to fulfill their engagement.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

J. H. Saffle left the Merkel country several month ago in search for better opportunities but returned this week and says we have the best right here and this is home, sweet home to him forever and anon.

John Sicklesmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children and like most children take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by all dealers.

J. T. Simmons was in Monday to sell some Merkel country butter at a fancy price and buy a new pair of shoes. He also renewed for the Mail and several foreign papers before he spent all of his money.

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.

T. B. Garoutte, one of our oldest and most honored pioneer citizens is reported quite sick at his home north of our city. Mrs. W. E. Garoutte and children arrived last week to attend his bedside.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Mattie Murphy one of our teachers spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Abilene.

Mrs. S. P. Keny was reported sick at her home six miles east of our city last week.

DO IT NOW.

Merkel People Should Not Wait Until It Is Too Late.

The appalling death rate from kidney disease is due in most cases to the fact that the little kidney troubles are neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer goes gradually into the grasp of diabetes, dropsy, Bright's disease, gravel or some other serious form of kidney complaint. If you suffer from backache, headache, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they cure where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here is one of many cases in this vicinity.

M. E. Malone, blacksmith, 517 Walnut St., Abilene, Texas, says "I had a pain across my kidneys which came on rather suddenly at times. While it lasted I felt miserable and could not stoop or bend. I had heard much about Doan's Kidney Pills and finally I procured a box through their use I was relieved of the pain in my back and my system toned up."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Clark left last week for Tennessee where they go to attend the bedside of the latter's father who is not expected to survive a serious illness.

Deyo Hunt who has suffered several mishaps recently had to have the services of his physician again this week to treat some scalp wounds.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all dealers.

R. D. Tyler, formerly a citizen of our country but more recently of Dallas has returned to make the city in clover his future home.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

Sheriff T. C. Weir was up Monday just to look at his old home town and get a drink of good pure water.

Mere Wishing Never Brings Success.

To make a success in the cure of kidney, bladder or rheumatic trouble take Hall's Texas Wonder. It gives quick and permanent relief. Write for testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Misses Jewel and Zora Coggin were Abilene guests this week.

Mrs. V. D. Jones left last week for a visit to relatives at Winters.

Miss Laura Winters was the guest of Miss Jessie Sutphen last week.

J. G. Sadler and son have gone to Oklahoma for an extended visit.

Mrs. H. Turner, Miss Ezma Allday and Quinton Hendricks visited Abilene friends Sunday.

Mrs. West Edwards is visiting friends and relatives at Midland and in that section.

Crit Gaines has returned to his home in Red River county after a visit here at the homes of R. H. and Twyman Collins.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Twyman Collins has returned from the eastern part of the state where he has been buying cattle the past few months.

C. B. Oldham a wealthy citizen of Dallas who always has interests in our town and country was here last Saturday.

Go to the Patchwork and Minstrel Show at the opera house, Friday 24th. The specialties are all home talent. Prices 35, 25 and 15c.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris and family have gone to San Angelo where they will spend several of the summer months.

We have arranged with Jno. Castles of Abilene to do our repair work on jewelry, watches and all work will have careful attention if left with us.

Rust & McCauley

Mrs. C. M. McCauley and children are at home from Baird, Abilene and Cottonwood where they have been visiting for the past three weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. L. Annis have returned from a visit to Stamford and Abilene. At the latter point they were guests at the home of Hon. H. A. Tillett.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.

You may not want a wind mill now. You may never want one. But if you do I can save you money. The best 10-ft. wind mill is \$35.00. 8-ft. wind mill is \$30.00. 8-ft. steel mill \$25.00. John Elliott.

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| Amber Cane..... | 1.75 |
| Big German Millett..... | 2.00 |
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| Kaffir Corn..... | 1.50 |
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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

EXPERT FARMING.

The Reporter editor does not claim to be a farmer or the son of a farmer, although the first 12 years of his life were spent on the farm. But the question of farming is the great question that Central West Texas must study. It is a question that is being given the best thought of some of the brightest men of our nation. Edison predicts that the time will soon come when the farmer will be the most independent man on the face of the earth. The achievements of Edison have always far exceeded his most sanguine hopes. Edison is looking forward to the time when the farmer will sit in the shade and push a button and cultivate his land, seeing the work of his hand rewarded by yields that to the farmer of today are unthinkable. Whether Mr. Edison is right or not remain to be seen, but we feel that in less than 10 years, and we might say five, farming will have so advanced as that methods which are employed today will be entirely discarded. Other portions of the United States are making a great success of agriculture with no more rainfall than this country has, indeed not so much, and when we learn to properly cultivate our lands crop failures will not be known. The dry farming process appeals strongly to our thinking and if the farming people will study these improved methods and study nature as we have it a brighter and better day is sure to come.

The Temple Telegram discussing this question says:

The expert farmers in session in Temple confidently assert that there is coming the time when Bell county black lands will produce from one to two bales of cotton to the acre, any old kind of a year, and that one hundred bushels of corn to the acre will be the minimum crop. They claim that with proper cultural methods the drouths need not be feared. Speed the expert!—Abilene Reporter.

