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The Southern National Bank of Merkel

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Castleman Entertainers at the Opera House Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. J. C. Hamner of Trent was here this week visiting her parents and other relatives.

A good fresh cigar is always enjoyable; we have them. The Elite.

Mrs. Hollis Roberts of Nugent came in Tuesday to visit the family of Jno. G. Jackson.

The highest grade bulk chocolates that can be bought. The Elite.

If you want the best, phone your orders to The Cash Grocery Company.

Window and door glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

J. C. Jones of Nevada, Collin county, was here the first of the week visiting his brother J. G. Jones.

Cord Wood for sale, 5 miles northwest of Merkel. Phone H. F. Richards. 1044pd.

Mrs. E. A. Hargrove of Dallas, came in Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Listen people, don't weep, Whitley Boy's still have Oriole flour.

W. P. Browning was reported very sick at his home during the first part of the week.

Come in and let us explain to you about the piano contest. West Texas Hardware Company.

We appreciate any or all of your drug trade. Burroughs Drug Store.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House every Friday night and Saturday night.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Jan. 18, 1913:

Beain, Miss Vira
Conner, Mrs. F. B.
Jones, Mrs. Pat
Lykie, Miss Maggie

If not called for, will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 1, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Notice Tax Payers.

We have arranged at Abilene and Anson to handle your taxes without the necessity of you making the trip. We have poll tax blanks and will take pleasure in favoring you in this respect.

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Well! Well!

If you want a well or a windmill or a pump fixed see J. T. Coats or phone No. 2. Feb1-13pd

We will deliver goods to your mail box, on all purchases to the amount of \$1.00 or over. Phone or write us your wants. W. D. Woodroof & Company.

Make yourself comfortable in our new home, the building formerly occupied by the Star Store. The Elite.

Whitley Boys still sell syrup at 10 per cent discount.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Castleman Entertainers at the Opera House, Friday and Saturday nights.

Marvin Boney is very low with pneumonia at the home of his father's, A. C. Boney.

Hot drinks of all kinds at the Elite.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Mr. D. C. Hutcheson is reported very sick at his home in south Merkel.

Notice.

We have the blanks for procuring your poll tax receipts and will be glad to pay your taxes for you, saving you the trouble and expense of a trip to Abilene. The Southern National Bank.

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Yours very truly

Hardware Co.

Abundance and Real Estate

Shines

was quite a lot of ere last week while ne ground. Running nd long eared rabbits ef sport came in. apron party at Mr. Friday night. Mr. ot the prize for the Mr. Reece Hail got ng the sorriest. The ccess and everyone en-

family visited friends the Shinery community

Grayson has been sick but this writing.

ling is the order of the day n of this community; guess ves are grumbling at their

the farmers are very busy engaged in getting their land ready for the new year which we hope will be a good one.

The Misser Hail attended church at Trent Sunday.

It is rumored that our local merchant, Mr. Lon Martin is going into the banking business, we wish him success. Colds and LaGrippe have been very plentiful since the holidays.

Mrs. Allie Potts of Brownwood visited her brothers Dave and Roff Beasley and the family of Mr. R. B. Bryan last week.

Mr. Curtis Ritchie has hired to work for Mr. C. J. Sellers during the new year.

Mr. Peak and family and Mr. Shield's mother and sister of Marlin have moved into our midst. We welcome them to our neighborhood.

Shiloh can boast of one wedding during the holidays, that of Mr. Rap Green and Miss Dora Pomroy, we wish them a very happy married life and their many friends of this community join hands in congratulations.

One of our old time boys, Mr. Bill Johnson, spent the holidays here with friends, it is very much like old times to see him in our community again after so long an absence. He has been making his home at May Bell in Baylor county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sellers took dinder with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryan spent Sunday with E. J. Sellers and family.

Mr. Walter Phillips and Mr. Roger Grayson are all smiles since society is favoring them of the late.

Real Estate Transfers

Montgomery and Hughes to C. C. Steadman, lots 11 and 12, block 9, Mineral Wells Addition, Trent, \$60.00 and other consideration.

Arthur Sears and wife to A. H. Moore, south one-half block H, Bettis' Heights Addition, Merkel, \$5,250.

J. C. Hutchison to Ola Hutchison, part of lot 4, block 178, \$300.

Arthur Sears and wife to B. C. Moore, west one-half of block A, Bettis' Heights Addition, Merkel, \$3,500.

A. L. Shaw and S. A. Shaw and wife to D. B. Swindle, lot 4, block F, Steffens and Lowden subdivision of lot 3, block 205, Abilene, \$1000.

S. F. Howell and wife to L. E. Adrian, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 8, town of Trent, \$1,500.

J. A. Woodard and wife to John R. Daniel, lots 11 and 12, in block 29, Merkel, \$4,500.

J. T. Warren and wife to J. T. Coats 100 acres out of S. P. Ry. land, \$1,750. W. E. Mangum and wife to C. S. Robinson, lots 6 and 6, block 40, Trent, \$350.

W. H. Mayfield and wife to John C. Howell, lots 3 and 4, block 8, Trent, \$910.

W. H. Tombs and wife to E. H. Cordill, J. W. Dowdy and J. A. Neighbors, one acre out of S. E. corner section 19, block 9, S. P. Ry. survey, \$40.

J. M. Provine and wife to Chas. E. Jacobs, 80 acres out of tract in Taylor county, \$1,200.

Inkum Items

Jan. 13.—The snow, rain and cold weather of the early part of the week prevented a full attendance at school. John McKaughan of Blackwell, came in Monday to visit relatives in this section.

L. A. Dunley went to Grand Saline the first of the week with a car of

was carried to a sanitarium at Abilene more than two months ago with a badly lacerated arm. It is now thought that he will regain the use of the injured member to some extent.

The young people have enjoyed skating on Elm Creek the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson have received the announcement of the marriage of their son, Earnest Wilson in South Dakota, to Miss Mabel Herron of that state. Earnest was raised in West Texas but has made his home in South Dakota for several years, where he is engaged in the cattle business.

The Parcel Post seems to be meeting the requirements of the people and finding approval in our section.

Mrs. T. E. Reynolds sent out first package by Parcel Post from this office.

We are glad to note [that the overseer has called out his forces and worked the road between this point and Merkel recently.

Miss Jua Fuque and brother Horace, have gone to Tye to attend school since the holidays.

Messrs. Flowers and Hallmark of Shep were in this section buying cattle last week.

J. M. C. Williams made a trip to Shep this week.

Prof. Evans spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Abilene.

There was an entertainment at T. J. Burleson's Friday night.

The pastor of the Methodist church, T. E. Davis organized a Sunday School at Bethel Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Denton who has been sick for some time, and who was improving, is not doing so well at this writing.

Joe Perry of Abilene spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry.

Tom Friend of Gufon attended the entertainment at T. J. Burleson's Friday night.

Mrs. R. A. Hill and little sons spent several days the past week visiting her daughters, Mesdames Madison and Jno. Denton near Nubia.

Oscar Knight of near Buffalo Gap, was among the guests at T. J. Burleson's Friday night.

The farmers have been busy breaking their lands for the coming season.

On Sunday night a severe norther accompanied with snow stopped the plowing for this week.

J. M. Hallmark and family are visiting relatives at Shep this week.

Compare Items

Christmas passed by here quietly; no disturbance.

The new year is here and everyone seems to be cheerful and optimistic.

There is a good deal of sickness in the community at the present.

Brother Lynn filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Ye scribe has been sick for several days but am now on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moore went to Blair this week where they placed their daughter, Miss Ruth in school.

Miss Ammable Moore is in Mulberry Canyon to spend a while with her sister Mrs. Demere.

We have had the coldest spell in a long time; it caused many to have la-grippe and some pneumonia.

Mr. Ben Atkins and Miss Eva Lucas were happily married Saturday evening. May their future life be strewn with roses.

The farmers are turning the soil for another crop.

Baraca Class Business Meeting

The Baraca Class met in regular business session at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings on the evening of Jan. 10th.

Each officer and committee chairman tendered a good report, showing that the class is doing a great work.

Since the Vice-President, Mr. Dennis McDonald has left town, Otis Stribling was elected to serve the remainder of the term. After which the judicial committee appointed chairman for the following committees; Membership and Christian work, F. E. Smith; Mercy and Help, Ollie Shaffer; Social Teacher, Temperance, Ulysis McNeese; Missionary, Rev. R. A. Clements; Finance, Otis Stribling; Literary, John Morgan.

The next in order was a candy pulling. This was one of the most enjoyable of the class business meeting. Every member who was absent missed a treat.

Let every old member be present and

January 24th, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings. Press Reporter.

The Baraca Class of the First Baptist church met at Mrs. E. Hall's Thursday night, Jan. 9, 1913, for a business meeting to elect officers, raise funds for the class and to lay some plans for the future work of the class. The following officers were elected: Sam Swan, President; Robert Hicks, Vice-President; John R. West, Secy-Treas.; Earl Lassiter, Reporter; Miss Jewel Garrett, Asst-Teacher. After discussing plan for work, all attended the fire at M. L. McDonald's.

