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LARGENT IS WINNER

Merkel Man Makes Clean Sweep at Fat Stock Show.

BLUE RIBBON HERD HEREFORDS

"Victor Fairfax," and "Baby Doll," Show Themselves to be Best Bull and Cow in Our Sunny Southland.

The account of the premiums and awards at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show shows another almost clean sweep for the Merkel Blue Ribbon Herd of Herefords owned by C. M. Largent. This is good news for our town and country but no surprise. The Blue Ribbon Herd did the same thing at the Dallas and Shreveport fairs this year and at practically all of the southern shows for the last several years, and it has been stated repeatedly by the judges that our townsman could take his herd to the International at Chicago and do the same trick. Why not, please? We reflect that "Victor Fairfax" boasts parents both of whom were grand champions at the International show. His family are known and have proven themselves the best in the world. And "Baby Doll," the young calf which has shoved her mother, "Queen Victoria" off the boards is the best in the land. Until the time of "Baby Doll," "Victoria" always took first premiums and grand championships. The rest of the herd is in proportion and the best bunch of cattle on the continent.

The Fort Worth Record has the following to say:

And Largent Did It.

When it comes to making records in a calf steer show, C. M. Largent of Merkel is some showman, likewise some feeder and judge of Hereford cattle. Tuesday Morning the judges called the Herefords into the arena. There were great classes of the steers, from 2-year-old to junior calves, and the latter still are absorbing nourishment from some accommodating nurse cow. In every class Largent showed, and he got first prize in every class and sweepstakes on top of that, and the championship to cap all of it, and he performed the latter feat with a suckling calf. This is the first time within the memory of those who have attended fat stock shows that such a thing has been done. And then Largent went into the registered Hereford ring and captured the sweepstakes on bull and cow—just to show that he had the foundation stock from which to produce champion calves.

With a champion of two years ago, with a champion from last spring's show and a champion at this show, it would seem that Largent of Merkel had all that one man could ask for; but it is hinted that he has designs upon the International at Chicago. Hope he will go and make another championship score. The man who can breed better cattle than any other Hereford breeder in Texas has all men's hats of to him. May his tribe increase.

Mrs. C. L. McNees is visiting her sons in Dallas.

OUR TOWN'S THANKSGIVING

Merkel is thankful:

That we have the best little country town in this section of the state.

That we have gone forward and accomplished many good things during the recent short crop years instead of resting on our oars and waiting for more favorable signs.

That our people are still united and bound together by the bonds of their mutual interests in spite of the conditions which threatened strife and dissension many times.

That at this time we have the best season and prospects in our country for many years and all of which promise for us next year the greatest annual progress and prosperity in our history.

That we have as good town morally as materially and that the same conditions which promise co-operation and progress for us in material matters forecast the same advancement of our moral interests.

That our city council is going to provide us with a brand new modern system of street lights and going to make for us many more first-class graded and gravel streets, all of which will make us appear more attractive to the prospectors and strangers within our gates.

That during the coming year there will be built over our precinct a system of first-class highways which will enhance the values of our lands and be a source of pleasure and profit for our farmers and travelers in our midst.

That the Texas & Pacific Railway Company will co-operate with our municipality and citizens in the improvement of our town and will build for us a first-class passenger depot and make their right-of-way a thing of beauty instead of an eyesore for us and their other patrons and passengers.

That there is going to be a get-together spirit in our town and country and that there will be something doing all of the time next year for the mutual benefit, improvement and progress of our town and country, and

Therefore, there will be more accomplished for our good during 1914 than during the past several years and this is why you should come to Merkel to trade and live and invest some of your money in our properties.

"Sis Perkins."

An enthusiast who writes for the Kansas City Star, saw "Sis Perkins" at the Auditorium Theatre in that city last spring and wrote of it as follows:

"If a comedy may be rated by the quantity of laughter it evokes from the audience, then Sis Perkins must be the funniest comedy ever written. The crowd at the Auditorium last night laughed itself sick and then laughed itself well again. I had never heard so much laughter in a theatre. It wasn't ordinary laughter; it wasn't merely the vocal smile; it was screaming, shrieking laughter and it sounded as though a thousand people had gone mad with joy.

"Sis Perkins makes the thin fat, and the fat thin; it polishes the theatre and exercises the ribs; it is pepsin for indigestion and massage for nerves; invalids are never well made well while they wait; cripples leave their crutches at the box office, and callously healthy persons find a new use for their well-being.

It must not be understood, however, that Sis Perkins is all laughter. There is a story that touches the serious side of life, and the character of "Sis", which may be described as a modern Cinderella, appeals strongly to the sympathies. It tells of a girl, young, bright, innocent, care-free, bubbling over with the joy of living, sudden brought face to face with a great tragedy and burdened with a great responsibility. In the end she overcomes all obstacles, and wins the love of her hero, of course. No play would be complete without a touch of sentiment telling the "old, old story", but in Sis Perkins it is told in an original way and its appeal is unusually strong.

"Sis Perkins" is presented

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Oliver typewriter No. 5, in good condition. Price \$50.00. Jno. G. Jackson. 28-dh.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A livery barn and wagon yard combined, one residence, all in the town of Merkel, free from incumbrance. What have you to offer. Write or come to see me at Merkel, Texas. A. C. Boney. Spt-tf

STENOGRAPHER—Letter writing and special work; charges reasonable. Fannie Moore, at Merkel Mail Office.

FOR SALE—A limited number of my famous Wyandotte chickens. H. M. Rose, Merkel, Texas. Spt

FOR SALE—Work stock, sulky plow 12-inch hand plow and wagon cheap for cash or good note. Dr. Armstrong.

LOST—A black fur coat at the Opera House Friday night. Mrs. G. J. Jones.

FOR SALE—Work horses, mules and farming implements. F. J. Smith.

FOR SALE—We have several good work horses and mules for sale, cash or approved note. Also have two good cows, fresh in milk. Anchor Hardware Company.