GIVE THE YOUNG MAN A CHANCE.

There is an editor at McGregor whose writings ring true. He publishes the Mirror and his slogan is "Give the Young Man a Chance." The Times Herald is in harmony with the music of the slogan. Always give the young man a chance—likewise the young woman. This editor at McGregor says: "We often see instances where older men will endeavor to discourage and make light of the young man, and for no reason than that he is a young man and probably not well grounded in the ways of the world by past experience. Such men should think before they cast a damper over the aspirations of a young man. The time is coming when these young men must fall into harness and take up the work in your hands. Are you encouraging them to qualify for the work, or are you placing stumbling blocks in their way? Encouragement is a tonic, and will do more to cause them to work early and late to make good than all the knocking and criticism

that you can heap upon them. If the young man is working toward a given end and you see his heart is in the work, give him some leverage. If he is of the right material he will be anxious to take your counsel and advice, and yet should he depart from it do not fall out with him. He may have some individuality of his own, and it may develop, then he will reach the same end that you had in view, yet by another route. The enthusiasm of the young man when directed in the right path is the main stay of any enterprise. Encourage him to develop his philosophical spirit and you will live to see the day when he will be a pride to your heart." The Times-Herald endorses every word of the above. It is for the young men, the young women and all should be started in the right direction. Wisdom is not a matter of age. There are wise heads on young shoulders. There is nothing like the enthusiasm and the ambition of youth. Go read history, and you will agree with the Times Herald and this man at McGregor. —Dallas Times Herald.

Merkel offers exceptional opportunities and advantages for an investment in a steam laundry and ice factory. The laundry destroyed by fire was one of the most profitable enterprises in our city and there is no reason why someone could not be interested at this time. Our city now offers good fire protection the lack of which at the time was the only reason why the owners of the burned plant did not rebuild. A small ice plant would be equally profitable and our citizens would give the right parties all possible encouragement and assistance in establishing either or both of these new enterprises.

The Trent Tribune, a neat and newsy little paper comes to our exchange table this week from our sister city to the west. Editor G. W. Long is the name at the masthead and we are particularly impressed by a couple of paragraphs which speak for good roads and give us the knowledge of his progressive spirit. No other kind of newspaper could ever be worth the price of subscription for the upbuilding of Trent and her territory and here are our congratulations. Long may you prosper, Bro. Long and in the event of any mob violence on the good roads question make our shack a place of refuge.

No business man or citizen in a community can do very much for the progress of his town and country but all business men and citizens by co-operation can make of their home town and country what they desire. There is no cause for jealousy between merchants and all business men of Merkel should work side by side and hand-in-hand for their mutual interests. Merkel is the best trading point in this country and you should tell it to all of the people all of the time.

There may be war with Mexico or Japan and there will be a red-hot prohibition campaign this summer in Texas but these are small items of interest in comparison with your duty to clean up and swat the fly.

Two more good showers were sufficient to make the moisture meet again and if such a thing is possible it served to make our small grain and garden truck grow a little faster. Everything is lovely.

Merkel was represented at the Fat Stock Show and we have not time, knowledge nor space to publish the names of all of the representatives.

The Merkel banks made a good showing considering the past conditions and will be chock full this fall.

You can buy your supplies at Merkel for a little bit less and every little bit helps.

SHOES AND SHIRTS

Close Out For Cash

Our stock is now complete and in order to close out some specials in Shoes and Shirts we have marked them at following prices which will make them go

STAR BRAND SPECIALS

50 pairs heavy work shoes, regular \$3.50.....**\$2.50**
25 pairs Hickory good shoes regular 3.25..... **2.25**
30 pairs Giant men's shoes, regular 2.75..... **2.00**
20 pairs Star Calf shoes, regular 2.50..... **1.75**

We are agents for the famous Star Brand and give you more shoe value for your money than any other store. Our new Oxfords for ladies and gentlemen are now here and at your service. Come see them.

E. & W. SHIRT SPECIALS

The Blue Letter E. & W. shirt, price \$1.50....**\$1.00**
The Red Letter E. & W. shirt, price 1.25.... **75c**

You will find our stock complete with new goods in all lines and we are selling goods cheaper than ever before. We cordially invite you to visit our store, see our goods, learn our prices. We can please you.

J. P. SHARP

Progress of Road Work.

Road improvement work in precinct No. 1 is still going forward at a lively gait according to E. P. Scarborough, time keeper for the precinct. Enough work was done during the past two weeks to cause the pay roll for that period to amount to more than five thousand dollars.

At present there are about one hundred men and an equal number of teams at work on the four different road gangs. Monday, however, as many as one hundred and fifty men will go to work on the three roads which are now being improved.

The road crusher which arrived during last week has already been sent out on the Elmdale road and started operations. With its arrival the last source of delay was banished and from this on the improvement work will go forward in full swing. The Elmdale road will soon be completed then the crusher will be started in another direction.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel Tex. for week ending Mar. 25, 1911:

Johnston, Dick
Moore, James
Martin, Mrs. Hattie
Parks, Mrs. W. A.
Wright, Miss Arrilla

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Apr. 8, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

John Elliott P. H. & W. D.