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You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

Notice Cotton Men.
Saturday, February 1st, will be the next gin day at this gin. All farmers interested will take notice. **Bowles Gin Co.**

Ginner's Notice.
Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day at Brown's gin. **Fred Guitlar.**

Ginner's Notice.
Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day with us. **McDonald & Dunagin, Ginner.**

Motion Pictures at the Opera House every Friday night and Saturday night.

Castleman Entertainers at the Opera House

WE ARE AFTER YOU BUSINESS

And to secure same we are going to make High Qualities and Low Prices the chief reason for you buying your merchandise from us. January 1st we closed out to a foreign party our entire stock of mens hats, mens and boys shoes, collars, ties, socks and underwear, and by so doing we were enabled to buy a new and complete line of such articles and in filling such stock High Quality Merchandise was our chief aim. We have received part of the goods we were short of and expect to receive this week a new and up-to-date line of

MEN AND BOYS HATS, SHOES, SHIRTS AND NECK WEAR

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETE--We carry everything that goes to make up a first-class grocery store. We ask for your patronage in this department, assuring you that we will only give you high quality goods as cheap as you can possibly obtain elsewhere

REMEMBER, WE ARE AFTER YOUR BUSINESS

And if courteous treatment, good goods, low prices will secure same, we'll get more than our share

MERKEL DRY GOODS & GRO. CO.

LOOK! LOOK!

And see what you are paying for your groceries. Why don't you spend your money with the man who pays cash for his goods and you can see that he saves you money. I will quote prices to show my contention; you can compare them with the prices you are paying and you will see for yourself.

Extra High Patent Flour.....	\$2.85
Pearl Meal.....	65c
Cream Meal.....	70c
25 lbs. Sugar.....	\$1.40
100 lbs. Sugar.....	\$5.50
Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup in bbls. gal	50c
Irish Potatoes, per bushel.....	\$1.00
Evaporated Apples, per lb.....	10c
Evaporated Peaches, per lb.....	10c

You will find lots of other things the same way and I handle feed also, so it will pay you to come around and see me before you buy. Every farmer ought to borrow money and pay cash for his goods instead of buying and paying that big credit price and that 10 per cent added. So come around and give me a chance at your bill of

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ER CLARK

The Merkel Mail

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FOR RENT—Choice farm. C. M. Largent. 3tf

FOR SALE—Work stock. Dr. M. Armstrong.

HOUSE MOVING—and Hauling. Telephone 1-7-7. S. L. Owens. tf.

FOR RENT—The old Young Hotel property north of the tabernacle. Inquire at the Merkel Lumber Co.

WANTED—Two large cow horns, that can be made into blowing horns. Bring to Mail Office at once. 13-tf

WANTED LAND—A friend and reader of the Mail with good force wants to make crop on halves in Merkel country. Address the Mail or see the editor. 102tdh

Piano Contest

The Piano Contest will be opened proper February 1st., details of which will appear in this paper under date of Jan. 31. West Texas Hardware Co.

Miss Ellen Daugherty of Fayetteville, Ark., Miss Clara Tate of Abilene and Miss Eillian Hall of Van Horn who were the popular guests of Miss Willie Bigham last week, returned to their respective homes Mopday.

Mrs Wilbur R. Grayson of Dallas stopped off here Monday, while on her way home from Big Springs to visit the family of J. H. Grayson.

Be sure and get in the race for the piano on exhibit at our store West Texas Hardware Company.

Boy is Drowned

Thursday afternoon of this week, Mrs. C. P. Stevens of this place received a message from relatives at Hamlin telling her of the untimely death of Silas Cash, a 14 year old nephew to Mrs. Stephens.

Silas and a boy friend had been out hunting ducks and a wing shot brought one down on a frozen lake near Hamlin. As soon as the duck struck the ice, Silas went out to get it, but on starting back to the edge of the lake broke through the ice and sank. On coming up he grabbed at a piece of wood thrown to him by his companion, but missed it and sank to come up under the ice.

A searching party was soon formed and the body recovered, but life was completely gone. Burial was given the body the following day in the cemetery at Hamlin.

Miss Willie Darsey of Plainview was here this week visiting her brother, J. T. Darsey. Miss Darsey had spent the holidays at her old home in McGregor and stopped off here while on her way home.

Dem. Rust, manager of the Rust & McCauley Drug Co., is in Putnam this week building fences and shooting squirrels. He also visited his grandfather, S. S. Ramsey at Cottonwood while in that section.

Miss Velma Garrens of Van Horn was the guest of her cousin, Miss Bertie Diltz, during the later part of last week

L. Sparkman of Dallas, a former Merkel man was on the streets Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Some of the late births announced are to Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Black a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Watt Harris a girl and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sassemann.

Dr. Leonard of Winters, was here last week to visit his sister Mrs. L. H. King and to attend the funeral of the small son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. King.

Miss Fannie Swan was in Tye Tuesday organizing a music class, which she has successfully done and will go there twice weekly to teach.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Deaton and Mrs. R. E. McCamant, of Roanoke, Va. and Abilene are here visiting W. S. Smelser and family.

W. H. Dunning of Eskota in the city Monday looking the purchase of new goods the Eskota Trading Comp

Merkel has a good v organization and they e of our co-operation e ance in every way pa

Chas. Hutcheson of Trent on the streets the first of week, returning here from a t to court at Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Paylor Clyde visited the family of J. E. Paylor Sunday, returning to their home Monday.

We want your grocery business If we haven't what you want, we will get it for you. The Cash Grocery Company.

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ACTS AND FIGURES

have just finished invoicing and find we have too many fall goods on hand and in order to close them out quickly we are going to make the lowest prices possible for the next 10 days

BEGINNING FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th

you will visit this store during this sale and find one item not advertised we will pay all your expenses for coming and \$5 a day for your time. So read each item carefully and come and see if we have misrepresented anything. Be sure to come

Ladies' Corsets

The American Beauty Corset to close, \$2.50 value.....**\$1.75**
 \$3.50 Madam Grace Corset.....**\$1.95**
 \$1.50 American Beauty Corset.....**95c**
 \$1.00 American Beauty Corset.....**75c**

Ribbons! Ribbons!

25 and 35c Ribbons in all colors and kind **18c**
 15 and 20c Ribbons in all colors and kind **12½c**
 12½ and 10c " " " " " " **8c**

Laces! Laces!

10 and 12½c Laces, during this sale....**7½c**
 7½ and 6½c Laces, during this sale....**4½c**

Dress Goods, Silks and Corduroys

Regular \$1.00 Corduroy, this sale.....**85c**
 Regular \$1.00 Velvets, this sale.....**85c**
 Regular 60 and 75c Velvet, this sale....**45c**
 Regular \$1 black and white Serge, price **85c**
 " \$1 Silk Mersiline**85c**
 " 85c " "**65c**
 " 50c " "**40c**

Staples

6½c Cotton Checks, this sale.....**5c**
 Best grade Calico, this sale only.....**4 3-4c**
 10c Brown Sea Island Domestic.....**7½c**
 8½c Brown Domestic.....**6½c**
 Best grade 10c Outing, this sale.....**8c**
 Best grade 10c Cotton Flannel.....**8½c**
 Best grade 12½c Cotton Flannel.....**9c**
 1 lot of Quilt Outing.....**5c**
 10c Bleach Domestic.....**8 3-4c**
 7 1-2c Bleach Domestic, full 36 in. wide...**5c**
 x4 Bleach Sheeting, best grade.....**24c**
 x4 Bleach and brown Sheeting.....**26c**
 Shirting, best grade round thread.....**9c**
 men's 25c Suspenders.....**15c**
 Ladies' Collars, 65 and 75c goods.....**25c**
 and children's 50c Ties.....**35c**
 " " 25c Ties.....**15c**
 Men's 50c Ties.....**45c**

Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters

\$1.00 Ladies' Sweaters.....**75c**
 \$1.50 Ladies' Sweaters.....**95c**
 \$2.50 Ladies' Sweaters.....**\$1.75**
 \$3.00 Ladies' Sweaters.....**\$1.95**
 \$3.50 Ladies' Sweaters.....**\$2.45**
 \$5.00 Ladies' Sweaters.....**\$2.95**

Ladies' Suits and Coats

Ladies' \$15.00 and \$18.50 Suits and Coats, this sale.....**\$9.95**
 Ladies' \$20.00 and \$25.00 Suits and Coats this sale.....**\$12.45**
 Ladies' \$12.50 and \$15 Suits and Coats **\$8.95**
 " \$10.00 Coats.....**\$6.95**
 " \$ 8.50 Coats.....**\$5.95**
 " 7.50 Coats.....**\$4.95**
 " 5.00 Coats.....**\$3.45**

Toilet Articles

25c Face Powder.....**15c**
 25c Talcum Powder.....**15c**
 10c Talcum Powder.....**5c**
 10c Soap, 3 bars for.....**10c**
 35c Face Cream.....**20c**

