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COTTON RECEIPTS TO DATE 8750 BALES. TOP PRICE OF WEEK 7.62 1-2

Average for Last Week Equal to Week Preceding This Report, Fifteen Hundred Bales Weighed During Time. Cotton Seed Steady—Has Slight Advance.

The total cotton brought to Merkel and weighed since Thursday of last week amounts to fifteen hundred bales or exactly the same amount for the week preceding this report. The total receipts to date amounts to eight thousand seven hundred and fifty bales in both the Merkel yards.

The price of cotton has remained about the same during the past week with a slight advance during the time and one slight slump. The best price paid last week for top cotton here was 7:30 while prices of 7:62 1-2 have been made this week. The price of cotton seed has remained firm throughout the week with slight advances. Mr. Mason, one of the local seed buyers informed us Thursday morning the price was \$14.00 a ton which is fifty cents better a ton than last week.

A Cheap Home.

Ninty eight acre farm in Jones county in one mile of Golan fronts the Clear Fork river on the south side, on public road, a three room house lots and sheds, under ground cistern, 70 acres in cultivation, in one mile of school occupied by Charlie Hutchens. Price \$1600.00 three or four hundred dollar cash balance in ten annual notes at 8 per cent interest. See Geo. W. Castles, Anson, Texas.

CRYING BABY REVEALS TRAGEDY

Waxahachie, Tex. Nov. 9—The crying of a year old baby, who crawled over the body of its dead father to reach its dead mother this morning, disclosed a tragic murder and suicide that occurred over a frugal evening meal Sunday night.

Thomas R. Hastings, an express wagon driver, had killed his wife and then committed suicide. The baby, asleep in its little buggy in the kitchen after its mother had rolled it patiently back and fourth before supper had slept peacefully thru the night while the dead body of its parents lay on the floor nearby.

Mrs. C. R. Cunningham who lived with her husband in the same house, heard a noise in the Hastings rooms Sunday night about 8 o'clock, but she did not investigate.

Two doors closed between her rooms and the Hastings' across the hall deadened the sound of the pistol shots.

Mrs. Cunningham was busy about the yard early this morning when she heard the baby crying. She looked through the window and saw the infant crawling over the dead fathers body and reaching out toward its mother.

Mrs. Cunningham called in the neighbors and authorities were notified.

W. C. Jackson, an attorney of Fort Stockton, was here Tuesday visiting his brother in law, T. A. Johnson and family.

MAN KILLED AT ANSON TUESDAY

Anson, Tex. Nov. 11—Lee Foy aged 34 years old was killed at the Wallace gin at an early hour today. His clothing was caught in the clutch of the line shaft of the gin and his body was whirled around the shaft many times and was thrown against the roof of the building. Many bones were broken in his body, including his arms and lower limbs. The accident occurred at 8:30 a. m. and the deceased lived until 10:06.

He was one of the most experienced and best gin hands in this part of the state. He leaves a wife and two children, father and mother, four brothers and two sisters. The family are residents of Anson and are among the best citizens of the town. The funeral will occur Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church and will be conducted by Rev. Martin the pastor of the church.

No accident has ever occurred in Anson that cast a greater gloom over the town.

White Caps at Work

Terrel, Texas, Nov. 10—T. M. Smelter, of Kauffman, received his third "white cap" notice yesterday, warning him to reduce his acreage to 75 acres.

He said that he had not planted more than 50 acres anyhow.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Miss Allie Roe daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roe of the Salt Branch community was operated on for appendicitis at an Abilene Sanitarium Sunday evening. She is reported to have stood the operation well and a quick recovery is looked forward to by her many friends.

Mrs. E. W. Permlinter Dead.

Mrs. E. W. Permlinter wife of E. W. Permlinter of this place died Sunday afternoon in a sanitarium at Dallas following an operation. The body was brought to Abilene Tuesday morning for burial at their former home.