Special attention given to chronic cases of wind mills and pumps. All calls, day or night, given prompt attention. Office phone 4 residence 59.

Hen Weighs 8 1-2 Pounds.

The notice in our last paper of the sale of ten young hens which weighed over six pounds each attracted attention at the home of one of our good Methodist families last Friday when they were preparing a fat Merkel grown hen for some Sunday School Institute visitors who were their guests, and the result is that Mr. Tucker must seek his laurels hereafter elsewhere than in the chicken industry. Mrs. H. C. Williams holds the blue ribbon for raising frying-size chickens or pullets for the baking pan, so far as our records are concerned. The young hen mentioned above dressed eight and one-half pounds and others of the same pen have dressed as high as ten pounds. Mrs. Williams is a chicken fancier and contends that the Black Langshan or other of the larger breeds are the most profitable for this country.

At any rate the home where the large fryers are served wins special favor among the ministers and other guests and this is the best chicken country in the world. Come to Merkel.

Notice.

Those indebted to W. M. Jenkins of this city will please call at the First National Bank and settle the same at once and receive receipt therefor. 1tpd

C. G. Whitten, Receiver.

Bank Notice.

The banks of Merkel from April 1st to September 1st will open at 9 a. m. and close at 3 p. m. F. & M. National Bank. First National Bank.

Our Ready to Wear and Millinery Department IS NOW IN FULL SWAY



New numbers have been added to each department since last week so we can now pronounce these departments complete and up to the standard of any store in West Texas. Expressions of approval are heard on every hand. Everyone visiting our store express themselves as being pleased, some as being surprised at the immensity and attractiveness of our stock. We believe the people of Merkel and vicinity appreciate our efforts in trying to carry a stock that is in keeping with our town and country. If you haven't already visited our store we now extend to you a hearty invitation to pay us a visit. We will take pleasure in showing you whether you buy or not.

Our line of dresses is the most extensive and prettiest ever shown in Merkel. We show an embroidered all-linen White Dress for.....\$6.00

We show a pretty line of white dresses made of all-over embroidery for \$5.00, \$6.00 and.....\$7.50

We show a pretty line of gingham dresses beautifully made and trimmed for \$4.00 and.....\$5.00

We show an extensive line of Wash Suits in all colors, and materials, for 4.00, 5.00, 7.50 and up to.....\$12.50

Our Skirts are the prettiest ever shown in Merkel and assortment the largest. We received a big express shipment this week out of New York. We can please you and fit you in a skirt and at moderate prices.

We show a white and black stripe serge, elegantly trimmed in black satin folds, would cost you \$15.00 in any city store, our price.....\$10.00

We show an extensive line of skirts in all materials and styles, from 5.00, 7.50, 10.00 and up to.....\$12.50

We cannot begin to describe our Skirts and Hats to you here but you will be more than pleased after a look through these departments.



Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mail makes but a modest charge of \$2.50 for municipal announcements and it is the proper way to present your name to our people. You know it is the paper the people read.

For Mayor

C. D. MIMS

For City Marshal

T. F. DUBOSE

W. N. HALL

L. A. FREEMON

EUGENE A. HARGROVE

T. H. CHRISTOPHER

For City Treasurer

H. CLARK BURROUGHS

For Alderman

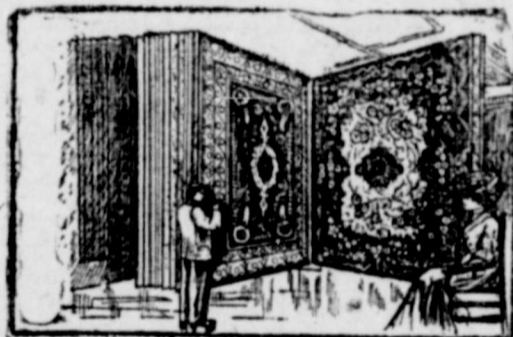
J. N. SHELTON

Delightful Country Party.

In honor of her brothers Dudley and Love James of Abilene Mrs. Jim Eoff entertained at her home last Saturday evening. A party of twenty made the trip from here and return upon a float and were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bankhead. All present report a delightful time and but one incident happened which was not on the program of the hostess. This was the theft of a chocolate pie from the cupboard. It was one of the "stolen sweets that was sweetest," and there was no clue. The Mail editor does not propose as any Sherlock Holmes but even at this distance we can make a very plausible explanation of the disappearance of this pie. We see in the list of guests one Love James, whom we know as devil for the Abilene Reporter. He is also known to "love" pies and his presence, to our mind, makes clear the whole affair.

The evening was one of pleasurable profit for all in attendance.

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Buffalo Gap News.

Buffalo Gap, March 20.—Heavy showers fell in this vicinity Friday night. They will be beneficial to small grain, which was beginning to feel the need of moisture.