LOST—One pair of gold rimmed glasses somewhere between Judge Cobb's office and Hogue-Hamilton Co. Finder return to Mrs. M. R. Woodrum.

this season by a company of unusual ability. It is meeting with marked success all along the line and the people of Merkel will have a treat in store for them on Wed. Dec. 3.

At the Plain Price Nickle Store you can find anything that wish for a holiday present. Call when in town and see our display of nice presents for the holidays and New Year.

Mrs. Sam Bacon Dead.

News was received in Abilene last night of the death of Mrs. Sam Bacon which occurred at Big Springs, Texas, at ten p. m. Monday. Mrs. Bacon is an own niece of W. H. and J. R. Spaulding, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Miller who lived in Abilene for many years. Mr. Sam Bacon, the husband of Mrs. Bacon, is a brother of C. W. Bacon of the Wooten Grocery Company of this city.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the residence of C. W. Bacon, 1545 North Fifth Street. The body arrived in the city over the 11.31 Texas and Pacific this morning and was accompanied by the following relatives:

Mrs. Geo. Logsdan, Miss Hattie Miller, a sister; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bacon and Mr. S. Will Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Miller, parents of the deceased, will arrive in the city over the No. 3 Texas and Pacific this afternoon.

The deceased, with her good parents made her home in our little town for several years and her many friends grieve to learn of her untimely death. The Mail joins with our town and community in sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

Mrs. A. C. McGee of Detroit arrived yesterday morning to spend Thanksgiving and a short visit with her parents Mayor and Mrs. J. J. Stallings.

Miss Beulah Echols of Simmons College spent the week end with Mrs. W. E. Britian.

Misses Willie and May Valentine are visiting in Dallas. Just received a new line of griffon manicure sets and fancy cases for gents and ladies. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

MERKEL IS UNITED

Merchants Will Continue Efforts for Increased Trade.

ON BASIS QUALITY AND PRICE

County Attorney Keeble Advises That Automobile Can Not be Awarded by Brawling as Premiums.

Our little town has just barely escaped a form of insanity to be defined as Automobilius dementia, ala premiumisticus, no doubt but which if not for County Attorney's vaccination would have sent our citizenship to the mad house if not where they could make goo-goo eyes at their competitors through little squares of iron bars. Our town was about to go premium mad and if anyone happens to ask you, tell them there is a gameness here seldom found in towns many times the size of this.

All of the trouble was the result of the extreme of co-operative advertising and without any attempt at reporting the series of meetings of our citizens we will say that at the last there was a vote to abandon the premium advertising for the present and all together to unite in the greatest trade-pulling campaign every inaugurated by a town just on the basis of quality and the price. Our merchants know that the price is the thing and with cheap rents and other advantages they are going to give greater bargains and better values than any town in this section.

The Mail asks for them the assistance of every friend of Merkel and request that you keep your eyes on our columns and take advantage of the opportunities offered. Read the ads in this issue and tell your friends about Merkel. Come to Merkel.

Contract for Ditch.

The contract of the city for the ditch which promises relief for our neighbors and friends in the southeast part of town from overflow has been let by the city to C. L. McNees. The contract calls for a ditch twenty feet wide and two feet deep on the line of the road or street on the east of the Boyse addition and which it is believed will relieve the situation. At a later date the city expects the cooperation of the country and the railroad to the extent that the situation will be made good and the water carried entirely through the town. Our council is doing their part now and should receive the commendation and help of all interested.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Nov. 29 1913:

Walker, W. A.
Walker, J. C.
Thoop, D. S.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Dec. 13, 1913.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

Ginners Notice

Beginning this week we will gin only on Saturdays until further notice. Brown Gin, Fred Guitar, Manager.

**A BIG FAT TURKEY
OR ANY OTHER OF LIFE'S
LUXURIES ARE EASIEST FOR
THE MAN WITH THE BIG FAT
BANK ACCOUNT - YOU CAN
HAVE ONE WHEN YOU START
ONE - NOT BEFORE**



The FARMERS STATE BANK

Well, are we all thankful this Thanksgiving day? Yes those of us who are enjoying health and prosperity. This year your money in the bank has piled up until it looks very comfortable. You can enjoy your turkey. If you just get a bank account and keep feeding it all next year it will be a BIG, FAT BANK ACCOUNT. This bank is always on the lookout for an opportunity to be of service to its Customers.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank
We Thank You For The Business Given Us

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK

MILLION BARRELS OF FOREIGN FLOUR IS SOLD IN TEXAS ANNUALLY.

**Texas Millers Heavy Purchasers
of Oklahoma and Kansas
Wheat.**

**Industry Susceptible to Mar-
velous Development.**

The flour mills of Texas constitute one of the most important industries in the State. According to the Federal census report of 1910, we have 238 mills, employing 1,899 people and representing an investment of \$13,219,000. The industry has shown an increase of 118 mills and an increase of investment during the past decade of \$9,236,000 and now ranks third among our industries as to capital and second in value of its output.

We have a flour milling capacity of 7,800,000 barrels annually. The average consumption per capita is about one barrel per annum or approximately 4,000,000 barrels, leaving 3,800,000 barrels to seek an export market. A few mills not able to enter the export trade have been compelled to shut down for want of a market, although a million barrels of foreign flour are sold in Texas each year. The patronage of home industry would open these mills and give employment to 500 people and increase the demand for wheat raised by the Texas farmers.

The miller is perhaps the only manufacturer in Texas that has outgrown the raw material produced on our farms. We produced last year 11,025,000 bushels of wheat which is 25,000,000 below the annual capacity of the mills. The Texas millers are heavy purchasers of Oklahoma and Kansas wheat. A number of the Texas mills have built up an extensive export trade with Central America, Cuba, Porto Rico, and quite a few of them go to England and the Continent with a considerable bulk of their output.