Mrs. Permlinter had been sick at the time of her death for some time, however, her condition was not regarded serious and the news of her death came as a shock to her many friends here. Her husband had been at her bedside for several days prior to her death and wired friends here Monday evening of the arrangements for the funeral at Abilene Tuesday. The deceased and husband made Merkel their home after their departure from Abilene several months ago and have a host of friends here she was a member of the M.E. church. The Mail extends condolence to the bereaved husband.

\$200 Reward

for best motion picture plots by amateurs. Not a school. Particulars for stamps. Photoplay Bureau, Fulton, Mo.

Window glass and putty. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.



The poultry and Pet Stock Show was probably the largest ever held in West Texas, and had quality as well as numbers. This statement appeared in the San Angelo Daily Standard under date of November 8th., 14 and was in reference to the poultry show at that place which had just closed.

At the San Angelo Poultry Show five Merkel chicken raisers were represented with birds from their respective pens. Each of the five exhibitors came home with colors flying. They were H. P. Wilkins, H. M. Rose, R. A. Ellis, O. W. Williams and A. J. Hartley. Their entries were in competition with chickens from San Angelo, Ballenger, San Saba, Bryan, Hatchel, Abilene, Sweetwater, Coleman, Brownwood, Cleburne, Santa Anna and other points but our home men captured the following prizes and awards.

White Wyandottes:—H. M. Rose, 1 and 2nd cock bird, 1 and 2nd cockerel, 1, 2, 3 and 4th pullets. Other exhibitors took what prizes and awards that remained when Rose finished.

Barred Rocks:—H. P. Wilkins, 1st cock bird, 3rd hen, 1, 2, and 4th cockerel, 1 and 2nd pullet, 1 and 3rd pens. Other exhibitors got the leavings.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds:—R. A. Ellis, best colored female in show, 1 and 3rd pullet, 4th cockerel and 2nd pen.

White Orphingtons:—O. W. Williams, 1st cock bird, 1, 2, 3 and 4th hen, 1st cockerel, 1, 2, 3 and 4th pullet, 1 and 2nd pen. Very little was left in this class for any other exhibitor to get.

Buff Orphingtons:—A. J. Hartley, 1 and 3rd hen, 1, 2 and 3rd cockerel, 1, 2, 3 and 4th pullets, 1st pen. The big end of the Buff Orpington prizes went to Mr. Hartley.

Merkel was given the following special prizes in the San Angelo competition. Best display one variety H. P. Wilkins, with Barred Rock chickens first premium \$5.00. Best pen American Class, H. M. Rose second, exhibiting White Wyandottes, prize \$2.00. Best pen in English Class, A. J. Hartley, exhibiting Buff Orpington first, prize \$5.00; O. W. Williams second in this class exhibiting White Orphingtons, prize \$2.00. The Silver loving Cup for the best cock bird, best hen, best cockerel and best pullet all classes competing but entering with same variety was awarded to Henry Rose on the White Wyandotte class. The cup has been won twice. Last year by J. M. Allen of Sweetwater and should Mr. Rose capture it again next year at San Angelo it will then remain his property. The J. B. Taylor Grocery Co. Loving cup for the best hen in the English class was awarded to O. W. Williams exhibiting White Orphingtons. Mr. Williams retains this cup by having won it at its first presentation. H. M. Rose captured second prize offered by the Crowder Hardware Co. or the best pens in the show. Mr. Rose also won first award on having the best shaped male bird exhibited at the San Angelo show.

MERKEL CHICKEN SELLS FOR \$20.00

One of the best sales made at the San Angelo poultry show was made by R. A. Ellis of this city to J. F. Miles of Alpine, Texas. Mr. Miles took a fancy to the prize winning S. C. Rhode Island cockerel exhibited by Mr. Ellis and paid the price of \$20.00 for the bird. Mr. Ellis received his check this week, together with one from the Secretary of the Poultry Association for prizes his chickens were awarded.

Remember the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Show opens here December, 3rd and continues three days. Make your preparations to visit the best Poultry show West Texas has ever seen

Merkel Mail Christmas Edition 4,000 TO 5,000 COPIES

Under date of December 18th a special edition of The Merkel Mail will be published and a copy of the paper sent to every home in the entire Merkel country. A larger number of copies will be taken off our press on this date than were ever published in the history of Merkel.