The temperance rally at the Holiness church Sunday was one of the big church features of the city. The morning was given over to the adult contingent of the church, who made some fine talks along the temperance line. The afternoon was given to exercises by the children, some 65 of whom took part. The singing of the

choir and quartette was something immense, they singing for the most part songs appropriate for the occasion.

The local public schools will close on the 30th inst., with a grand commencement exercise and a play entitled "Way Down in Dixie," in which the graduating class will participate. The program to be carried out has been issued from the press and is being distributed about to the patrons of the school.

Mrs. W. H. Knowlton, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is reported to be much im-

proved and out of danger.

The View baseball team defeated the local aggregation on the new diamond Saturday afternoon by a score of 12 to 8. Frank Robertson and Loyd Carter did the twirling for the local bunch and did well, but failed to receive the support of their teammates. A return game will be played in a week or so.

Carl W. Henslee, cashier of the local bank, left Friday on a visit to relatives at Meritt, Texas.

J. W. Daniel and Dr. J. A. Adkisson were visitors to Abilene this week.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Jesse Cannon was up from Abilene this week on insurance business.

S. C. Keith returned Monday night from a business visit to Odessa.

Mrs. G. F. Harris who has been visiting her parents and friends at Vernon returned this week.

Bring us your butter, eggs and chickens. We will pay you the highest market price at all times. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

At a call meeting of Merkel Camp No. 79 U. C. V. held last Saturday evening all of the officers of the Camp were re-elected for the ensuing year. S. R. Curtiss and William Clark were selected as delegates to represent the Camp at the reunion at Little Rock, Ark., May 16-18, with R. M. Redding and D. S. Howell as alternates. Several of the Comrades signified their intention of attending the Reunion.

WANTED.—All the chickens, butter and eggs in the Merkel country. We will always pay you the top prices. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the court at Abilene Tuesday by W. M. Jenkins of our city. This store carried a complete line of merchandise and enjoyed a popular patronage but was unable to survive the effects of our two recent hard years. It is the first failure of any consequence in our little city and all of our citizens as well as the friends of the merchant regret the loss of the enterprise.

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Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Editor

Saturday evening a float load of young people chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bankhead went out to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff a few miles out of town. A jolly good time was reported. Those on the float were: Misses Mattie Paylor, Minta Maxey, Elma Sheppard, Dethel Jenkins, Lyska Pitzer, Lizzie Calvert, Clara Moore, Euphia Cypert, Maude and Minnie Ferguson. Messrs. Duke Evans, Jesse Ferguson, Low Barnett, Parker Sharp, and the chaperones. Dr. Geo. Miller joined the party at Mr. Eoff's. They also had for guests the Messrs. James of Abilene.

The Zenobia club meets Friday, March 31 at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Frank Johnson. Lesson, China Vol. 4, pages 137 to 279. Roll call, current events. Government 127-231—Mrs. Martin. Hongkong 232-243—Mrs. Adams. Victoria Peak 242-250—Miss Williams. Hongkong reservoir 250-259—Mrs. Hunt. From Victoria to Canton 259-262—Mrs. Johnson. Whampox 262-269—Mrs. Otho Williams. Saureen 270-279—Mrs. Burroughs. Mrs. Frank Johnson, leader.

The Haydn Music Club met March 21, in regular session at Miss Mackey's studio. The roll was then called answering with famous musicians. The minutes were read and approved. We then had a very interesting lesson on Robert Shumann. The following program was rendered: Lois Hogue, Heller op. 47 No. 2; Ethel Jenkins, Dream Castles; Lucile Sutphen, Under the Lindens; Bessie Touchstone, Behind the Scenes; Lola Armstrong, Spinning Wheel; Louise Warren, Study in Triplets; Duet, Marche Brique, Roxie Moon and Miss Mackey. The meeting then adjourned to meet March 28.

Roxie Moon,
Faye Allen,
Music Committee.

The Philo class of the Methodist church had a most enjoyable time at the home of their teacher, Miss Gladys Christopher last Friday evening. On account of the stormy weather only a few were present but they had a delightful time playing games and etc. Chocolate and cake was served to Misses Jackie and Mary Jennings, Ona Hamblett, Mattie Christopher. Messrs. Olly Shaffer, McTyre Martin, Noel Moore, Ulysus McNees and George Smith.

Miss Dollie Teaff was hostess at her home last Thursday for the Auxiliary Club. This is the season of the year when thoughts are given to the planting of gardens. Miss Dollie had a flower and vegetable seed contest. The seeds were distributed to the guests, after guessing the names

each were to draw a picture of the flower or fruit when in bloom or ripe. Everyone enjoyed the contest. A two course luncheon was served consisting of chicken salad, salted crackers; lemonade and cake.

Friday evening, March 17 an informal party was given by Miss Dethel Jenkins. A very pleasant evening was spent with music and various games. Those present were Misses Eunice Nisbitt, Elma Sheppard, Mattie Paylor, Laura Winters, Jessie Sutphen, Dethel, Ethel and Kitty Lou Jenkins. Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, Taylor Jennings, Parker Sharp, Homer Easterwood, Robert Medlin, Low and Otis Barnett.