The opening of the Panama canal will enlarge the marketing zone of the Texas output and call for an increase in the area of our wheat fields, but both the farmer and the miller need the friendship of the consumer in building up our flour industry.

Mrs. T. E. Collins returned home Wednesday from Thornton where she has been for the past few weeks visiting relatives.

J. I. Leamon passed through here Wednesday enroute to Trent after a few weeks visit to Thornton with relatives.

Ruth and Victoria Clements and brothers left Tuesday for Colorado City where they will join their parents Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Clements in their new home at that place.

Notice Hunters.

Hereafter all shooting on my farm will be prohibited to everyone. This rule will be strictly enforced to all. Please stay out with your gun. J. B. Walton.

Pink Shell Cameos

Are becoming popular as a personal ornament and must be expected as a revival of fashion very popular many years ago. When artistic work the very high standard in the cutting of the cameos was attained. The shell cameos being inexpensive make a beautiful and becoming ornament for a birthday or Christmas present. See the new and up-to-date line at Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Mrs. H. Peterson of Trent was in the city Friday.

Mrs. R. E. Dillard visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gaither last week.

Owing to the bad weather the patrons of the Merkel schools were not able to visit them. During next week all patrons of the schools will be cordially invited to visit them and see the good work that is being done.

All the Merkel teachers are in Dallas this week attending the teachers institute which is in session at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cotton of Trent visited here Friday.

Miss Lou Greer of Pickeville, Tenn., has returned home after spending a year here with her niece, Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Miss Zula Huffaker was an Abilene visitor Saturday.

Miss Minnie Harris went to Snyder Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. P. Duckett.

Oscar Saffle of Caps is here visiting G. W. Brady and family.

John Collins is in Ft. Worth this week attending the Fat Stock show.

W. O. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. L. Burns, C. C.
S. Hamilton, Clerk.

Buggies for Sale.

Am closing out my line of buggies and have several which I will sell at bargain prices.

E. D. Coats.

Miss Eula Sears is at home from Ft. Worth, where she was called by the illness of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ray and children, Miss Grace and Eugene are here from Cleburne visiting Mrs. Ray's sister, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Mrs. R. J. Reed of Abilene is visiting her niece, Mrs. M. D. Angus. She will also visit her sister, Mrs. T. F. Compton and cousin, Mrs. W. Parten.

PROFESSIONAL

DR. S. L. DAVIS
DENTIST

Office over Woodroof and Company.
Phones—Office 154, residence 34

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
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EYES PROPERLY TESTED. Glasses Correctly Fitted. All Work Guaranteed.
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Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident
Insurance Agents
Respectfully Solicit Your Business
Notary Public in Office
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National Bank
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The most up-to-date
SHOP IN MERKEL
CITY BARBER SHOP
WEST & PATE, Proprietors

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

C. D. MIMS
Attorney-At-Law

General Practice and Collections
Land Title Work a Specialty
Office over Farmers State Bank.

8 PER CENT MONEY
Plenty of it on 5 or 10 years
time, with the privilege of pay-
ing 1-10 each year. See me
at once if you want a loan. I
have the best contract ever
offered. **V. E. Muir,**
Abilene Texas. 28-N.

J. T. WARREN, President

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

No. 7481



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We appreciate all business entrusted to us promising
prompt and careful consideration to banking matters.

Liberal Accomodations to Our Customers

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, President G. F. West, V.-President Henry James, V.-President
Thos. Johnson, Cashier Ben T. Merritt, Assistant Cashier
Ed S. Hughes C. P. Warren

Specials For Next Saturday And Monday

Pre---Special Sale Bargains For Our Customers

We Announce to Our Friends And Customers a Special Discount or Saving of From 10 to 20 Per Cent on Everything in Our Store For Saturday And Monday -- -- -- -- --

Our Big Pre-Special Sale Opens Next Thursday

- - Watch For And Read Our Big Add And Circular - -

Our Store Will be Closed Wednesday Making Preparation For Our Final Campaign of The Year for Business. We Have a Big Stock of Goods and Most of which Must be Sold Before Time for Invoicing and we are Going to put on the Greatest Bonafide Value Giving Sale Ever in Merkel - = = = = =

W. D. Woodroof & Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Vernon Boring visited relatives in Fort Worth the latter part of last week.

Capt. Oliver was in Abilene Tuesday attending to business matters.

Merrimac bulk chocolates at the Elite.

Oak barrels for sale at the Elite.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gazzaway, a girl, on Tuesday morning of this week.

Mrs. W. C. Calvert and children of Sweetwater were here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Chas. Russell and Frank Hamm left Sunday afternoon for Van Horn and other places on business.

Over \$3000 worth of brand new jewelry, cut glass and silverware on sale. We do not handle any cheap jewelry. We guarantee all of our goods to be best. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine left Friday night for Meridian to visit their daughter Mrs. Vernon Sutphen. They will also visit points in South Texas where they will spend the winter.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Company.

Just received a large shipment of Merrimac's bulk chocolates at the Elite. Call and get a pound or so of them, they sure are fine.

Try our hot drinks. Burroughs' Drug Store.

Hess Stock Powder is absolutely guaranteed to satisfy. 25c, 65c and \$2.50 sizes. Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McGarr and little daughter Willie visited the former sisters Mesdames H. F. Groene and Claude Comegy. Mr. McGarr returned to his home at Galveston Sunday. His family will visit here for several weeks.

Make your hens lay more eggs by feeding Hess's Poultry Panacea. Every package guaranteed at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. C. D. Mims and little daughter Billie Burk are in Fort Worth visiting her daughter Mrs. C. I. Gilliland.

Miss Alice Bigham is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Eskota.

Mrs. Mary Hoffman and little grandson Roy Largent are visiting Mrs. J. P. Sutphen.

Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children Madalyn and Deyo of Haskell are spending the week with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegy.

Dont over look the great Xmas specials at Behrens McMillen Furniture Co.

It will pay you to buy your Xmas presents of Mack. He guarantees to please you and save you money.