It is our intention not to miss reaching a single man, woman or child in a radius of 20 to 30 miles from Merkel. Between now and the date of publication of this issue we will make special effort to get the name of all persons who are not already on our list.

The co-operation of all our correspondents with special news of interest from their sections of the country is asked. All churches and societies in Merkel and surrounding country are invited to contribute columns

MEETING AT SCHOOL HOUSE THIS EVENING, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 13TH

Talks of Interest to School Children's Parents For the Childs own good. Every Person Interested is Invited to Attend. Meet 7:30 p. m. It is Free so Come.

A. N. PIKE DIES OF BAD INJURY

Alfred N. Pike age 39 of this place died at Abilene Sunday morning from injuries received Saturday morning in the Brown gin of this place. Mr. Pike was trying to replace a belt on a rapid revolving pulley by use of a broom stick, when the stick became caught in the belt or pulley striking Mr. Pike violently in the stomach, causing internal injuries.

The deceased was a member of the M. E. Church south and a member of one of the highly respected and well liked families of Merkel.

Surviving him is a wife and five children, father and mother. The body was brought to Merkel Monday morning and taken to the home of the deceased parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pike of this place where it rested until the funeral services at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church. Rev. Young of Tye conducted the services. Immediately after the funeral the body was conveyed to the Rose Hill cemetery for burial. The Mail joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Returns To Home Here.

E. W. Permlinter returned home Tuesday evening from Abilene following the burial of his wife who died at the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas Sunday. Mr. Permlinter had been at his wifes bedside constantly for three weeks prior to her death.

F. A. Whitley formerly of this place was here the first of the week visiting friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. J. M. Williams of Abilene was in Merkel the first of the week visiting Mesdames Scott and Walker and Miss Susie Penn.

of our paper on this as on all other occasions. Advertisers should make early reservations for space and have their copy in at least 6 days prior to the date of this issues appearance.

Watch for our Christmas Edition. News of interest of the entire Merkel country. Who's who and why, men of prominence and near prominence will be given some mention. The oldest settlers and newest settlers will both come in for their share of publicity.

In all we expect to publish near 5,000 copies of the Merkel Mail on this date and to do so the early application of those desiring mention and space will be necessary.

We are prepared to furnish free of charge, special Christmas cuts and Christmas borders for all advertisers who make application immediately.

IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTRY AND NOT A SUBSCRIBER OF THE MAIL GIVE US THEIR NAME AND THEY WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF OUR XMAS

Many patrons of the schools will congregate at the South Ward building this evening at 7:30 to discuss matters concerning the advancement of various conditions of our educational system.

The following program will be rendered:

Invocation, Rev. Bullock
Roll Call, respond with quotations.

Music
How to make our schools sanitary; by Dr. Armstrong.

Why report cards are used; by Superintendent M. H. Morris.
Reading Miss Willie Smith.

Need of Curfew law, Judge C. D. Mims.

Reading Miss Dovie Teaff.
Round table discussion.

All patrons of the school are invited to attend this meeting and every person interested who can find a few moments to spare should make an effort to be present. People go about their business affairs and neglect the conditions that are governing their child's future. A few moments study of the dividends from proper training of your child will cause many to see the need of co-operation in every possible way with our school trustees and the teachers. Go to the school house tonight and see what is being done and what needs to be done. It is for your own good.

NIGHT RIDERS AT WORK IN ARK.

Texarkana, Ark. Nov. 11—On account of night rider warnings, W. T. Boomer, agent for the Texarkana, Shreveport and Natchez Railway at Fouke, Ark., near here announced today that he would refuse cotton shipments.

He said that his officials so ordered. Nearly every merchant in Fouke has been warned not to buy cotton under ten cents per pound.

Many farmers are bringing their cotton here for safe keeping, it being feared that it might be burned by the night riders during their raids over that section of the state.

Kills Two; Commits Suicide

Victoria, Texas, Nov. 10—Louis Friear, a negro, killed Willie Brown a negro woman with whom he was living, at daylight today, and also killed Tom Allen, a negro who tried to protect her.