Tuesday afternoon March 14th at her home on Elm street, Mrs. G. H. Adams entertained the Rose Philathea class of the Methodist church. The class met promptly at 4 o'clock in a business session after which they were most royally entertained. Only a few members were absent. Light refreshments were served.

The Philathea class of the First Baptist church entertained the Baraca class last Friday evening at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt. A nice time was reported. Refreshments were served.

The XX Century Club will meet March 25, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Lesson, Henry VIII. Miss Ora Long, leader.

The Merkel Public Library is indebted to Chas. H. Lednum for a complete set of Balzac works, 25 volumes containing 93 complete stories. Also Dr. Geo. Walton's new book, Why Worry?

Mrs. R. E. Edmison of Ovalo is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Edmison will move to Abilene in April.

Mrs. Homer Magness is at home from a visit to Fort Worth and Dallas. While in Dallas she visited Mrs. Walter Whitfield, nee Miss Cordia Magness.

Mesdames N. C. Sinclair and L. D. Gaither are at home from Fort Worth. Mrs. Sinclair had a delightful visit in her old home in Belton.

Miss Annie T. Daniel came in Saturday from a visit to Mrs. Walter Whitfield in Dallas. She also visited in Arlington and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown have started out on another business trip. Mrs. Brown is delighted with these outings.

Miss Ruth Merritt is spending the week with Miss Mary Lee Hicks near the mountains.

Mrs. J. T. Warren is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Booth, in El Paso, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Russell have moved back to Merkel from Dallas. Coming last week.

Clayton Brown has gone to Post City, having accepted a position with W. A. Coggins.

CHURCH NOTICES

[We will be glad to make any announcements of services, special programs or other items where no revenue is to be received, free of charge. Notices of entertainments for revenue or charging admission, at half the regular price.—Editor.]

At The Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunbeam Band 3 p. m.; Junior Union 4 p. m.; Senior Union 6 p. m.; Ladies Aid on Monday 3 p. m.; prayermeeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.; choir practice Friday 7:30 p. m. We cordially invite the public. W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

At The Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Y.P.S.C.E. 6:30 p. m.; prayermeeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.; Ladies Missionary Society Monday 4 p. m. after each 3rd Sunday; regular session meetings on Thursday 7:30 p. m. on or before the first full moon in the month. Geo. A. Crane, Pastor.

Northside Church of Christ.

Bible study every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; Communion services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Prayer meeting every Friday evening at 7:30. Preaching 1st Sunday in each month. Every body cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Geo. W. Cypert.

Methodist Church Services.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Intermediate and Junior Leagues at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m., followed by Teacher Training Class meeting; Choir practice Saturday 7:15 p. m.; Woman's Home Mission Society meets first and third Mondays at 2:30 p. m.; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meets second Monday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited. Strangers are welcome. A. M. Martin, Pastor.

Missionary Program.

To be rendered at the Baptist church, March 27. Subject "The Frontier and Foreigners."

Leader, Mrs. P. B. Causseaux.
Song.
Prayer.
Bible reading Matt. 28:18; Rev. 11:15—Leader.

A paper on the subject, From Our Mission field.—Mrs. Sharp.
Staking claims for Christ on the frontier—Mrs. Swann.
The light of a diamond—Mrs. Howard.

Plan facts about the work among Mexicans in Texas—Mrs. Whitaker.

Miss Dorthes' Poppy Patch—Mrs. E. Hall.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday March 26, "Foreigners and the Frontier."
Leader, Miss Maggie Wheeler.
Roll call answer with scripture verses.
Scripture reading, Deut. 2:18-22.

Prayer.
The frontier of southwestern states and the character of the population—Miss Sadie Collins.
Duet—Mrs. Victor Harris and Miss Ethel Roberts.

Home mission work among the foreigners of the frontier—Miss Ethel Roberts.

What is the duty of our young people—Miss Nola Whitley.

Young Ladies' Auxiliary.

Subject for March 23, "Gospel of God."

Scripture, I John, chapter 4.
Leader, Miss Alice Valentine.
Song.

Paper, The righteousness of God—Miss Margie Saffles.

Love of God—Miss Ethel Roberts.

Special music.
Inspiration of God—Miss Irene Swann.

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Notice.

To the Public: Notice is hereby given that my wife, Elizabeth Scheidler, did on or about the 15th day of January, 1911, without any cause or provocation whatever, leave my bed, board and home, and that in consequence thereof, I will not hereinafter be in any wise responsible to any person, persons or corporation for any debts or other obligations which she, the said Mrs. Elizabeth Scheidler, may incur either in her own name or on the faith and credit of myself.
S. S. Scheidler.



Good glasses will protect the eyes and headache will vanish, your health will improve. W. M. Scarborough, Oph. D., and graduate Optician.
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FOR SALE—Young jersey bull, full blood and good young work pony. I. H. Yates, Merkel. 1412

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LOST—Tobacco sack with rubber band around it containing \$2.50 in gold. Finder return to this office and get reward. 1tpd.