If you want more eggs, feed your chickens Hess Poultry Panacea. Its guaranteed at Grimes Drug Store.

Henry Hester returned home Wednesday from the Davis mountains where he has been hunting.

Choice of 200 Columbia Double-disc records for \$6.00 per dozen. Call at the Elite and see and hear them.

Miss Olevia Sandlin left Thursday for her home at Palestine after spending several days with her grandmother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

See W. H. Laney at the meat market for cotton seed hulls.

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Eat Pure Food Bakery bread.

We want your door and window glass order. Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier visited friends in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mrs. M. J. McReynolds returned home Thursday from Abilene where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Susie Shelton.

Shoot fire works and get them from the Elite.

Mrs. Will Osborn of Abilene was the week end guest of Mrs. H. F. Groene.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles visited Mrs. Mittie Hill of Abilene Friday.

Miss Ella Louise Osborn of Abilene was the guest of Miss Lillie Dean this week.

The highest market price paid for your eggs. W. P. Duckett.

We pay the highest cash market price for your chickens and fryers. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Co.

Just received a shipment of solid gold band rings and 18 Karat tiffany (wedding) rings. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Emma May Mashburn returned home Friday morning from Stanton where she has been for the past few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Myrtle Mattingly and children are the guest of her aunt Mrs. A. P. Lucas of Abilene this week.

Joe Elliott who has been in Trent for a few days passed through Merkel Saturday enroute to his home at Arlington.

Work stock for sale. See Crown Hardware Co.

Paints, Oils and Wall Paper at Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. A. P. Lucas of Abilene has been visiting her niece Mrs. Myrtle Mattingly for the past week.

Miss Blanche Rawlings spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Trent.

Ira Shaffer has returned home from Knox City where he has been for the past few months.

Miss Stella Martin returned Tuesday from Anson where she has been for the past few weeks.

Miss Ina Clark came in Tuesday from Walnut Springs to visit her aunt, Mrs. S. C. Keith.

Steve Duckett left Wednesday for Snyder to visit his brother, W. P. Duckett.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bradley of Stith visited relatives here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Rogers are spending this week in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Phillips from Dora were visiting in our city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas of Tye visited here Thursday.

Mrs. Jno. Daniels is at home from Colorado City where she attended the celebration of her father's birthday.

Mrs. C. M. Largent and Master Charles, Jr., are in Ft. Worth.

Miss Jessie Sutphen is in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Seago of Noodle spent Friday in the city.

Miss Lottie York of Tye visited here Friday.

Mrs. W. J. Largent is in Fort Worth this week.

Miss Mary Gunn is in Dallas this week.

Miss Lavernia McNeas is visiting her brother in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards are in Dallas visiting Mrs. W. M. Jenkins.

Miss Frankie Mims of Ennis is the guest of Mrs. Davenport Gaither.

Miss Carroll Rister spent Saturday in Abilene.

Miss Lucille Peek is visiting friends in Dallas.

GREAT DECEMBER CLEAN-UP OF OUR \$15000 STOCK Everything In This Store At GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

We wish to cut our stock down one-half in the next twenty days, as we wish to carry groceries and must move part of our stock to make room. The great event which you have been waiting for opens

Tuesday, December 2

With as rich a feast of bargains as you have ever been able to enjoy. \$15000 worth of merchandise will be offered as prices far below real value.

Clothing
Our \$15.00 men's suits cut to... \$9.95
Our 25.00 men's suits cut to... \$11.35
Our 22.50 men's suits cut to... \$16.00
Our 20.00 men's suits cut to... \$14.00
Our 7.50 boys overcoats... \$5.00
Our 7.00 boys pants... \$4.50

All Dress Pants 25 per cent. off

Our \$2.50 & \$3.00 work pants... \$2.00
Our 1.00 overalls... .80
Our 1.00 jumpers... .80

Underwear

\$1.00 Wrights underwear cut to... 80c
.75 underwear... 50c
.50 underwear... 37½c
.50 elastic seam drawers... 35c
25c & 35c boys heavy fleeced underwear... 17½c

Hose

10c childrens hose 5 to 6½ sizes... 5c
10c childrens hose 7 to 9½ sizes... 7c
20c childrens hose all sizes... 12½c

Men's Hats

All our \$3.00 Worth hats... \$2.40
All our 2.50 hats... \$1.95

All our 2.00 hats... \$1.50
All our 1.50 hats... \$1.25
All our 1.25 hats... \$1.00

Men's Shirts

All our \$1.50 dress shirts... \$1.25
All our 1.25 dress shirts... \$1.00
All our 1.00 dress shirts... .80

Ladies Skirts

Our \$7.50 skirts cut to... \$4.50
Our 7.00 skirts cut to... \$4.00
Our 4.50 skirts cut to... \$3.25
Our 4.00 serge skirts... \$2.50
Our 3.50 whip cord skirts... \$2.00
8½ yd wide Sea Island domestic cut down to... 7½c
12½c bleaching cut down to... 10c
10c bleaching cut down to... 8c

Blankets

Our \$2.75 blankets... \$2.00
Our 2.00 blankets... \$1.00
Our 1.00 blankets... .85

Shoes

One lot children's \$1.25 shoes... \$1.00
One lot misses \$2.25 & \$2.50 shoes... \$1.75
One lot boys \$2.25 & \$2.50 patent leathers... \$1.75
One lot Ladies \$3.00 to \$3.50... \$2.50
One lot mens patent leathers \$1.50 to \$5.00... \$2.00
One lot mens vici \$3.00... \$2.00
One lot mens box calf \$2.25... \$1.75
All \$3.50 soft leather work shoes... \$3.00
All \$3.25 soft leather work shoes... \$2.75
50c pair off all other mens dress shoes