Table Linens

\$1.50 Plain Satin Demask.....**\$1.20**
 1.25 Table Linen.....**95c**
 1.00 " "**85c**
 85c " "**65c**
 35c " "**25c**
 50c Red Table Linen.....**40c**
 25c " "**20c**
 \$3.50 Plain Satin Demask Napkins.....**\$2.95**
 2.50 Fancy Flower.....**\$1.95**
 1.50 " "**\$1.25**
 1.25 " "**95c**

Men's, Ladies' and Boy's Underwear

Men's Heavy Ribbed Underwear.....**38c**
 Men's Light Weight Wool, 1.00 grade.....**85c**
 Boy's 35 and 25c Underwear.....**19c**
 Ladies' 50c Vests and Drawers.....**38c**
 Ladies' 25 and 35c Vests and Drawers....**20c**

Men's Clothing Department

We have arranged our clothing in four lots as follows:

All 25.00 and 30.00 Suits for 10 days...**\$14.45**
 All 18.50 to 20.00 Suits for 10 day.....**\$11 95**
 All 12.50 to 16.50 Suits for 10 days.....**\$9.85**
 All 8.50 to 10.00 Suits for 10 days.....**\$5.00**

Men's Sweater Coats

Men's \$1.50 and \$1.25 Sweater Coats....**95c**

Men's Hats

1 lot Men's \$1.50 Hats in the Big 4 and Dakota shapes.....**95c**
 1 lot Men's \$2.50 and \$3.50 Hats in Big 4 and Dakota shapes.....**\$1.95**
 \$5.00 Stetson Hats, Kenney and Fadora shapes, this sale.....**\$3.85**

Ladies' Shoes

200 pair of ladies' Shoes in all leathers, \$2.50 to \$4.00 values, during this sale for just one-half the regular price. Special reduction in all shoes.

Men's Shirts

\$1.50 Heavy Wool and Corduroy Shirts...**95c**
 \$1.00 Wool Shirts, this sale.....**80c**
 \$1.50 Dress Shirts, for 10 days only....**\$1.20**
 1.00 " " " " " "**85c**
 75 to 50c Dress Shirts for 10 days only....**45c**

Boy's Suits and Overcoats

Boy's \$2.50 Suits for this sale.....**\$1.85**
 Boy's \$3.50 Suits, for this sale.....**\$2.65**
 Boy's \$4.00 Suits, for this sale.....**\$2.95**
 " 5.00 " " " "**\$3.45**
 " 6.50 " " " "**\$4.45**
 " 8.50 " " " "**\$5.95**
 Boy's Overcoats—all Half Price
 Boy's \$2.50 Overcoats.....**\$1.25**
 Boy's \$3.50 Overcoats.....**\$1.75**
 Boy's \$4.00 Overcoats.....**\$2.00**
 " \$8.50 "**\$4.25**
 " \$10.00 "**\$5.00**

Men's Odd Pants

\$2.50 Dress Pants for this sale.....**\$1.95**
 \$3.00 Dress Pants for this sale.....**\$2.35**
 \$3.50 Dress Pants for this sale.....**\$2.95**
 \$5.00 Dress Pants for this sale.....**\$3.85**

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COL. EXALL BOOSTS MAIZE AND KAFFIR

Col. Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress, who was chosen Thursday by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to represent Dallas on the special "milo maize and kaffir corn train" over the Texas Rock Island lines, has decided to make the trip, and will join the train when it leaves Fort Worth next Tuesday.

Much of the territory covered by the railroad is considered especially well adapted to the growth of milo maize and kaffir corn, two forage crops which have not been grown to a very great extent in Texas, but are found to be exceedingly productive in almost all parts of Texas. They are of the sorghum variety, drouth resistant and hence more dependable as forage crops than corn and oats, while being at the same time quite as high value as stock feed.

Literature and application blanks for the entries into the milo maize and kaffir corn contests of the Industrial Congress, which offers two separate sets of prizes for those crops will be furnished on application.

One class of prizes is offered for non-irrigated kaffir corn or milo maize crops and another class for irrigated crops, the first prize in each class being \$300, the second prize \$200 and ten other prizes of \$50 each in each class, making a total of \$2,000 in prizes for these crops. These prizes will be awarded exclusively for kaffir corn and milo maize and contestants will be required to cultivate only two acres.

In the 1912 contest the first prize of \$300 for the non-irrigated crop was won by W. J. Levens of Roby, Fisher county, on a yield of 158.51 bushels at a net profit of \$49.06. The second prize of \$200 was won in Fayette county by Raymond Baca of Fayetteville. His yield was 1571 bushels produced at a profit of \$48.49.

In the irrigated class C. D. Newberry, Eagle Pass, Maverick county, won first prize of \$300 on a yield of 168.68 bushels at a profit of \$52.21, and J. L. Norris of Ricardo, Nueces county, won the second prize of \$200 on a yield of 130.43 bushels at a profit of \$36.17.

The congress has this to say of the cultivation of kaffir corn and milo maize:

"The farmers of every section of the state are advised to raise some kaffir corn and milo maize. These plants are of the sorghum family and are drouth-resistant. They will wait for the rain and grow and mature when it comes, while the corn in times of drouth will die. As food for all kinds of stock, in both grain and forage, kaffir and milo maize are fully as valuable as corn. Instead of planting corn, only, the congress suggests to farmers everywhere that one-fourth of their corn land should be planted in these crops as an insurance against drouth. When the farmers raise more grain and forage crops they will feed more stock of all kinds, and the surest basis of successful farming is live stock."—Dallas News.

OUR ADVERTISING CHAT

SUBJECT: CO-OPERATION

In order to get up and print an issue of our paper and have a successful week's business it takes the very level best of every man on this job from the opening of the shop on Monday morning to quitting time Saturday afternoon. There is not a minute to be lost by anybody.

The same is true of every other business and enterprise in Merkel and this thought should go down deep in the hearts of every clerk and employe. There should be team work and co-operation in every store, bank and business. It takes this to make a success and the man at the head of a business, no matter how able cannot succeed without this help.

The business manager of an enterprise who gives you employment buys more than your time. He pays you for your very best energy and thought. If you are the right kind you should have some interest in the business and not lose any of the time or an opportunity to promote the interests of his business. In the words of Mutt, the indifference of some clerks and employes is refreshing.

One time not long ago the writer went into a store in Merkel after a hat. The clerk yawned and said he did not have what we wanted. This was true but a more enterprising and thoughtful individual down the street sold us a hat that we did not want and there is the difference between making and losing opportunities.

We hate to take money for advertising unless the advertiser gets his money's worth and this is impossible without the personal interest of every clerk in the store. Some clerks never read the boss' ad. unless to criticise and make unfavorable comment. That is wrong.

If you have any criticism, comment or suggestion make them to the ad. writer. Get your mind and heart in his business and help. See what he is trying to do and then push along that line all you can. If he advertises some specials in some special lines, take it for granted that he wants to sell them and then remember that when a customer comes in what he is likely to want.

No customer is hardly going to come in your store and say "I seen your ad. for a \$5.00 hat for \$3.98 and want it." He may call for a pair of socks and be wanting all of the time an opportunity to see and examine that hat. Study human nature and your own business.

Oh, think some for yourself and your boss and then just work like thunder and you will feel better, have a better job and more friends.

Subject next week: The Boss.

ABILENE ACCIDENT FATHER KILLS SON

One of the saddest accidents that ever happened in Abilene occurred Saturday afternoon between three and four o'clock, when John T. Haney accidentally killed his fourteen year old son Bryan, while rabbit hunting on Catclaw, north of the city limits, near the King residence. Mr. Haney, with his family had gone out for a little outing, and had carried a double-barreled shot gun along with the intentions of killing some birds and rabbits. Mrs. Haney and the smaller children were left in the surey in the main road, and Mr. Haney and Bryan went out into a field hunting. Bryan Haney went around some brush and down into the creek to endeavor to run the rabbit out for his father to shoot. Mr. Haney had the gun cocked and in trying to get to shoot the rabbit, stumped his toe, when the gun was fired and the entire load took effect in Bryan's face. Seeing that he had killed his son Mr. Haney became almost mad with grief and hurriedly informed his wife of the sad accident. The screams of the sorrow-stricken parents and children attracted the attention of Dr. J. C. Burkett who was driving with his children in that neighborhood and who was second to reach the scene. Messrs. Hill and King who were also near the scene of the accident, hurried to the aid of Mr. Haney, and rendered great assistance to the family. Mrs. Haney being spared the grief of viewing the remains by the thoughtfulness of these gentlemen, who tell of a most heart-rending scene when the fond father returned to the place of the accident, and attempted to gather his dead son in his arms, being prevented only by the strength of the gentlemen.—Abilene Reporter.

Wife Follows Husband.

Mrs. Frank Martin died at her home in the Nugent community, about twenty miles north of Abilene Saturday morning at seven o'clock from morphine poisoning. It is supposed the drug was taken with suicidal intent, caused by grief over the death of her husband, which occurred a few hours before. Her husband, Frank Martin, died from stomach trouble and other complications Friday evening at five o'clock. He and his wife were about the same age—68 years.