He then shot H. C. Cossman, a white watchman and Josiah Thomas a negro, who were attracted to the scene by the sound of the shots, but neither of these is mortally wounded.

Next Friear barricaded himself in the dead woman's house, holding it for more than an hour against 8 officers and several volunteers, who fired two hundred shots into the building.

Finally Friear, mortally wounded, killed himself.

Full paper 10c to 32c per double roll. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Close of Business October 31st, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans	\$98,409.41
U. S. Bonds—par	8,750.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,657.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	1,062.50
Cash and Exchange	69,891.72
Total	\$188,370.88

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	28,368.11
Circulation	21,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	113,752.77
Total	\$188,370.88

We call the attention of the banking public to our Fiftieth Statement of condition printed above.

For ten years, through sunshine and shadow, we have been publishing these statements and not one have we ever been ashamed of.

Sometimes, when our enemies can not find anything else to say about us, they criticise us for carrying too much cash, but cash is the only thing that looks good to a man when he writes his check, and cash is the only thing we can loan to our customers when they want to borrow.

Hard times are over in the Merkel country and the coming year promises more for the citizenship of this country than any recent year.

Let us turn our faces toward the future, forget the past and be cheerful.

We are well equipped for the handling more new business. Open an account with us this fall and let us get acquainted. We appreciate the smallest accounts. Every favor consistent with prudent banking is cheerfully granted.

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RUINOUS REVELRY RECONSTRUCTION

A letter from an old time Merkelite which displays the writers disgust for some things that have happened during the past few years in our political life and to one of our most loved historical structures.

San Antonio, Texas
November, 1, 1914

"Remember the Alamo."

To The Merkel Mail:

No doubt every school boy and girl has read the pathetic story of the fall of the Alamo. In the center of the city of San Antonio stands this memorial mission built 196 years ago almost at the time when those brave men gave their lives for Texas.

More than a score of years ago the state of Texas purchased this mission and gave it over to the keeping of the daughters of the Confederacy. Along beside the Alamo Chapel stands the walls of the building as part of the Alamo but used many years as a mercantile establishment. Some four years ago the State Legislature appropriated \$5,000 for the maintainance of the Alamo. About two years ago our Governor concluded to spend the money on the old stone wall by the Alamo Chapel. He came over with his architect and engineer and employed a few Mexicans and proceeded to rebuild the old walls. He had shipped here from the penitentiary a car load of oak lumber worth \$60.00 per 1000 feet. The daughters of the Confederacy enjoined him from futher expenditure of the funds of what they claimed ruining the historical attractions of the old wall. He fought them out to the courts of last resort and in the meantime spent the \$5,000 and then hurried back to Austin to get the State Guard in rediness that he might declare war against Mexico.

And in a course of human events as Judge W. W. Wheeler would say, the summer heat beat down on his crude masonry and great cracks opened in the wall. The City Council viewed the structure and decided the \$5,000 structure must come down. A contractor tood the job for the car of Oak and hired some Mexicans to push it over.

Now I do not know what the Governor intended to use the building for but I think the lower floor was for his state bank and cotton warehouse and the upper floor for law offices to prosecute the farmers who planted more cotton than he could gather.

Last evening I stood on the Alamo plaza and viewed the Alamo. My mind reverted back to the time when our beloved Travis, Bowie, Crockett and the band of brave soldiers made the last valiant stand against overwhelming odds. And the thought if they could now stand with me

T. J. COGGIN MOVES TO EL PASO, TEX.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggin and family have completely severed their citizenship in Taylor county after having lived in our midst for twenty-seven years. They will reside in the future at El Paso where Mr Coggins interest are situated now.

The departure of this esteemed family is deeply regretted by their many Merkel friends. The Coggin home situated one mile north of town was sold some weeks ago to E. E. Brittan formerly of Noodle the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$10,500 for the 250 acres of land and some personal property. The deal was made by John G. Jackson, formerly of this place.

The family departed Sunday evening with the exception of Mr. Coggin and his son Dillard who remained until Monday evening to complete the loading of the stock and household goods

Making Children Think.