Bought Fine Jack.

E. E. Wheeler who was among the Merkel country stockmen at the Fat Stock Show purchased a very fine jack while there which was shipped home. The animal was looked over by a number of our stockmen and pronounced by all to be one of the best ever shipped to this part of the state.

Don't Break Down

Severe strains on the vital organs, like strains on machinery, cause breakdowns. You can't over-tax stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels or nerves without serious danger to yourself. If you are weak or rundown, or under strain of any kind, take Electric Bitters the matchless, tonic medicine. Miss J. E. Van de Sande, of Kirkland, Ill, writes: "That I did not break down, while enduring a most severe strain, for three months, is due wholly to Electric Bitters." Use them and enjoy health and strength. Satisfaction positively guaranteed. 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Election Notice.

Acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, it is ordained and notice is here given that an election will be held at the city hall in the city of Merkel, Texas, on Tuesday the 4th day of April, 1911, as the law directs. At which election the following city officers shall be elected for said city: A mayor, two alderman for a full term of two years, one alderman for a term of one year to fill the term of H. L. Propst resigned, a treasurer, secretary and marshal, each for a term of two years.

It is further ordered that J. J. Stallings be and is hereby appointed presiding officer at said election.

Given under my hand and seal at Merkel, Texas, this 2nd day of March, 2011.

W. W. Wheeler, Mayor.
314 Merkel, Texas.

Lovers

of good health should prevent sickness instead of letting themselves get sick and then try to cure it. So long as you keep your liver, bowels and stomach in a healthy and active condition you won't get sick. Ballard's Herbine relieves constipation, inactive liver and all stomach and bowel trouble. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Comperre Happenings.

March 21.—Rev. Saffle of Merkel filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. Dave Ashby of Anson is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. H. Ashby.

Mrs. Helton and children of Mitchell county are visiting her father, J. J. Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Palmer of Bush visited relatives here Sunday.

G. W. Brady and son Leslie of Kale visited relatives here one day last week.

The singing at J. J. Childers Sunday night was enjoyed by all.

Jim Childers of Tye was at this place Sunday.

Miss Ida Peterson of Shiloh attended preaching here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Palmer went to Merkel Tuesday.

Prof. Hutto spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene.

John Shannon has returned from Mineral Wells.

Farming Kid

Butman Community.

March 21.—J. A. Dulin and family visited D. D. Coats and family Sunday.

Emitt Patterson and family were visitors at the home of W. J. Dulin one day this week.

Oscar Dulin of the Mt. Pleasant community was visiting here last week.

R. B. Grider was in Merkel last week.

Miss Lillie White took dinner with Miss Lottie Butman Sunday.

E. E. Patterson and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Cozart.

Miss Ludie Dulin has returned from Merkel where she has been visiting her grandparents.

Miss Mary Grider was the guest of the Misses Pommel Sunday.
Farmer Girl.

It Saved His Leg.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infallible for skin eruptions, eczema, salt rheum, boils, fever sores, burns, scalds, cuts and piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Notice, Delinquents.

This is to give notice to those owning property on which city taxes for the past one to three years have not been paid that unless paid before April 1; the same will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. If you would save this additional cost call and settle at my office.
G. M. Cauthen, Collector.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Kate Talks.

March 21.—Everybody is smiling over the bright prospects. Some feed up and growing fast. No cotton is being planted yet.

Grandma Neill is sick this week.

Clarence Simmons' wife is better.

Leonard Morrison returned from Abilene Saturday.

Floyd Compton and Jay Douglass had business in Abilene this week.

Mr. Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Conder Sunday.

Church at Kale was well attended Sunday.

Whit Barron visited Mr. Abernathy Sunday.

Joe Douglass returned home from Cross Plains last Wednesday.

The party at Jim Eoff's last night was well attended. Several guests from town attended.

Mrs. Eoff's brothers from Abilene are visiting her this week.

Davis Beasley is sick this week. Robert Beasley is spending the day with Mr. Conder.

Mr. and Mrs. Compton spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Skidmore at Truby.

A Farmer Boy.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Rubia Dots.

March 21.—Farmers are busy planting their feed.

Miss Locha Sutphen of White Church visited her sister Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood visited J. S. Blair and family Sunday.

Sam Butman Jr., attended the marriage of his sister, Abbie, Sunday.

Fine Hogan and wife attended church here Sunday night.

Grandma Hughes of Blair visited Mr. Davenport and family last week.

Claude Hanks, who has been working with a railroad crew at Snyder, is visiting at the home of A. W. Hunter and John Davenport.

Carrol Walton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fillinghast Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Dowdy and children visited Mrs. Davenport Saturday.

Mrs. M. P. Latimer came home Sunday from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Joe Davis.

P. W. West, wife and baby, visited her father, E. H. Cordell, Sunday.
Brown Eyes.

A Man of Iron Nerve.