Mrs. Martin was almost prostrated over the death of her husband, and had remarked that she had in her possession a bottle of morphine which she expected to take.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin had lived in that community six or eight months. They had no children. She was the second wife of her husband.

Harve Paylor and uncle J. B. Paylor came in from Douglas, Ariz., Sunday to spend a few days with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paylor.

A select grade of onion sets a. Hamblet & Rogers.

LAST DAY TO PAY POLL TAX--HURRY

Today, Friday, is the last day in which the people of Merkel and the Merkel country can pay their poll tax for 1912 and if you cannot go to Abilene your best chance is to have your local banks attend to the matter today.

Applications turned in to the banks today will be sent out by them at once to the tax collector and a receipt will be returned to you through your bank and in that way persons who have neglected paying can have the pleasure of voting in the coming city election if they will only attend to it now.

Outside of voting in the city election other issues are continually presenting themselves to the Public and a very important issue is likely to present itself to the voters of this precinct before the year is out and every citizen of the community is going to want to vote one way or the other. Better do it now while you have a chance. Tomorrow will be too late.

Walker Cottage For Sale.

On account of the health of my family I offer for sale my hotel property and business. Price and terms reasonable. W. R. Walker, Merkel, Texas. 28tf

FIRE FIEND IS AT WORK IN MERKEL

Saturday night about 11:15 fire broke out in a vacant house in the Miller Addition in south Merkel, and owing to the lateness of the hour and the distance the fire was from the station, the department was unable to save any part of the burning structure.

The house in question belongs to parties in Abilene and had not been occupied for about twenty days. It is thought that the fire was of incendiary origin according to authority of residents of that section of the town.



FOR RENT—Choice farm. C. M. Largent. 3tf

HOUSE MOVING—and Hauling. Telephone 1-7-7. S. L. Owens. tf.

FOR RENT—The old Young Hotel property north of the tabernacle. Inquire at the Merkel Lumber Co.

WANTED—Two large cow horns, that can be made into blowing horns. Bring to Mail Office at once. 13tf

WANTED LAND—A friend and reader of the Mail with good force wants to make crop on halves in Merkel country. Address the Mail or see the editor. 102tdh

FOR SALE—Two good work horses. Call at the Crown Hardware Company.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR HAS SCHOOL

The local order of the Eastern Star this week held the semi-annual school of instruction for a portion of West Texas, but owing to sickness prevailing over a large portion of the adjoining country at this time of the year a number of representatives could not attend.

Miss Wulfjen of Colorado City, president of the West Texas School of Instruction was here to take charge of the work, and Mrs. Moore of Snyder represented the Snyder lodge. Mrs. Finlater of San Angelo, Past Worthy Matron of the order of Eastern Star for the state was expected to be here to give a course of lectures but owing to sickness in her family she was unable to come.

Practically all of the local members were present on Tuesday morning, the opening day and as soon as the first meeting was held, refreshments were served to members of the order and a number of visiting Masons. The work of instruction continued over until Thursday.

Mrs. R. C. Aycock of Italy came in Friday to visit her daughter Mrs. Jim Gilliam. Mrs. Aycock will be here for several weeks.

THE ADVANTAGES OF A BANK ACCOUNT

The advantages and benefits of a bank connection and checking account are almost too numerous to mention. The ordinary features are obvious and known to all. They are offered by all good banks, but one thing we want you to know about this bank.

THIS IS A GUARANTY FUND BANK

And in this connection we can give you an additional safety for your non-interest-bearing and unsecured funds if deposited with us. **The Depositors Fund of the State of Texas** does this for you and us. Come in and let us tell you. We want your business.

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Moving Pictures at the Opera House every night. One dime.

White Wave flour, the money back kind for \$2.80 at Whitley Bros.

Mrs. H. L. Propst visited Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent during the first of the week.

Received this week, a full line of white goods. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd were in Abilene Saturday visiting.

A large amount of new low cut shoes for men and ladies at J. P. Sharp & Sons.

John King came in from Dallas Sunday to visit his parents Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King.

Send a bucket for some of that strained California honey at The Cash Grocery.

A complete line of men and boys spring and summer underwear, also a full line of soft shirts just arrived. J. P. Sharp & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom of Abilene were here Sunday visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

New line of dress goods are arriving daily this week. Some elegant patterns at moderate prices. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

We propose to sell dry goods at right prices. Our expenses are small and we can afford to take small profits. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

C. McCauley and J. M. Hart of Abilene were in Merkel a few moments Saturday evening on their way home from the canyon country where they had spent the day writing insurance.

Our mens sweaters are all gone and to sell the remainder of the ladies and childrens sweaters we have on hand and we are making a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent on all sweaters in our house. J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Miss Aileen Gildreth of Sweetwater returned to her home Monday after spending several days here the guest of Misses Ova and Dollie Teaff. Miss Gildreth was accompanied home by her mother who was here visiting during Saturday and Sunday.

\$1,000 worth of ladies, misses and childrens slippers just arrived. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel was reported very sick at her home in south Merkel the first of the week. Her daughter Mrs. S. P. Miller of Abilene was called from Abilene Monday.

Notice Cotton Men.
Saturday, February 1st, will be the next gin day at this gin. All farmers interested will take notice. Bowles Gin Co.

Ginner's Notice.
Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day at Brown's gin. Fred Guitlar.

Ginner's Notice.
Saturday, February 1st, will be gin day with us. McDonald & Dunagin, Ginners.

Nice fresh strained California honey 12 1/2 cents per pound at The Cash Grocery.

For your hardware and shelf goods, hides and feed go to Jno. B. Bell & Co.

Pneumonia and Pleurisy.
For over thirty years Hunt's Lightning Oil has been acknowledged to be a very quick relief when rubbed well on the chest. Many hundred letters testify to the benefit it has given others. Why not try it? All druggists, 25c and 50c bottle. adv

W. T. Potter For Mayor.

We are authorized by friends of Judge W. T. Potter to place his name in our announcement columns as candidate for Mayor.

Judge Potter has lived in our city for several years and is a well known and honored citizen and if elected to the position, to which his friends aspire to have him fill, he would make a good officer for the place.

Traveling Bag lost, between Merkel and Sweetwater, it contains some very valuable papers for which I will pay a liberal reward for return of same. Fred Bigham, Merkel, Texas

Hon. J. C. Mason of Deport, Lamar county is stopping at the Walker Cottage this week. Mr. Mason owns some Merkel country property and is here looking after it.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay came in Monday to visit friends for a few days. While here Mr. Clay will assist Mr. Scott of the West Texas Hdw. Co., in some inventory work of the business here.

Death at Trent.

Little May, the 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent died at the home Friday morning of last week.

The child had been in very delicate health for a number of months and gradually succumbed to her afflictions. Burial was given the body in the Trent cemetery at 2 o'clock the following day. The Mail joins in the sincere sympathy of our country to the bereaved parents.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for the week ending Feb. 1, 1913

Gregg, Mrs. Allen,
Higgenbotham Harris Lbr. Co.
Johnson, Loyd.

Jeff, Mr.
Price, Ben.
Watkins, Mrs. Ella S.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Feb. 15, 1913.
H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Moving Pictures at the Opera House every night. One dime.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Moving Pictures at the Opera House every night. One dime.

Brown linen, a new shipment just arrived. J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Miss Boyd of Abilene is here visiting her brother Austin Boyd and family.

\$1000 worth of men and ladies new low cut shoes have arrived at J. P. Sharp & Sons.

Luther Grimes returned home from Dallas Sunday where he has been working for the past few months.

We are prepared to handle your garden seed trade. The Cash Grocery.

W. E. Douglass of Henrietta was here this week visiting his sister Mrs. Frank Sears. Mr. Douglass has been in bad health for some time and came here for an outing.

New line of hats for men and boys. Correct in style and right in prices. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. N. B. Moore of Snyder, an aunt of Cashier Moore of the Farmers State Bank, was here this week attending the Eastern Star school and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Kings box and bulk chocolates that are fresh. Our new line, try them. The Elite.

Misses Bertha and Minnie Harris returned Friday from McCool, Miss., where they have been visiting their brother Thaduis Harris. On the way home they stopped at Dallas and visited the family of Arthur Harris for several days.

Expecting 150 pieces of new ginghams to arrive by Saturday Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Misses Lizzie Calvert and Ezma Allday and Mrs. T. E. Collins visited the latter's mother Mrs. J. I. Leamon in Trent Saturday and Sunday, returning home on the first night train Sunday.

New, all linen for 25 cents per yard. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. L. Harris received a message from Dallas Thursday telling her that her grandson Arthur Harris, Jr., was very low. On arriving there Mrs. Harris found the little fellow almost completely recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

A. C. Browning left Merkel Sunday after an extended visit with his father W. P. Browning who has been very low for the past month. We are glad to report that Mr. Browning has almost recovered from his attack of pneumonia.