There is no end of discussion as to what courses of study shall be taken up by the schools. Different views are expressed, ranging from the bare outlines of the old-time "three R's" to the most elaborate idea of culture study, of more practical forms of teaching hand work and home arts. Meanwhile, there is one great essential running for all instruction. That is, that children be taught to think things out for themselves. Almost any course of study is good if this power is given.—St. Joseph News-Press

Can You Blame Him?

Contempt may also be defined as the feeling in which a man holds another man's hat.—Topeka Capital.

and view the wonderful change, times has seen just as the electrical current is flashed over the city. The view is magnificent with the Grand old Alamo in the center, old Glory over the the door fanned by the gentle Southern breeze. On the left stands a huge structure, a net work of iron columns and arches fifty feet wide and a hundred feet high with 3000 electric lights blazing with all the colors of the rainbow. You can read the letters of splendor:

"Leads all others, output 20,000 bottles daily. Who can beat it?"

On the right stands a like structure probably out rivaling the other in mechanical work and brilliancy. A cowboy in action ropes and ties down a long horn Texas steer as shown by thousands of electric lights reads:

"Alamo Bott'ed Beer, the best Beer Brewed"

In the rear stands another high electric illumination which reads:

"C & S Pure Rye, Bottle in Bond."

Now, Homer don't you think the picture would look like an oasis in a desert to an old time Merkel man.

Your friend,
John Elliott.

STATEMENT

The Farmers State Bank

October 31st, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$131,266.46
Banking House	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	791.55
Cash and Exchange	42,292.42
Total	\$188,350.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	2,083.00
DEPOSITS	125,402.12
Bills Payable	25,514.65
Reserve for Taxes	350.00
Total	\$188,350.43

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36 inch unbleached domestic regular price 10 cents. Our new store special thirteen yards for	\$1.00	\$12.50 suits	\$8.50
50 cent ladies underwear	37 1/2	Mens 3 piece serge suits the kind you pay \$12.50 elsewhere our price only	\$8.50
Ladies fleece lined underwear extra heavy and sells the world over for fifty cents. Our special price each	37 1/2	Mens all wool serge suits worth \$17.50 elsewhere our price only	\$12.50
\$1.50 ladies kimonas	\$1.00	\$7.50 Boys suits	\$4.50
Ladies kimonas in all shades assorted sizes regular price \$1.50 on sale each	\$1.50	Boys long pants 3 piece all wool suits sell the world over \$7.50 our price only	\$4.50
		50 cent men shirts in all sizes.	37 1/2
		Best sewing machine thread 6 for	25c

Neimer Dry Goods Co.

Trent :: Texas

TRENT COMMUNITY

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE TOWN OF TRENT

Gathered by Trent Reporter

Trent, Tex. Nov. 12.—Up until the present time the cotton receipts for the Trent country amounts to 2388 bales with the prospect of the largest receipts the town has received any previous year. The top price paid today was 7.50

Sam (Tater) Jones who has been in east Texas for the last few weeks returned to Trent Monday evening.

James Bright was painfully bruised Friday of last week by being thrown from a horse. The horse he was riding became scared at a train and in some way collided with a motorcycle and its rider. The collision caused the horse to throw Mr. Bright violently to the ground. He was dazed for several minutes and hardly able to get around for several days but is now almost fully recovered from the accident.

Jake Miller who has been very sick at home for some time with the small pox is reported much better and on the road to recovery.

Last Saturday was probably the busiest day the town of Trent has seen in many years. Farmers, merchants and every person was busy during the entire day.

John Brunson of the Longworth community was in Trent Saturday with his 65th bale of cotton for the present season off his farm in this community. Mr. Brunson expects to make a total of 200 bales of cotton this year if weather conditions will permit speedy gathering of the fleecy staple.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reaves and J. Cal Hamner were in Merkel Tuesday.

Misses Cora Buckler and Maxie Banner were in Merkel Saturday visiting the latter's relatives and friends.

Miss Smith, the primary teacher in the Trent school was in Merkel Sunday visiting her mother.