Indomitable will and tremendous energy are never found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. Kings New Life Pills, the matchless regulators, for keen brain and strong body. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

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The thousands of inimitable insurmountable VALUES of which our entire stock is composed is giving daily greater impetus to Buying Enthusiasm in ALL LINES. From every point of view we are prepared to demonstrate the superiority of the goods we are selling. Our goods are being most effectively advertised through the medium of intensely SATISFIED CUSTOMERS. The marvelous values we are offering should impel the economically inclined to FIRST SEEK US. Because it has rained and there is a good season in the ground is no reason why you should not stretch your dollars. Every man, woman, boy or girl is most cordially invited to inspect our goods and prices. Every courtesy will be shown you. We appreciate the small as well as the larger purchases. We want to show you whether you want to buy or not. Little folks are especially invited

WHITE GOODS

The Most Astounding Values We Have Offered

Most Excellent Value White Lawn at 10c
A 15 cent Special for only 12 1/2c
A 20c Special for only 15c
A 25c Special for only 20c
Regular 15c Linene Suiting, extra special 12 1/2c
Regular 20c Linene Suiting extra special 15c
Regular 25c Linene Suiting extra special 20c
Flaxon, Plain and Checks, the Ideal Waist and Dress Fabric, specially priced 15, 20, 25 and 30c
Mercerised India Linons, 4 Big Specials—The New Soft Clinging Dress Fabric Price 12 1/2, 15, 20 and 25c
Other Big Values in pretty White Goods, including an all pure 36 inch Linen for 35c will be shown you.

CLOTHING

And Prices That Are Moving Them

Regular \$1.00 Mens Work Pants Special 90c
Regular \$1.25 Mens Spring Dress Pants \$1.00
Regular \$2.00 Mens Spring Dress Pants 1.50
Regular \$2.50 Mens Spring Dress Pants 1.75
Regular \$2.75 Mens Spring Dress Pants 2.00
Regular \$3.00 Mens Spring Dress Pants 2.50
Boys Knickerbocker Dress Pants an exceptional value in various patterns for only 50c
Other Big Values ranging in prices from 75c to \$1.50

MEN'S HIGH GRADE HATS \$1.50

We are offering a big assortment of Men's and Young Men's HIGH GRADE Staple and Fancy Shape Hats all New Styles at the small price of only \$1.50
Don't ask us how we do it. Just get you a new Hat for \$1.50 and let it go at that.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

The Most Wonderful Values Ever Offered

Bargain Table No. 1 Contains 3000 yards of Laces worth up to 15c. Nothing worth less than 10c. We offer them all for only per yard 5c
Bargain Table No. 2 contains Laces worth up to 20c. We are selling them per yard 10c
Bargain Table No. 3 contains Embroidery worth up to 20c. None worth less than 15c. We are selling them for 10c
Extra fine 27 inch Embroidery Flouncing worth 75c to \$1.00—Our Price only 50c
Other Exceptional values too numerous to mention here will be shown you. Don't let this opportunity escape you.

DRESS GOODS VALUES

That Forced Sales Could Not Make Lower in Price

Best grade Calicoes for only 5c
Regular 10c Gingham for only 8 1/2c
Regular 12 1/2c Gingham for only 10c
Regular 15c Gingham for only 12 1/2c
Regular 20c Voil Suiting for only 15c
Regular 25c Voil Pongee and Poplin Suiting for only 20c
Regular 35c Silk Gingham, Mercerised Fancy Voils and a horde of other fine Weaves of like value for only 25c
Regular 40c Souzines extra special for only 30c
Crepe De Chine in all prettiest colors for only 50c
Regular \$1.25 Black Yard Wide Chiffons Taffeta Silk for only 90c
Regular \$1.00 Black, 27 inch Messaline for only 90c
Many other such values that short space will not permit us to enumerate will be shown you. They are all One Great Heap of Bargains.

OUR STAPLES

The Place to Buy Your Staples

A good round thread Cotton Checks for only 5c
Soft finish Bleached Domestice for only 5c
10c soft finish yard wide Bleach Domestic for only 8 1/2c
12 1/2c soft finish yard wide Bleach Domestic for only 10c
16 yards extra quality yard wide Brown Domestic for only \$1.00
12 yards regular 10c Brown Domestic for \$1.00
12 1/2c Chevoitt Shirting special for 10c
26 yards extra quality Cotton Checks for \$1.00
Brown and Bleach Sheeting, Table Linens, Napkins, Oil Cloths, Towels, Towelings, Muslins, Demins and every other conceivable staple, all of the highest possible quality are shown at prices that cannot be excelled. Allow Us to Show You.

SHOES OF UNQUESTIONABLE VALUES

Sold At Marvelously Low Prices

Regular \$1.50 quality Ladies Slippers only \$1.25
Regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 Straps and Ties 1.50
Regular \$2.50 Straps and Ties 2.00
Regular \$2.75 Pat. Leather Straps and Ties 2.25
Our entire Shoe stock is composed of like values in solid leather Shoes and Slippers of the newest and best styles on the market. If you want Shoes or Slippers it will pay you handsomely to inspect our stock and get our prices before purchasing.