No. 7481

J. T. Warren, President
G. F. West, Vice-President
Henry James, Vice.Pres.
Thos. Johnson, Cashier
Ben T. Merritt, Asst. Cash.



THE OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Designated by the Government as Depository for Postal Saving Funds

Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00

A good banking connection and acquaintance has been the means of many young men getting started right in the business world.

If you are a salesman, a mechanic, a farm hand or it matters not what your vocation may be, keep a bank account. Some day you will want to do business for yourself and you will doubtless have to start in a small way. Then your acquaintance and credit with your bank will be of service to you.

We do a general banking business. Deposits received subject to check at all times. Money loaned on approved notes. Exchange bought and sold on all parts of the world. Checks on all points received for deposit or collection. Fire-proof vaults for the safe keeping of valuable papers, deeds, etc.

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

The Southern National Bank

ENCOMIUM

In going through our ledger our attention is attracted to a long list of customers whose names have been on our books ever since the bank started. To these good friends this space is devoted entirely this week. We want to express to them our grateful appreciation of the business with which they have favored us, and to invite them to feel free to call on us when we can do them a favor.

Come to see us when in town and use our vaults for the protection of your valuable papers and our office to write your letters. You are always welcome.

We are under obligations for your account.

Capital, Surplus and Profits \$61,000.00

A GOOD BANK FOR GOOD PEOPLE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cord Wood for sale, 5 miles northwest of Merkel. Phone H. F. Richards. 1044pd.

Mrs. E. Hall was a social visitor in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham went to San Angelo in their car last week.

Mrs. John Meeks left for Putnam Monday to enter the sanitarium there.

Dr. J. H. Warnick was in Eskota the first of the week looking after business matters connected with the Eskota Trading Co.

W. H. Kendrick who has been in Houston for some time visiting his mother Mrs. Rohde, returned to his Merkel farm Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Provine came in Monday from Clyde and reports that Mr. Provine will soon follow and renew their residence in the Merkel country.

Harness Worth Buying

are the kind you want for both your work stock and your buggy horse. WE KNOW WHAT WE put into our harness and know they are good.

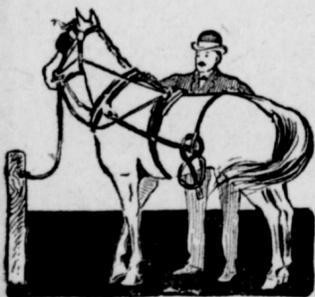


Figure With Us

on what you are going to need and see if we are not right.

**J. L. BANNER
& SON**

Our Big Clearance Sale Will Last Until Saturday, February 8th

Owing to the great need of more room for our Big New Spring Stock which will arrive soon we will extend the Low-Price-Making Event another week. It will certainly be to your great advantage to make every purchase possible within this short time as we are offering goods of every kind at prices that cannot be matched in any market.

YOU WILL HAVE TO HURRY

Men's \$1.25 work pants, this sale for 85c	Men's heavy whipcord work pants for \$1.35	7 spools best sewing thread, this sale for 25c	20c and 25c silk and satin ribbon for 10c
Men's \$1.50 sweater coats, this sale for 95c	Best grade overalls this sale for only 89c	7 dozen good pearl buttons, this sale for 25c	25c Buster Brown hosiery, this sale 20c
\$5.00 John B. Stetson hats, this sale \$3.75	All men's 50c work shirts, this sale only 39c	Ladies' 7/8c handkerchiefs, this sale 3c	7/8c outing flannels this sale for only 4c
50c heavy fleeced underwear for men 35c	75c and \$1.00 boys knee pants, this sale 50c	18 skeins embroidery cotton, this sale 25c	35c children's union suits, this sale for 20c
50c heavy ribbed underwear for men for 39c	Mens 50c winter caps this sale for only 39c	35c Turkish bath towels, this sale for 20c	Yard-wide brown domestic, this sale 5c

Parten Dry Goods Company

Merkel's Exclusive Cash Store

Luther Woodroof of Waxahachi came in Monday morning and promptly removed his coat and went to work for his brother W. D. Woodroof. The junior member of the family says Merkel still looks good to him after an absence of three years from our city.

Just received a car load of Lairbee flour. This is a pure Kansas flour and we will make a good price to you on it. Hamblet & Rogers.

Misses Mamie Cox and Nora Pitzer returned to their home in Abilene Sunday after a short visit here with Miss Zora West.

Miss Jessie Sutphen visited her mother Saturday and Sunday.

Tin Shop Sold.

The deal reported in our last weeks issue of the sale of the W. M. O'Briant tin shop to H. D. Clark failed to materialize at the eleventh hour and another deal has been consummated during this week which J. Z. Martin becomes the owner and proprietor of the establishment, taking over the business Tuesday morning. Mr. Turner who has had charge of the shop since the beginning of the Clark-O'Briant deal will continue in his capacity with Mr. Martin.

New Post Office Clerk.

Miss Annie Smith accepted a position this week with our local Uncle Sam, taking charge of the general delivery window.

Messrs John T. Johnson, J.W. Boudy, Walter Boothe and J. D. Dunaley all of Sweetwater were in the city Tuesday looking after business matters. The former remaining in town while the other were out looking over the Largent Blue Ribbon Ranch and contemplating the purchase of some better cattle than their country affords.

I will leave some time next week for St. Louis market and will take pleasure in looking after any special orders given me. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Roxie Banner is clerking for W. D. Woodaof & Company this week during the absence of Mrs. J. W. Daniel who is very sick.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Austin Fitts was here from Snyder last week.

We have a basket full of nice new Torchon laces at 50 per yard W. L. Harkrider.

Misses Maud Jenkins, Mattie Murphy and Melissa Smith were in Abilene Sunday.

A big shipment just received of new embroideries, 27-inch flouncing at 25c per yard. Harkrider's Store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. O'Briant and daughter Miss Annie Lou were visiting in Abilene Saturday.

We have one hundred pieces of new spring styles in "Red Seal" dress ginghams. Harkriders Store.

G. H. Johnson of Roscoe stopped off here Tuesday evening while on his way home from Abilene.

We are now ready to show the new 1913 models in Warner's "Rust Proof" corsets. Price \$1 and \$1.50. W. L. Harkrider.

Fritz Fulwiler of Abilene was here Sunday visiting R. O. Anderson.

We now have on display our first shipment of ladies four and five button oxfords, all new shapes and in the most popular leathers. Harkriders Store.

YOU KNOW

your business and I know mine. You know if you need glasses for your eyes



AND I KNOW

my business when it comes to fitting glasses. Come in and see me at Burroughs drug store.

**H. C. FLOYD
OPTICIAN**

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GOOD CHURCHES, GOOD PEOPLE,
THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,
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Any erroneous reflection on the character, standing or reputation of a person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The Mail will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

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.

FIRE FIENDS AT WORK IN MERKEL.

The most recent fire is a shock to the moral and civic sensibilities of our little town and a blot on our good name, for investigation establishes almost without the question of a doubt that there are those within our limits who will deliberately set fire to our homes.

It is well that this does arouse the sentiment and indignation of our citizens for this community censure is sure to put at once a stop to such work. Our limited vocabulary and unlimited respect for the eyes of our readers prevents us from trying to draw a word picture of one so void of right and so debase. There is a criminal offense for one who touches the torch to destroy property endangers the lives and property of those in the same vicinity. In our humble opinion one who would burn property for any unworthy cause would rob and steal in any other way if the opportunity presented itself. In our most modest manner the fire fiend is a most undesirable citizen and should be apprehended and punished.

The Mail suggests that our citizens as a whole arm themselves or have a blunderbus in their home and when they discover any midnight marauders on their premises or those of their neighbors or vacant property that they turn loose both barrels in the direction of said marauders to scare them and if they are accidentally killed it will be too bad for them but a good lesson and example for others.

Of course one should be very careful and it is possible to arrest or apprehend any such parties without the loss of life, or shedding of blood but in the event of such there could be no blame laid on the man who shoots to protect the lives or property of himself and loved ones.

This right is given to every citizen and there should be such strong sentiment created that a speedy stop will be put to such work.

GOOD ROADS FOR THE MERKEL COUNTRY.

There are times when a purely selfish interest is commendable; in fact if one does not look after himself he is very liable to be neglected.

On the other hand there are times when a liberal disposition is condemnable. We can be too liberal for our own selfish good and then all things are not good which are done under the cloak of liberality or for other's good entirely.

The building of good roads at this time is for the benefit of us now, this generation and while we are willing for those after us to enjoy the benefits of our work and money and example yet we believe that the most condemnable thought of the proposition is that we pay the most and get the most benefit.

The man who is unwilling to vote for a proposition which imposes a tax on the coming generation would stop the wheels of progress and the world from going around if he carried out his idea in all things. It is not good that we work

and slave and save to leave a big fortune for those after us to squabble over and squander and it is good if we leave them a few of our obligations for improvements they enjoy to settle. Any son of a gun who would raise objection to such a proposition would be too stingy to get much out of life and should have some of it taken away from him by process of taxation.