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



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Window glass and putty. Behrens McMillen Furniture Co.

J. T. and Hurley Toombs were in Abilene Tuesday.

O-Cedar polish mop, new size 75c. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. Fred Wood of Abilene was visiting her sister Mrs. C. E. Whitaker.

Window shades 25c up to the best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Fred Guitar manager of the Continental Gin Co., was in Abilene Saturday.

For Rent—Good five-room house; lots and barn. Robert Hicks, at Anchor Mer. Co. tf

O-Cedar polish mop, new size 75c. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Elbert Barnes of Westbrook came in Sunday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnee.

For Sale—Tombstones. E. D. Coats. tf

O-Cedar polish mop, new size 75c. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen were in Abilene Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens.

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W. T. Daniel made a business trip to Stanton the latter part of last week.

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Mrs. S. F. Annis of Abilene spent the week-end with friends in our city.

Mr. Telford of Anson came in the first of the week to spend a few days with his daughter Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Window glass and putty. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

SPECIAL NOTICE

TO TRENT COUNTRY BUYING PUBLIC

We want to tell you that we have in our house the most complete line of staple goods we have ever had.

We are selling at the lowest prices possible

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Cottolene	1.25	Flour (for a few days only)	\$3.00
Snow Drift Lard	1.05	Meal75
Flake White Lard90	Arbuckle Coffee20
Invincible Lard	90	25 lb sack cane sugar	1.60
		25 lb sack beet sugar	1.50

Other articles such as spuds, sweet potatoes, syrup, beans etc., at the lowest prices.

Conditions are such now that we are forced to use no pencil or books. These low prices we are making are for cash only. Come and see for yourself.

Come to us and we will save you money

and as soon as we can consistently do so we will appreciate your trade on the same basis as we have offered in the past. New customers will receive the best we have to give, the same as our regular customer gets and the same prices with the best treatment we know how to give.

DRY GOODS NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY

A few weeks ago we bought a large stock of Dry Goods at Maryneal, Texas at a ridiculously low price and still have some \$1500.00 worth of shoes that we have moved over this week. Not having room in our store for these goods we have placed them in the small RAWLINGS building where Mr. Ed Bowers will be pleased to show you some of the best shoe values possible. These shoes were purchased at a low price and many of them are as good as money can buy. If you want bargains see us or Mr. Bowers.

R. H. REAVES

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Trent, Texas

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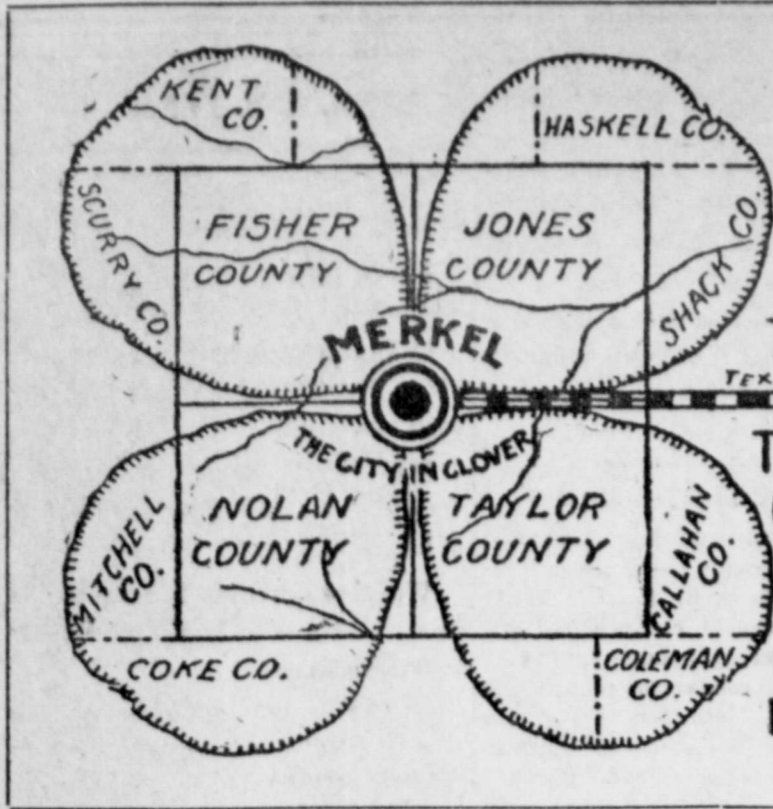
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THE RETURN OF SANITY
 By Major F. W. Barber

When the horrors of the European war commenced to percolate through the American brain a mighty protest went up from one end of the country to the other.