Ladies Cloaks

All our \$1.00 cloaks... \$6.00
All our \$6.50 cloaks... \$4.50
All our \$6.00 cloaks... \$4.00
All our \$6.00 childrens cloaks... \$4.00
All our \$4.00 childrens cloaks... \$3.00
All our \$3.00 childrens cloaks... \$2.00
All our \$2.50 childrens cloaks... \$1.85
All our \$2.25 childrens cloaks... \$1.50

**This Sale Opens
Tuesday Morning
December Second
Lasts 20 Days**

We have not space to quote you more prices but all goods will be sold at reduced prices. All dress goods cut down, come and see. No goods charged at these reduced prices. Our goods are marked in plain figures so you can see our prices are surely cut. Again I ask you to come and see for yourselves

Sale
Opens
Tuesday
December
Second

J.P. SHARP

Sale
Opens
Tuesday
December
Second

MERKEL " :: " TEXAS

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

The County Attorney and the Attorney General have ruled that our scheme of giving away an automobile is prohibited by law.

Being law-abiding citizens and not wishing a criminal prosecution ourselves nor of getting anyone else into trouble, we hereby give notice that our proposition to give away a car in June, as advertised, is withdrawn. Regretting our inability to carry out our original purpose, we thank you for past patronage and promise our best efforts in the future to make amends for what we are prevented from doing.

OPINION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

I give it my opinion that such a scheme would be in violation of our lottery laws. I am confirmed in this opinion by the Attorney General's department and I think supported by the leading authorities.

If such a scheme is carried out in this County, I will be compelled to prosecute all the promoters. I trust that you will advise your colleagues of my position, and that it will not become my unpleasant duty to prosecute any of my good friends in Merkel.

Very Truly,

H. ROB. KEEBLE,

County Attorney, Taylor County, Texas.

W. D. WOODROOF & COMPANY

G. F. WEST & SONS

WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO.

RUST & M'CAULEY DRUG CO

ECZEMA CAN BE CURED!

I Will Prove It To You At My Expense.

YOU WHO ARE SUFFERING THE TORTURES OF ECZEMA, WHOSE DAYS ARE MISERABLE, WHOSE NIGHTS ARE MADE SLEEPLESS BY THE TERRIBLE ITCHING, BURNING PAINS, I ASK YOU—URGE YOU TO LET ME SEND YOU A TREATMENT WHICH HAS CURED HUNDREDS OF OTHERS, WHICH I BELIEVE WILL CURE YOU. I WILL SEND IT FREE, POSTAGE PAID TO YOUR DOOR, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART NOW OR HEREAFTER.



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A New Discovery Tried and Proven in Hundreds of Cases.

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I have decided to spend five thousand dollars in introducing this treatment to sufferers from skin diseases and I will do it. I have agreed to send every reader of this announcement a liberal proof treatment free and I WILL DO IT. Just fill out the coupon below or send me your name and address on a postal card. I will send the treatment without a penny of cost to you.

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New Methodist Pastor.

Rev. Ed R. Wallace and family have arrived and are at home in the Methodist parsonage and church. Rev. Wallace delivered his first sermon at the regular eleven o'clock service Sunday morning and the work of the church was continued without the slip of a single cog as the result of the change of pastors. The theme for his sermon was the two sides of religion and the ministry, the bright and the dark and his discourse showed that that he was a deep student and strong in his chosen work.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Clements left Friday night for Colorado City, which will be their new field of labor and home. There were many members of the church and outside friends at the station to bid them good bye.

Gin Day

Saturday, and we will appreciate your business. McDonald & Dunagin.

Ginners Notice.

Beginning this week we will gin only on Saturdays until further notice. Bowles Gin, Merkel.

R. E. Bowles, Mgr.

Badge of Distinction.

Elegance of appearance, ornaments, and dress—these are women's badges of distinction; in these they delight and glory.—Titus Livius.

Frenchwoman a Cave Dweller.

A woman of forty-five has been found living in a cave in the forest of Fontainebleau. Snakes and rats were her co-tenants. She subsisted on raw vegetables, and was clad in rags. She was reluctant to leave the cave.—Paris Cable to the New York Times.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. J. Behrens of Abilene is among our business visitors this week.

Our aim is to please you when we serve you our hot drinks. Grimes Drug Store.

When you are in Merkel come to the Plain Price Nickel Store on Kent Street and get our prices before buying and not miss the bargain.

J. S. Swann returned Wednesday night from the Fat Stock Show, minus some spending money but chuck full of the good time he had while in the Panther City with cow punchers. He was relieved of about \$14 while in transit, and could not make affidavit as to whether the party making the touch was a friend in need or a stranger.

E. S. Sandusky of Bronte was here this week looking after property interests. His farm will be operated this year by Emmett Patterson, and Mr. Sandusky will stay on his property near Bronte.

If you want something nice and new for the Holidays you will find it at the Plain Price Nickel Store on Kent Street.

Sam Swann left Wednesday night to take in the Fat Stock Show and forget about labors in a bank.

Choice of 200 Columbia double-disc records for \$6.00 per dozen. Call at the Elite and see and hear them.

Etyzel Church came in Saturday night from points east where he has been visiting relatives.

Miss Jettie Davis of Rawls is visiting Miss Ruby Jones.

All the latest hot drinks served at Grimes Drug Store.

Mrs. C. V. Bigham is visiting her sister Mrs. Sam Wallace in Fort Worth.

Miss Una Hall spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. M. E. Hobson in Dallas she will visit her Uncle J. R. B. Hall in Fort Worth.

Mrs. H. C. Floyd and daughter of Salt Branch visited friends here.

Continues Its Usefulness.

In Ipoh (Malay Peninsula) one of the pioneer motor-cars in the country is now in almost constant use as a funeral hearse. Hauled by coolies, the proud old pioneer wends its frequent, slow, laborious way to the cemetery.

No Time.

"Have you ever had nervous prostration?" "No. I work for a saloon which stops when I'm not on my job."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Cause for Worry.