SPRING AND SUMMER SUITS

All Men's Suits will be sold at one-third off of all regular prices. We are closing out all Mens Suits.

Remember that we carry everything in Dry Goods. We cannot enumerate everything here. Come in. Make yourself at home.

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\$35,000.00 worth of high grade Hardware, Farming Implements, Buggies, Surreys, Wagons, Stoves, Cutlery, Queensware and etc., must be turned into cash as soon as possible and to make quick work of it prices have been cut and slashed all through the house. This is a chance of lifetime to buy strictly first-class merchandise at simply manufacturer's cost and less. No matter how busy you may be you can't afford to miss this SACRIFICE SALE. Take a day off and attend the MONEY SAVING CARNIVAL. Think of it you can save as much as \$48.00 on a buggy, and save \$15.00 on a wagon, save \$10.00 on a sulky plow, save \$12.50 on a disc plow etc., etc. These are just a few samples of savings and same proportion prevails all through the stock. Mr. Weaver is establishing a large business at McKinney which requires all his time as well as capital invested here, so for this reason he is leaving Abilene. It costs money to move a heavy stock and rather than to box up and pay freight we have decided to put on this SLAUGHTER SALE and every thing will be sold at a big sacrifice rather than move. This is a golden opportunity never to be duplicated to buy at such ruinous prices, so don't wait until what you want is gone—come today. At the prices we make the good things will not last long. Entire stock and fixtures are offered for sale in bulk at a bargain. If we should sell in bulk your chance is gone to buy at these slaughter prices. Better not wait—come now—today is your chance to save money.

Big Sale Begins Saturday April 1st. Come

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Nubla Dots.

March 28.—We are having some very cold weather.

Miss Della Sutphen visited near Butman Saturday and Sunday.

John Denton and family of Mt. Comfort visited Watt Blair and family Sunday.

Misses Blanche Randolph and Gertrude Dowdy attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.

Miss Hattie Hunter is visiting Mrs. P. F. West near White Church.

T. J. Toombs and family went to Merkel last week.

Fannie Blair visited Mrs. Dan Atwood Friday.

K. Blackburn and family visited John Hughes Sunday.

Miss Lela Clark visited her sister, Mrs. E. F. Stanley, last week.

Mrs. Emmett Strickland is visiting in the east.

P. F. West and family visited Dan Atwood Sunday.

J. S. Blair, wife and daughter, Dixie, were guests at the home of A. W. Hunter Sunday.

Brown Eyes.

Shiloh Happenings.

March 28.—There was preaching here Sunday.

Had quite a nice little shower of rain Saturday.

Mrs. Green went to Abilene today to have her little son treated. He fell on a knife and it penetrated the eye causing him to lose the sight of one eye and injuring the other.

On last Thursday night the angel of death took from the home of John Williams their

precious babe, about three months of age. It is sad indeed to part with loved ones but God knoweth and doeth all things best. We must submit to his will and prepare to meet those gone on before. One more added to the list of angels.

Elmer Pumroy has gone Seymour.

Mrs. Sellers is reported ill.

Miss Howard Barnes has returned from Plasterco where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Williams.

Grandma Winters is reported very sick.

Miss Dora Pumroy visited the Misses Dyess Sunday.

Sam Howell is ill.

Much love to all the reporters and Mr. Editor. Happy.

Compere Happenings.

March 28—Rev. Hall of Hamlin preached at this place Sunday.

E. C. Tarvin is on the sick list.

Miss Mollie Peterson of Shiloh visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore of Blair visited E. C. Shannon and family Sunday night.

Several of the Compere boys attended the literary at Noodle Friday night. Farming Kid.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can. For sale by all dealers.

Hundreds of satisfied customers are using Light Crust flour, when you once use a sack you'll have no other. Try one next time. Every sack guaranteed by Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Lewis H. King was in Sweetwater this week on business.

County Supt. E. V. White was in our city the first of the week.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

W. M. Jenkins had business in Abilene one or two days this week.

Bring us your chickens and eggs for the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

W. R. Walker spent last Saturday with Geo. S. Berry and other friends at Abilene.

We have some good land at cash price to trade for black land near Cleburne same way. King & Jackson

Little Miss Fay Perkins who makes her home here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin, is visiting her mother at Abilene.

Take your eggs and chickens to the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company for better prices.

We have arranged with Jno. Castles of Abilene to do our repair work on jewelry, watches and all work will have careful attention if left with us. Rust & McCauley

Dr. M. Armstrong left the first of the week for Dallas where he went to meet and treat his

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WHEN IN TOWN COME TO SEE US

nephew Ira Armstrong for a cancerous growth on the lower lip. It is expected that an operation will be performed in a week or ten days which will permanently remove the growth and effect a cure. Dr. Armstrong will spend the time with the specialists at Dallas in the study of this and other special work of the eminent physicians and surgeons.

Mrs. Marvin Smith is a guest this week at the home of Miss Manda Curtis.

You can buy fresh vegetable every day in the week at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.