Soldiers were denounced as murders, as barbarians as unfit to encumber the earth. Insistent and vehement demands were made for disarmament and international peace.

Ministers thundered from the pulpit, orators howled from the stump, excitable citizens disclaimed in the public streets and even the great newspapers of the country led the van in the march of Bedlam. It was the popular cry of the hour.

If perchance some isolated maverick with an over abundance of nerve timidly suggested that the country was in need of better measures of protection, that relic of barbarism was forthwith cast from the fold of the righteous as a thing unclean.

The nation was mad—quite mad—literally insane on the subject of peace. And not entirely without cause.

But the first shock and nausea has passed away and as is customary in this country the people have paused for second and more sober thought. The sanity of the nation is returning.

People are beginning to realize the peril that confronts us as a country practically without the power of resistance.

The public eye is becoming opened to the fact that the American continent offers many tempting inducements to an army of invasion from foreign countries. The people are becoming reconciled to that fact that unless we place our country in a state of adequate national defense we are in grave danger of feeling the iron heel of the would-be conqueror, of sharing in a measure the unhappy Belgian.

Peace loving Americans have been staggered at the millions of troops being placed in the field by the warring nations of Europe, of the terrible engines of destruction at which the world stands appaled.

In the United States we have but a handful of troops and at best we have the arms and equipment for a maximum army of not to exceed 500,000 men. Our coast defenses are lamentably weak, and our navy is so small we would be powerless to prevent the landing of the vast hosts of an invader. The demons of the air could hover over the country and blow us into eternity, for we have no means of checking them.

These disagreeable facts are coming forcibly home to the people, now that they are taking time to calmly consider conditions as they exist.

Men and women who a few weeks ago were denouncing wars and those who fight them, are today demanding that Congress take prompt measures in placing the country in an adequate state of defense.

Thirty days ago but few of the leading papers of the country had the courage to speak in behalf of defensive measures. Today a strong demand is going up from the press in all parts of the country.

But this attitude of the press simply reflects the mind of the public, for the people themselves are awakening to the fact that their own ultimate salvation depends on some measure of prompt and effective action by Congress.

It is American sanity reasserting itself.
 If this country should become involved in war

with some powerful foreign country, or a combination of them, we would not recover from its affects within the life of the present generation.

It would cost us a million lives in the flower of our young manhood, cities would be laid waste or held up for enormous ransom, the countryside would be devastated and the pecuniary loss would amount high into the billions of dollars.

Business would demoralize, factories would be closed, millions of people would be out of employment and want and starvation would face the poor.

Financial panic would ensue, the weaker banks would go to the wall and the rich would hoard the wealth of the nation and withdraw it from circulation.

And this is only a portion of the appalling havoc that would overtake the country.

But prompt and effective measures for the national defense would preclude the eminence of such a calamity.

Are you in favor of national defence and security? Or do you favor turning the other cheek for a knockout blow?

It is one or the other.

Pasted Paragraphs

NATURAL HISTORY

When he goes to bed at night
 The happy amardillo
 Rolls himself up snug and tight
 And doesn't need a pillow.
 —Springfield Union.

When he goes to bed at night
 Beneath the weeping willow,
 The porcupine knows that no wight
 Will use him for a pillow.
 —Houston Post.

When he goes to bed at night
 The skunk knows very well
 Nobody's rest ahead of him
 For e'en the shortest spell.
 —Commercial Appeal.

When he goes to bed at night
 The owl, the wise old guy
 Need have no fear like all the rest,
 He always risks one eye.