Friend—"Why, Elvira, what's the matter?" Elvira—"Oh, I don't know only I'm worried to death! I've had the same girl six weeks, and she doesn't talk about leaving yet!" Friend—"She doesn't?" Elvira—"No not a word! She must be in love with my husband!"—London Opinion.

Youthful Logician.

"Now, Edgar," said the teacher to one of the members of the primary class in grammar, "what is the plural of tomato?" "Ketchup," was the prompt, but unexpected reply.

Laughter Pays Well.

Laughing as a business-getter attracts favorable attention, makes pleasant impressions, transforms gruffness into cheerfulness and leaves the work done with a contented after-feeling.

Facts

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Bar Moving Pictures.

Brookline, Mass., said to be the richest town in the world per capita does not permit moving pictures. The children of wealthy parents must find other amusement. They know nothing of the delights of the "movies."

Young America.

"Oh, dear!" sighed five-year-old Gladys, seeing her father hurry down to breakfast, while she was still undergoing the agonies of the coiffure, "how soon it takes a man to dress himself!"



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

E. Love Hawkins Literary Society

Has elected the following officers: President, Miss Carroll Rister; Vice President, Miss Jessie Smith; Secretary Miss Jackie Jennings; Assistant Secretary, Miss Ina May Adams; Sargent at Arms, Misses Maggie Wheeler and Eunice Russell; Treasure, Miss Eva Walters; Critics, Misses Almada Harris and Minnie Coats; Chaplain, Miss Georgia Moore; Journalists, Misses Willie Swann and Genevieve Rust. The meeting Friday afternoon was very entertaining. The devotional exercises were followed by a vocal duet by Misses Grace Diltz and Maggie Wheeler. The parliamentary drill was conducted by the President. The debate: Resolved that pins are more useful than needles. Affirmative, Misses Zora West and Willie Coats. Negative Misses Eva Walters and Della McClain. Affirmatives winning the decision. Reading, Miss Almada Harris. Reading, Miss Una Hall. The above program was given by the division A of the society in the 10th grade room.

Rusticus

A Literary Society of the High school for boys with the following officers: President, Oscar Pate; Vice President, Ennis Grimes; Secretary, Booth Warren; Assistant Secretary, Stanley King; Critic, Wilbur Whitaker; Chaplain, Jasper Tucker; Sargent at Arms, Taban Shannon; Journalist, Choc Jones; Treasurer, Britain Jobe; Censor, Roy Adams. Friday afternoon the society held a regular business meeting in the seventh grade room. Devotional exercises marked the opening of the meeting. The singing of "My Old Kentucky Home" was a pleasing feature on the program. R. O. Rogers gave a splendid talk. Then came the debate, Resolved that Football is a menace to Colleges. The affirmative side was ably represented by Jasper Tucker and Oscar Pate and the negative side was strong in argument and won the decision. The negative debaters were Jno. Moore and Roy Adams. The next program will be a Negro Minstrel given by sixteen boys. The E. Love Hawkins Literary Society having a special invitation to be present.

Mrs. E. M. Brown Entertains.

Saturday evening Mrs. E. M. Brown gave a six o'clock dinner at her home on South Oak St. in honor of her grandson Clayton Brown and his bride. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, the Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown. A visit to the moving picture show followed this perfectly appointed dinner. The pleasures of the evening was concluded with lovely music and conversation.

The inclemency of the weather prevented the ladies from attending the farewell party Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. F. Groene given in honor of her aunt Miss Lou Greer of Pikeville, Tenn. A few of the near by neighbors were present. Miss Greer returned home Thursday after having spent a year here. She has made a number of close friends who are loath to see her return to her home in Tennessee.

Thursday evening the primary teachers and their pupils gave two shows at the new show house for the benefit of the school library. Miss Maud Jinkens explained the beautiful "Boulder." Chautauqua, scenes, fancy drills, folk-love dances and dialogues were greatly enjoyed.

Why not visit the Merkel Public Library? The Twentieth Century Ladies are making many changes, and they will be glad to see you. Library hours from 4 to 5, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

The Twentieth Century Club will meet in the Library Saturday afternoon for the study of the Merchant of Venice.

Epworth League Program.

November 30, 1913.

Subject—The Foreigner in the United States.

Leader—Miss Minnie Harris.
Song
Scripture Reading. Matthew XXV.
Prayer.
Song
At the Gate. Mrs. Jennings.
Helpful and Hurtful elements in the contribution of the Immigrants to our civilization. Noel Moore.
Duet. Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings.
Our Neighbors. Ona Johnson.
Miscellaneous
Benediction.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel	10:01 p.m.
Train No. 4 " "	10:57 a.m.
Train No. 6 " "	11:54 p.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel	4:00 a.m.
Train No. 3 " "	5:44 p.m.
Train No. 5 " "	5:13 a.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

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.

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 p.m. each Sunday. W. G. Cypert.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Preaching each Sunday 11 A. M. and 8.15 P.M. Sunday school 9.45 A. M. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Rev. W. M. Gaddy, pastor.



Farm Telephone Saved Child's Life

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

The frantic mother telephoned to the doctor six miles away, and he started at once. In the meantime his assistant telephoned instructions and the mother restored the child to consciousness before the doctor arrived.

The telephone service saved the child's life.