The building of good roads is a good proposition now for us and better for those after us but let's build them now so we can get some of the good.

There is a recent movement for the reorganization of our cemetery association along permanent lines and with a regular and systematic plan of work. This is commendable and the proposition should receive the hearty support and cooperation of every citizen of our town and country. Our cemetery is the last resting place of our best citizens, friends and loved ones and should always receive the tender care of those of us who survive. It is God's own land and in our care now and others later. Let's do our part well.

Since our last issue a brick building at McKinney collapsed during the progress of a sale in a popular dry goods store, killing eight persons and wounding fifteen others. A simple law providing for a building inspector and some work for the safety of our people would have prevented such a disaster, but made the owner of the property probably powerfully mad.

One who made a trip recently over the Canyon country said that it looked like a garden, practically all of the land put up in shape and ready for a new crop. There is something enterprising and hustling about those Canyon folks which makes out other citizens in other parts have to hustle to keep up. The Canyon is a great country.

This is the season to plant a few more shade trees. If you never do anything more or better leave the shade of at least a few trees as one good act of your life and if you do pass away you can truthfully reflect that the world is better and prettier as the result of the fact that you lived. Do it now while you are in good health.

The Merkel Mail has ordered a rain gauge which will keep accurate account of the amount of precipitation for the benefit of our readers. Here is hoping that it does rain before we get our gauge but that it pours down shortly thereafter. Come to Merkel.

If the merchants of Merkel would push and pull together all of the time they would all accomplish more good. The general and mutual interests of our people should be first and then our selfish interest later. Let's do something for us.

Up north some where a baby was sent by Parcel Post from its home to the home of its grandmother who lived five miles further down the R. F. D. The youngster was marked fourth class.

Some newspapers look like a calendar during the season for paying poll taxes and that reminds us this is your last chance—do it today or never, vote any this year.

The only thing in Abilene better than Merkel for the past twenty years was Mutt and Jeff, and there is no telling where they go.

Our idea of a editorial is just to make people think—even if dammit. Read the Mail and don't cuss.

REAL ESTATE AND LOANS

This is my business and if you have a farm to sell or will need any money during the year on your land or to take up vendor's lien notes then it may be that I can be of service to you.

MY LAND BUSINESS

This year I am going to make an extensive advertising campaign in some of the eastern and northern states and believe that I am going to get some prospectors to buy all of the real genuine bargains I can list in the Merkel country and this section. Am lining up with some big eastern and northern firms who say they will send me some buyers. I am going after the business and want your help.

EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT

If you have land to sell I want some of it on my exclusive contract. This is not to deprive any other real estate agent of business for there is more land here than we can all sell. This contract justifies me in spending my money in an effort to sell your land and protects me as well as you. It does not cost you anything unless your land sells and if it is sold then you are willing to pay the commission. If not I do not want your land. My time is not much but too valuable to put in working for some hide-bound, close-fist who does not want to pay me after I earn my commission. The best way to do business is to have an understanding and you come in and let's talk it over.

DO IT NOW

I am preparing my list now and right now is the time to list your land with me.

MY LOAN BUSINESS

I have the most liberal contract in this section and plenty of money at 8 and 10 per cent. In the last week I have loaned several thousand dollars for local parties to local citizens at 8 and 10 per cent and taken applications for \$20,000 at 8 per cent. If you need money on land or good paper come to see me. If I can do you no good I will do you no harm. All business strictly confidential.

Yours for Lands and Loans.

JNO. G. JACKSON

\$1000^{.00}
REWARD



\$1000^{.00}
REWARD

We will pay \$1,000.00 reward for an Empty Flour Bag from any mill in the United States---America---the World---containing a legitimate record like that printed upon our Famous PEACE MAKER bag, a cut of which appears on this page.

We have taken more premiums than any mill in the world. We were awarded the Gold Medal for making the best soft wheat flour at the World's Fair, Paris, France, in 1900. We were also awarded the Gold Medal on soft wheat flour by the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904. We were awarded the First Premium for the best barrel of soft wheat flour by the Great St. Louis Fair Association in 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899 and Sweepstakes Premium for the year 1898 and 1899, and First Premium by the Texas State Fair for the years 1887-88-89-90-91-92-93-95 and 1896, since which time we have been barred from competition on flour as shown by the following letter:

"Dallas, Texas, May, 7, 1897.

"Alliance Milling Co., Denton, Texas

"Gentlemen:—Replying to your favor of the 6th instant, making application for an exhibit of the product of your mill at our coming Fair beg to say that we will be pleased to have you make the exhibit, but must say that we will be compelled to bar you from competition for the prizes we offer in that department.

"We trust you will appreciate this move on our part and feel certain that you will when we call your attention to the fact that you have won **THE FIRST PREMIUM IN YOUR DEPARTMENT EVERY YEAR FROM 1887 to 1896 inclusive.**

Very respectfully,

"SYDNEY SMITH, Sec'y and Gen. Mgr."

As would be expected we are proud of this unparalleled record. We spare no pains or expense in holding our products up to the high standard that they have attained. While our Celebrated Peacemaker is inanimate yet it talks for itself.

THE ALLIANCE MILLING COMPANY, Denton, Texas

SOLD BY

Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

MERKEL :: TEXAS



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mrs. J. W. Daniel entertained Friday evening honoring her daughter Mrs. Sterling Miller of Abilene. The fascinating game of bridge was played at three tables. Miss Genevieve Rust and Deavenport Gaither tied for honors. Dainty refreshments were served to Misses Olga and Elma Sheppard, Zora Coggin, Genevieve Rust, Mesdames T. J. Coggin, E. M. Rust, Geo. L. Miller, Deavenport Gaither, W. H. Dickson, Messrs. Dee Grimes, Dem Rust, L. D. Gaither, Dr. Miller. A club was organized, to meet on Thursday evening with Mrs. J. W. Daniel president, Mrs. G. L. Miller score keeper. Mrs. T. J. Coggin will be hostess.

Mrs. W. Parten was a charming hostess Saturday afternoon to the members of the Twentieth Century club. The lessons were conducted by Miss May Valentine and Mrs. W. Parten. Mrs. G. F. West and Mrs. G. L. Hamilton were elected members of the executive board. Miss Evalyne Williams, Mesdames W. Parten and W. M. Jenkins were appointed for special committee work. Mrs. Parten assisted by her little daughter served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. H. C. Williams and Miss Evalyne Williams were hostesses Friday evening Jan. 17, when the Epworth League met in their hospitable home for their regular monthly meeting. The Abilene basket ball team and boosters were present to share in the pleasures, as were the young people of the different churches. These social meetings are growing in number. Many social games were played, interspersed with music. At the conclusion the hostesses served refreshments to about sixty young people.

Monday afternoon the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. H. C. Williams for their social meeting. Twelve members were present. The devotional meeting was led by Mrs. J. W. Jennings, followed by a discussion on the topics the ladies had been studying in their society. Grape juice and cake were served.

Nickel Store Moves.

Dr. J. M. C. King has this week moved his Nickel Store from the Crenshaw building on Kent street to the opposite side of the street into the building at the rear of McClain's Drug Store. Dr. J. H. Warnick owner of the building has remodeled the place putting a new and modern awning at the front and having the entire building renovated until it looks like new. Dr. King contemplates putting in a complete line of racket goods in his new place just as soon as he can get things arranged.

Train Kills Man.

Beeville, Jan., 27.—W. L. Moody of Stockdale, 30, was killed by a San Antonio & Aransas Pass train here yesterday. How he fell under the cars is not known. Head, arms and legs were severed.

Well! Well!

If you want a well or a windmill or a pump fixed see J. T. Coats or phone No. 2. Feb1-13pd



GIVES MIDNIGHT ALARM

Farmer Stout was awakened from a sound sleep by the ringing of his telephone bell. The barn of his neighbor, three miles down the turnpike, had been broken into and a driving horse stolen.

The horse-thieves were headed toward the Stout farm. Calling his hands he armed his forces, lined them upon the turnpike, captured the thieves and held them until the arrival of the Sheriff.

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. DALLAS, TEXAS



UP-TO-DATE AND NOVEL

Advertising Methods Adopted By An Enterprising House.

That Merkel is fast becoming metropolitan in the methods of advertising used by our merchants to call the buying public's attention to the many splendid values which they are offering, also that the wide-awake firm of West Texas Hardware Co. is keeping up with and just a little ahead of the times in an advertising respect is again practically demonstrated by what is perhaps the most elaborate system of advertising ever attempted by any business house in this section, namely: the giving away of the beautiful Parlor Piano which is now on exhibition at their store.

This piano retails at \$400 each, guaranteed for ten years. The principal points of superiority of this celebrated piano over any other of this class of instruments lie in the three strings in unison with overstrung bass, the splendidly pitched scale and true sounding board which gives the piano that rich, deep, even tone so much admired.