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I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

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I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

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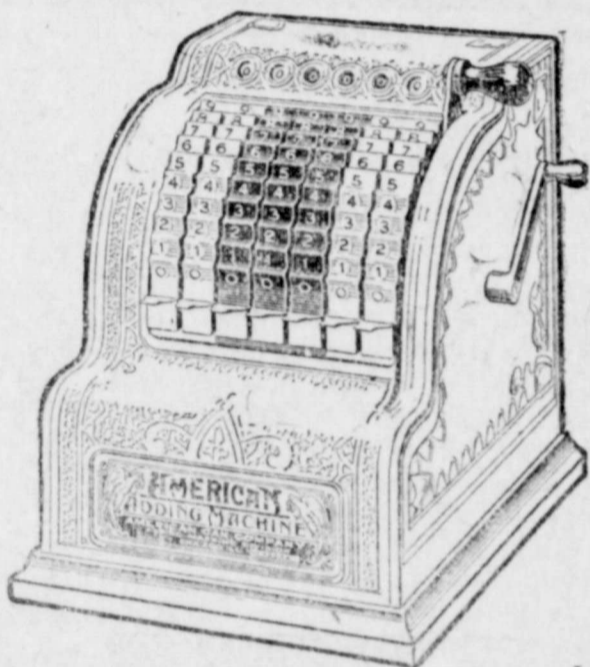
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Now we make this offer so that offices everywhere may learn what this machine means to them.

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We will gladly place in any office one American adder for a ten days test.

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Miss Ettie Ferguson is in Dallas this week.

Miss Annie Hull spent Thanksgiving in Dallas.

Mrs. W. C. Calvert and children of Sweetwater visited Mesdames J. C. Calvert, W. Parten and R. A. Martin.

Rev. R. E. Wallace of Fort Worth has moved his family here.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson and three children, Mary Alice, Howard and W. L. Jr., of El Paso are in the city on a visit of several weeks with the formers parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, and other relatives.

R. J. Adcock left Friday night for Fort Worth to visit his daughter Mrs. R. E. Kunze.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bristol of Van Horn have been visiting their daughter Mrs. C. T. Mershon for the past week.

Dr. Williams was in Abilene Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mrs. Blundell of Oklahoma has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mershon the past week.

Mrs. T. Collins returned home Wednesday morning from Thornton where she has been visiting relatives.

W. R. Walker was in Abilene Wednesday.

Jim Black, H. C. Burroughs, Adam Sibley, H. M. Warren, J. L. Hunter and B. Gaither were all visitors to the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week.

Harvey Warren is in Ft. Worth this week attending the stock show.

Miss Emma Mae Mashburn returned Friday from Stanton where she has been visiting relatives for the past few weeks.

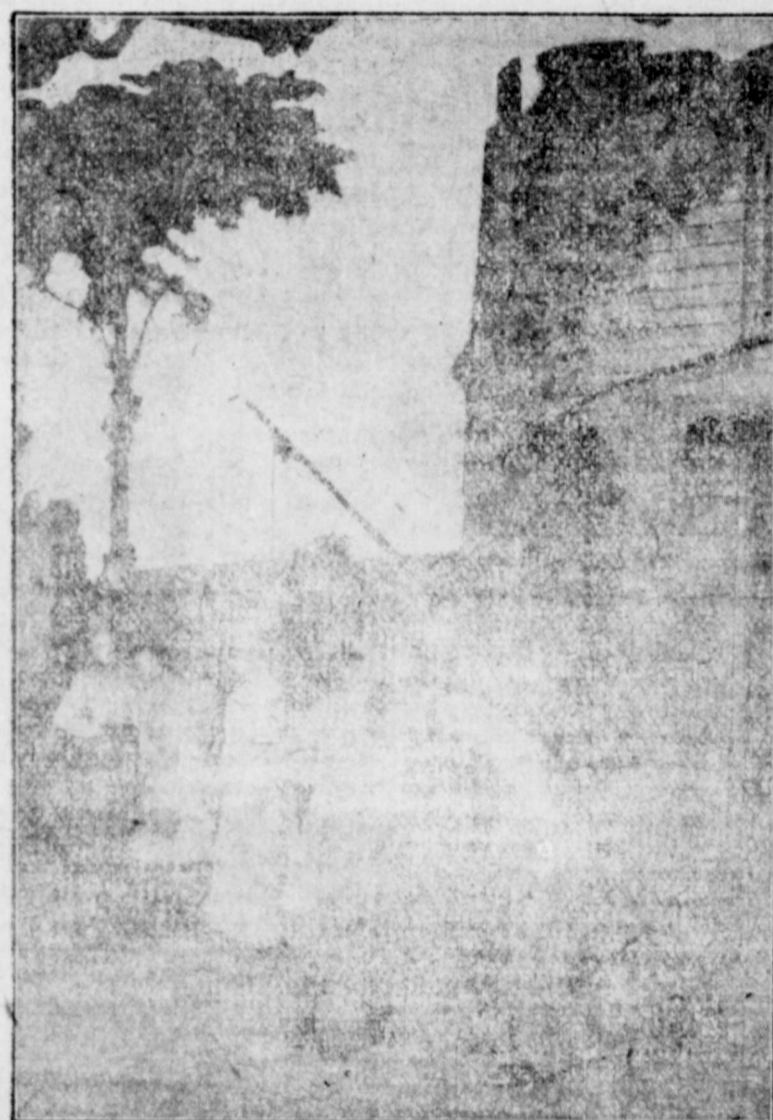
W. Z. Harris and family left Friday for Dallas to make that their future home.

Mrs. Fred Woods of Abilene is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boaz are spending the week in Ft. Worth at the Fat Stock show.

Mrs. Geo. W. Hawkins of Dora is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Trent.

Nov. 24-- Well the finest season for five years is upon us and who is ready for it. We hope some are. You know the scriptures says, Blessed is he that expects nothing for he shall not be disappointed. If we do not get up and move out and try to turn something up we need not look for anything much to come our way. Let us all get busy this year and see if we cant make old Taylor County get up and hum with the best crops this coming year she has ever had before. Let us plant plenty of feed of the best variety we can get. Prepare our grounds properly to make it and then get up and cultivate it and plant the best cotton seed we can get and trust the all wise creator for the rest and we will have a good harvest to reap next Fall for he says Bread cast upon water shall be gathered up many days hence.

Sam Jones had a car of sweet potatoes shipped to Trent Saturday and they are fine.

A. H. Jones on James Brights farm two miles North of Trent reports he is done plowing and has his land broke fully eight inches deep.