In a recent interview with Mr. Scott regarding this decided innovation in advertising Mr. Scott stated: "We have been enjoying the patronage and confidence of the buyers of this community for some time now and by always trying to keep our stocks complete the saying that 'You can get it at the West Texas Hardware Co.' has become a household expression. In giving away this piano we are actuated by a double purpose, to show our appreciation of the patronage of our friends during the past, also to encourage new trade and to bring the many splendid values we are now showing in all lines to the attention of every buyer in this territory. The plan we are using in giving away this piano is equitable and fair to all, simply this, every person buying one dollar's worth of anything in our store will receive a coupon good for 100 votes. The person returning to us on Saturday, Aug. 1, 1913, the largest number of votes will be given the piano absolutely free of all cost. No favors will be shown. Our reputation for 'square dealing' assures

THE LIFE OF THE Night - Riders

2000 Feet of Hand-Colored Moving Pictures. Historical, Thrilling, Sensational, Educational, Moral and Refined. Lectured Thruout. Also our Regular 3-Real Program

Saturday Night

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Admission Ten and Twenty

Don't fail to see the Night Riders in their Original Costumes on the streets Saturday.

JOHN R. DANIEL

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable SOUTH SIDE

Automobile Service in Connection

Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

THE MERKEL GARAGE

Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS.

If you need anything in our business give us a call.

S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

our customers of that fact."

This four hundred dollar Parlor Piano is surely a present worth having and we predict a very "merry race" for votes during the next few months.

The West Texas Hardware Co. is surely to be congratulated upon their broad-minded methods and "Trade Getter" advertising system.—Adv.

Henry King Returns Home.

Henry King the thirteen year old son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. C. King was able to return from the sanitarium at Abilene Tuesday where he was taken over a week ago following an accident that caused him to lose the sight of one eye. He is reported to be getting along nicely

BETTER MEDICINE THAN CALOMEL

Dodson's Liver Tone, a safe Vegetable Liquid Now Takes the Place of Calomel, the Powerful Mineral Drug.

Many people know the danger of calomel, yet they take it because they know of nothing better. Other people are not afraid of calomel because they do not understand what a dangerous drug it is.

No one needs to take dangerous calomel (which is made from mercury) if they are near a store where Dodson's Liver Tone is sold. Rust & McCauley sell Dodson's Liver Tone, and guarantee it to be a perfect substitute for calomel. It is a pleasant tasting vegetable tonic that livens up the liver without causing any restriction of habit or diet. It has none of the bad after-effects of calomel and is safe for children as well as grown-ups. adv

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

GEO. C. CHATWIN

Practical and Expert

TAILOR

Ladies garments a specialty

Suits to Order from \$15.00 up.

Trousers to Order from \$5.00 up.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

ACCOUNT

MARDIGRAS

Jan. 30—Feb. 4

NEW ORLEANS, LA.



Will sell Tickets at Exceptionally Low Rates.

Round Trip Fare Limited to February 14.

Can be extended to March 3

See T. & P. Agent, or write GEO. D. HUNTER General Passenger Agent Dallas, Texas.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY Will Surely Stop That Cough.

PROFESSIONAL

DR. S. L. DAVIS DENTIST

Office over Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Phones—Office 154, residence 167

O. F. McMASTER

DENTIST

Terms Cash

Office over F. and M. Natl. Bank

M. ARMSTRONG, M. D.

Practicing Physician

Office at Grimes Drug Store

Merkel, Texas

Telephones: Res. 1-2; Office 1-0-5



EYES PROPERLY TESTED. Glasses Correctly Fitted. All Work Guaranteed.

DRS. ADKISSON & MILLER



Eyes Tested and Fitted by the science of drugless refraction. Examination Free. All Work Guaranteed.

Mrs. E. M. RUST, Optometrist At Rust & McCauley's Drug Store

W. W. WHEELER

Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent Notary Public.

Office up stairs in First National bank building

W. T. POTTER, LAWYER

Land Title and Notary Work

Office J H Thornton Building

Telephones: Office 1-8-9; Home 2-2-7

Merkel, Texas

Taylor County Abstract Co.

Complete Abstract of all Titles in Taylor county, including all City property.

Office in First State Bank and Trust Company Abilene, Texas

Your work appreciated. Prompt Service at Reasonable Rates

GEO. C. BISHOP :: Manager

G. C. WILLIAMS G. W. JOHNSON

WILLIAMS & JOHNSON

Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agents

Respectfully Solicit Your Business

Notary Public in Office

Office over Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel :: Texas

DANIEL PRINTING COMPANY

Exclusive Job Printers

Magee Building.

Prompt attention to Mail Orders.

ABILENE : : : : TEXAS

SHAVING AND BATH PARLORS

The most up-to-date

SHOP IN MERKEL

CITY BARBER SHOP

WEST & PATE, Proprietors

THE CITY TAILOR SHOP

Renovating and Alteration work done to your

SATISFACTION.

Ladies work a specialty

BONEY & RENFRO, Props.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a medicine of real merit. For sale by all dealers. adv



A Picture of Contentment

All men look pleased when they smoke this choice tobacco—for all men like the rich quality and true, natural flavor of

Liggett & Myers
Duke's Mixture

Smoked in pipes by thousands of men—everywhere known to cigarette smokers as "the makings."

We take unusual pride in Liggett & Myers Duke's Mixture. It is our leading brand of granulated tobacco—and every sack we make is a challenge to all other tobacco manufacturers. Every 5c sack of this famous tobacco contains one and a half ounces of choice granulated tobacco, in every way equal to the best you can buy at any price, and with each sack you get a book of cigarette papers FREE.

If you have not smoked the Duke's Mixture made by the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. at Durham, N. C., try it now.

Get a Camera with the Coupons

Save the coupons. With them you can get all sorts of valuable presents—articles suitable for young and old; men, women, boys and girls. You'll be delighted to see what you can get free without one cent of cost to you. Get our new illustrated catalog. As a special offer, we will send it free during December and January only. Your name and address on a postal will bring it to you.



Coupons from Duke's Mixture may be applied with tags from HORSE SHOE, J. T. TINSLEY'S NATURAL LEAF, GRAN-GER TWIST, coupons from FOUR ROSES (Use in double coupons), PICK PLUG CUT, PIEDMONT CIGARETTES, CLIX CIGARETTES, and other tags or coupons issued by us.

Premium Dept.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Oldest Firm in Merkel.

The place to buy your groceries is where you can get the highest quality of goods in Merkel. Of course we have some low priced goods to meet competition that carry cheap goods.

We guarantee every high quality brand that goes out of our store. Come and spend your cash with us so it will enable us to furnish and to carry your neighbor to make a crop or a failure. We are very sure you would not want to take the risk just like the firm that only sells for spot cash, it is natural and right to help those who help you and next fall when you market your cotton we assure you that we will give you or assist you in getting the highest price for your cotton.

If you are not a customer come around and examine our stock of grocers, the nicest and largest stock of groceries west of Fort Worth so the traveling men say.

Very respectfully,
Hamblet & Rogers.

Appropriate Course.

"So we're short on space? What shall I do with this appendix story?"
"Cut it out."
"And this story of the man who hanged himself?"
"Cut him down."

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed; deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. adv

Marrying for Money.

"Why do you prefer Mr. Jombat to Mr. Wipfiddle? Mr. Wipfiddle has the most money."
"But Mr. Jombat has only one lung."

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by all dealers. adv

Probably Not.

"The doctor says I musn't read anything exciting."
"I've brought you a nice book entitled 'How to Know the Wild Flowers.'" I don't think that will increase your heart action very much."

How Foolish

to suffer from skin diseases [Itch Eczema, Ringworm, etc.] when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial. adv

Now Living in Quiet.

Mme. Steinhell, who had such a stormy time on her sensational trial and acquittal, is now living in a rural retreat near London with her daughter and son-in-law, who is an Italian artist. In the quiet of her retreat she has written the story of her life, which has just been published.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. For sale by all dealers. adv

LOOK! LOOK!

And see what you are paying for your groceries. Why don't you spend your money with the man who pays cash for his goods and you can see that he saves you money. I will quote prices to show my contention; you can compare them with the prices you are paying and you will see for yourself.

Extra High Patent Flour.....	\$2.85
Pearl Meal.....	65c
Cream Meal.....	70c
25 lbs. Sugar.....	\$1.40
100 lbs. Sugar.....	\$5.50
Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup in bbls. gal	50c
Irish Potatoes, per bushel.....	\$1.00
Evaporated Apples, per lb.....	10c
Evaporated Peaches, per lb.....	10c
18 pounds Y C Sugar.....	\$1.00

You will find lots of other things the same way and I handle feed also, so it will pay you to come around and see me before you buy. Every farmer ought to borrow money and pay cash for his goods instead of buying and paying that big credit price and that 10 per cent added. So come around and give me a chance at your bill of Groceries : : : : : :

WALTER CLARK

Rev. W. M. Gady of Athens who was to preach at the Baptist church Sunday, has announced that it will be the following Sunday before can reach here.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. adv

Roy Cogburn returned home Wednesday, after being away for some time.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

W. A. Cozart was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Calomel is Bad

but Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. (In yellow tin boxes only.) Tried once, used always. adv

Language of the Professions.

Scientific terms are ordinarily crammed without mercy into the medical certificates that are brought into courts of justice. These have always the effect of thoroughly frightening the magistrates, who hardly understand them more than do the good public.

At a recent court session M. Masse, the presiding judge, interrupted the reading of a medical certificate:

"When will these doctors resolve to abandon their gibberish and speak French?"

"Monsieur the president, the doctors remain as they were in the time of Moliere."

The presiding judge said with a sigh: "They are worse than in the time of Moliere. In that epoch at least the doctors made use of a kind of Latin that one could understand. Today no one can understand them at all."

"Does Monsieur the President believe that the gibberish of the lawyers is any more understandable than that of the doctors?"—Le Cri de Paris.

RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS Relieve Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

Which is Better—Try an Experiment or Profit by a Merkel Citizen's Experience

Something new is an experiment. Must be proved to be as represented. The statement of a manufacturer is not convincing proof of merit. But the endorsement of friends is. Now supposing you had a bad back, a lame, weak or aching one, would you experiment on it? You will read of many so-called cures, endorsed by strangers from far-away places. It's different when the endorsement comes from home. Easy to prove local testimony. Home endorsement is the proof that backs every box of Doan's Kidney Pills.

Read this case: B. J. Rhodes, Merkel, Texas, says: "I used several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and was greatly benefited. I was in bad shape with my back for a long time and my kidneys and bladder were weak. Doan's Kidney Pills quickly cured me and now I seldom have occasion to use a kidney remedy. When I do, it is always Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.—Adv.

Wonderful Kano.

In many ways is Kano a wonderful place to find in central Africa. This native city has great enfolding walls, twelve miles in circumference, pierced by thirteen deep gateways with platform and guardhouse and massive doors heavily clamped with iron. Its written records date back nearly 800 years. And although incomparably the most important it is not the oldest of these Hausa cities—Katsina, now in the same province, is probably older.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edna, Mo., says: "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by all dealers. adv

PILES get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For City Marshal
W. N. HALL (re-election)
S. L. OWENS

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel.. 10:01 p. m.
Train No. 4 " " .. 11:38 a. m.
Train No. 6 " " .. 12:13 a. m.
Train No. 8 " " .. 8:15 a. m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel.. 4:02 a. m.
Train No. 3 " " .. 5:32 p. m.
Train No. 5 " " .. 5:26 a. m.
Train No. 7 " " .. 4:58 p. m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 st p at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m. R. A. Clements, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Sunday school at 9:45; E. P. McMillen, superintendent. Excepting the first Sunday in each month there will be preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. On the first Sunday evening in each month there will be song service. Prayermeeting each Wednesday evening with International Sunday school lesson as a subject. The public cordially invited. Geo. Hamilton, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Preaching each 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school each Sunday at 10 o'clock. Regular church services at 3 a. m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. adv

TOP PRICE FOR YOUR POULTRY



We are still paying the top prices for country produce and are enlarging our capacity to handle your produce at the highest market prices. We buy

CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, BUTTER, EGGS, BEESWAX, TINFOIL AND HIDES.

We will always be wide-awake to your interest with cash on hand at all times to pay for what we buy

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.
W. P. DUCKETT, Produce Manager.

Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chillblains.

There is nothing that gives so quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The very minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniment has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. adv

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year



Shoes!
SHOES
SHOES



THE SHOES THAT
HIT THE MARK

Fifty-three cases of shoes just received, consisting of infants, children, boys, women and men's quality footwear. We are now prepared to fill the desired want in shoes for the whole family. Women know that quality is the essence of economical shoe buying and they readily recognize the necessary quality in White House shoes. The quality of leather, linings and trimmings when compared with other shoes readily convinces every purchaser as to their superior merits. Come and examine our stock and get our prices before you buy.

Every pair made to fit. 6 new styles in ladies tan and gunmetal button boots. 10 new styles in boys school and dress shoes in gunmetal and tan button and blucher shoes. Price \$2.25 to **\$3.00**

22 different styles in men's Dress Shoes, including the famous Dr. Sawyer's Cushion Sole, tan, gunmetal, kid, velior calf and kangaroo leathers in the latest styles in both button and blucher shoes. Price \$2.50 to **\$5.50**

We have an exceptionally good line of men's every-day and work shoes in ten different styles. Price \$2.20 to **\$3.50**

Remember every pair of men's and boys' shoes in the house are new in every respect. Our entire shoe stock is complete and we can fit you in all the latest styles.

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

Jan. 28—Everybody out this way is turning the soil.

The fruit supper at Car. Lyles was greatly enjoyed.

Chas. Higgins and family spent Saturday with Joe Higgins.

J. W. Teaff and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Sunday.

Miss Oma Taylor spent Saturday with Miss Lyda Beavers.

J. R. Hester and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Higgins.

The birthday dinner given Sunday by Mrs. W. B. Robertson in honor of her twin boys, Austin and Houston's 20th birthday, was greatly enjoyed by those present.

S. W. Taylor and J. L. Barker were in Abilene Tuesday looking after business.

W. B. Beavers left Tuesday for his farm in Jones county where he will spend a few days.

J. W. Hardy and daughters were visiting Wesley Hardy and wife Sunday.

W. Z. Harris has placed a new telephone in his home and is now prepared to hear all the neighborhood news.

W. M. Hays and wife spent a few hours Sunday with the family of W. B. Beavers.

Castle Peak Pickups.

Misses Nell and Lucy Tracy of Merkel were visiting Misses May and Gertie Moore last week.

Homer Patterson and Miss Pearl Baccus attended Sunday school at Mount Pleasant Sunday.

Guy Sullivan and wife spent

Sunday with Frank Whisenhunt and family.

Buck Moore and little daughter Merle spent Sunday with Eugene Patterson and family.

Mrs. Campbell and daughters Vergia and Flossie of Merkel spent Saturday at the home of J. A. Dulin.

Mr. Barnes, wife and daughter Clara spent Saturday night with Clef Barnes and wife.

W. J. Dulin and wife of Merkel were visiting at the home of J. A. Dulin Sunday.

Miss Pearl Baccus was in Merkel Saturday shopping.

Miss Ada Brown visited in Merkel Saturday.

Butman Community.

Jan. 27—A good many of our farmers are through plowing.

Sam Butman Jr. says he has four plows running turning the soil for a 600 acre crop.

Jasper McCoy passed through here Wednesday with three cars of cattle to be shipped to Fort Worth.

The school childrens literary society is in session every Friday afternoon.

C. McCauley and John Hart of Abilene and J. W. Moore and Ernest Moore of Blair visited the B. T. Ranch Saturday.

Misses Nanna Richburg and Mattie Randolph were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Earl Perkins and Sam Butman attended church at Cross Roads Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Saffie preached at Cross Roads Sunday, Lee Pribble conducting the singing.

Albert Greeg is havinw some work done on his house.

HAVE YOU A

CLOCK
OR
WATCH

That is out of fix? If so bring it in and have it made new.



That is My Businss

and a life-time of study and experience makes me able to promise and guarantee you satisfaction.

Bring me your broken Clock or Watch.

Repair work is my Specialty

S. S. Scheidler

Opposite the Postoffice

Inkum Items.

Jan. 28—Messrs. Martin and Freeman of Caps made a business trip to this section Monday.

J. A. Tubb was in Abilene last week.

Miss Nellie Tarvis who has been quite sick with pneumonia is improving but her sister Ruth continues real sick, and their mother was taken dangerously ill Thursday.

School was suspended Thursday at Elm Grove on account of the illness of the teacher.

T. E. Reynolds made a trip to Merkel Saturday.

Jim Tubb is sick at the home of his brother.

Fred Brookerson of Buffalo Gap attended preaching at Elm Grove Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Wilson and daughter Miss Mae were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

E. D. Coats of Merkel was in this section last week.

Mr. Lamb a Simmons College student preached at Elm Grove Sunday.

J. A. Wills and wife visited the latters mother near View last week.

S. E. Hallmark and family of Mulberry Canyon visited relatives near here Saturday and Sunday.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Blair Echoes.

Mrs. W. A. Hall has been very sick while in Merkel.

Roland Gowens made a trip to Abilene Monday.

W. N. Moore of Compere was Blair last week.

Jas. W. Mayfield and Ora were in Merkel Saturday.

Claud Doan and family have returned to Trent.

Henry Foster, Earl Smith and Ford Palmer of Compere visited friends in Blair Saturday night.

Ernest Reeves was on the sick list last week.

Ernest Moore is at home from Abilene.

Bro. Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday.

Jacob Reeves accompanied by Miss Myrtle Reeves visited relatives at Sylvester Saturday and Sunday.

Compere Items.

Jan. 27—Health is very good.

Miss Annabelle Moore has returned from her visit to Mulberry Canyon.

Rev. L. Y. Walker filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. Adkins and daughter Mary visited Mrs. Nelson Saturday.

Compere school is progressing nicely.

The farmers are making nice progress toward a crop.

Some of our young men visited Blair Saturday night.

Lee Williams is reported sick at his home.

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