Cotton Picking is over in this country and our people all seem to be pretty well satisfied with the price received for their cotton.

Sick Headache.

This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. For sale by all Dealers.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggist, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

Blair

Nov. 25--The good rain continues to come. Prospects for small grain were never better. There has been a good deal of land turned ready to receive this rain which will give it a thorough season.

On account of the bad weather Sunday we had no Sunday School.

The Blair school opened Monday the 17th with fine prospects. A good number of the patrons were present. The teachers and pupils are very enthusiastic and all together we may make it the best school that we have ever had.

Emmett Morris is here attending school. He is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Campbell.

W. A. Tittle and family and Top White and family returned home last week after several months absence.

S. E. Adcock made a business trip to Dallas last week.

Mart Powell and mother visited relatives at Buffalo Gap last week.

J. W. Jones went to Abilene Saturday and will remain there for a short while.

W. A. McCandless and family returned home last week from Jones county.

We are all about ready for that hog killing weather as well as for the spare ribs and sausage.

Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For sale by all Dealers. Adv.

March of Progress.

Abner Wombat was born in a cabin, but every one of his grandsons has a dress suit. Such is life in America.

What is Good for Headache.

One lady says after suffering dreadfully for about seven years, she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your Druggist. Adv

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Salt Branch.

Nov. 24--There was no Sunday School or singing Sunday on account of the enclmency of the weather.

J. P. Petty and wife came in Saturday from Arkansas where they spent a month. They were accompanied home by a sister of Mr. Petty, who will spend a while with them.

H. S. Shipley and family moved to the McDonald farm near Shiloh last week.

W. E. Petty and family spent Saturday with J. P. Petty and family.

Burley Taylor and sister, Oma, returned Saturday from Loraine where they have spent the past few weeks.

W. M. Hays and G. C. Sargent spent Sunday afternoon with W. B. Beaver.

Mrs. Fannie Hays, Grandma Hays and Mrs. Emma Sargent spent one evening last week with Mrs. Beaver.

Miss Nomia Allen spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Ada Higgins.

Misses Cora Hays and Ora Sargent spent Friday night with Miss Lyda Beaver.

Houston Robertson was an Abilene visitor Wednesday.

Declare War on Colds.

A crusade of education which aims "that common colds may become uncommon within the next generation" has been begun by prominent New York physicians. Here is a list of the "don'ts" which the doctors say will prevent the annual visitation of the cold:

- "Don't sit in a draughty car."
- "Don't sleep in hot rooms."
- "Don't avoid the fresh air."
- "Don't stuff yourself at meal time."

Over-eating reduces your resistance. To which we would add--when you take a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. To accomplish that you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy most excellent. Sold by all Dealers.

Supreme Test.

The supreme test of physical fortitude: To kiss a lady doctor.—Sma Set.

A Painless Headache.

Is there such a thing as Painless Headache, Painless Neuralgia, Painless Rheumatism? Hunt's Lightning Oil will make the pain go away, and the suffering cease. That's why Hunt's Lightning Oil is so popular, and praised so much. Ask your druggist. Adv.

To Be Sure.

A professional person with any respect should avoid competing things which only show up his or her ignorance.

Pain, Pain, Pain.

To those who suffer pain, let us say Hunt's Lightning Oil is truly wonderful in the way it destroys pain. So many praise it that you cannot doubt. You simply rub it on, and the pain goes away. Adv

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

Health is Worth Saving, and Some Merkel People Know How to Save it.

Many Merkel people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Weak kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health—the slightest delay is dangerous. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—a remedy that has helped thousands of kidney sufferers. Here is a Merkel citizen's recommendation.

Mrs. N. Thompson, Thornton St., Merkel, Texas, says: "A few months ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills for weak kidneys and was quickly cured. When I began taking this remedy my kidneys were weak and I had pains across the small of my back. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from Rust & McCauley Drug Co., and was quickly cured."

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WANTED—A bad case of Rheumatism. If you have Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, we want you to just try Hunt's Lightning Oil. You will be convinced of the truth of the statement of one customer that "as a reliever of pain it is without equal." All Druggist sell it. Adv

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Local Druggist who sells Dodson's Liver Tone Guarantees It To Take the Place of calomel.

If your liver is not working just right, you do not need to take a chance on getting knocked all out by a dose of calomel. Go to Rust & McCauley who sells Dodson's Liver Tone, and pay 50 cents for a large bottle. You will get a harmless vegetable remedy that will start your liver without violence, and if it does not give complete satisfaction the druggist will refund your money with a smile.

If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for yourself or your children, you have insured your family relief from attacks of constipation, biliousness, lazy liver and headache. It is as beneficial and safe for children as for adults. A bottle Dodson's Liver Tone is something every man or woman should keep in the house. Your money is safe because you can return the bottle if it fails to satisfy.

That Was Art.

"Realistic?" repeated the critic, "well, I should say he was realistic. You just ought to have seen the excitement he created in his studio when he drew the corks in a dinner scene he was painting the other day." Adv

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle.

Nov. 24-- We had another large rain Saturday night and Sunday which put a good season in the ground and will stop the plowing for several days.

Our school will begin the first Monday in December. We are expecting to have a good school but are sorry that we will only have five months school.

Lester Britian from Coreyell county is visiting friends and relatives in our community.

Rev. C. W. Young will be our preacher for another year. We are glad to have him back again to preach for us.

The party at William Thompson's Friday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

All of the wheat is certainly looking fine, this rain will sure make it grow.

Lettie, Beulah and Harwell Jones and Stella, Mable, Sallie Kirby Gook returned home from Snyder where they have been visiting for several weeks.

We did not have Sunday School Sunday on account of the large rain.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by all Dealers. Adv.

Eve.

The woman in us still prosecutes a deceit like that begun in the garden; and our understandings are wedded to an Eve as fatal as the mother of their miseries.—Joseph Glanvill.

A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers. Adv

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