For once we have a good word to say for John D. Rockefeller. He is to devote some of his millions to feeding the starving people of Belgium, and we hope his act of christianity will lift him at least to the pearly gates. It will require a cart load to pull him through.

The Dallas News thinks Germany has drawn Turkey into the war in order to get the allies fighting among themselves. Well we did not know what caused the Turks to get their heads in the way but have now found out.

Secretary Bryan is credited with three homes. One in Lincoln, and in Texas and one in Florida. He is not the only fortunate one. We folks out this way have two; one in Merkel and the other in Paradise.

After you have seen the Buy a Bale slogan run its course we ask that some charitably inclined gentleman start a slogan, Buy-a-Year-of-this-paper.

The Dailies report the situation satisfactory to each European Government. Our papers are very versatile and our people demand such.

Some men are born great, others have greatness thrust upon them, while others acheive greatness in an editorial chair.—AHEM!

Our congressmen are expected to arrive home in time to draw milage for their return to Washington in December.

Mexico's Red Book promises to be bound with a scarlet cover.

Lost A few million perfectly good peace prayers

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**SALTS IF KIDNEYS
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Harmless to flush Kidneys and neutralize irritating acids—Splendid for system.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in avoiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble.

GOOD LOOKS

Means Nice Hair and a Clean Scalp

Loss of hair, itching scalp, dandruff and other forms of hair trouble always cause one to think instinctively of Newbro's Herpicide.

Grateful relief from various forms of hair and scalp disorders may invariably be found in Newbro's Herpicide. Buy it and see.

Newbro's Herpicide has long been recognized as the most reliable hair remedy on the market, backed up by a guarantee that means something.

It is used by beautiful women everywhere who wish beautiful, snappy hair. By saving the hair and increasing its beauty, Herpicide helps to preserve one's youthful appearance.

Recommended and applications made by the best barbers and hair dressers. Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded.

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GOOD money ought to bring good values; there is a statement you're going to agree with. No money looks as good to you as your own; and when you part with it you want to get for it at least as much value as you put into getting the money.

Well, that's what this shop's here for. The money you pay for Clothes is about as important as any you spend; we make it our business to see that when you spend any of it here you get as much value as it's possible for anybody to give. That has been the policy of this business always; our success is an evidence of the way we've carried that policy out.

We suggest an early visit from you to look over our gorgeous array of LAMM Fabrics, LAMM Styles and LAMM Fashions.

L. J. RENFRO, The Tailor
 In connection with the City Barber Shop

Have You Poultry Troubles ?

Cure the liver and you cure the bird. Nearly all poultry troubles are due to a disordered liver. Thousands of poultry raisers who use it all year round to keep their flocks in good health, highly recommend

Bee Dee STOCK & POULTRY MEDICINE is a splendid cure for liver trouble, roup and chicken cholera. Given regularly with the feed, in small doses, it also makes an excellent tonic.
 F. J. Stowe, Purcell, Okla.

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It's a Liver Medicine.
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25c, 50c and \$1. per can. At your dealer's. P. B. 5

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On Ladies and children's Hats, ladies suits, coats and hats, mens and boys suits, calico domestic, shirts, overalls and shoes.

**TODAY AND SATURDAY AND ALL
NEXT WEEK**

AT
Woodroof's, Merkel, Texas

Ladies and Childrens Hats

Wholesale prices on these have absolutely been disregarded in this entire stock of millinery.

\$2.50 and \$3.00 ladies hats now \$1.95
4.00 and 4.50 ladies hats now 2.25
5.00 and 6.50 ladies hats now 3.25
7.00 and 8.50 ladies hats now 4.25
10.00 and 12.50 ladies hats now 6.25
15.00 ladies hats now 12.50
Childrens hats regular \$2.00 to \$3.50 values now \$1.35 to \$1.95. The best opportunity of the season to purchase your winter hat. Don't fall to see the bargains. Many costly pattern Hats being sacrificed during this buying event at convincing prices.

Ladies Suits and Dresses

UNHEARD OF VALUE

One lot brown Espunge ladies dresses. Regular \$16.50 value now \$9.75
One lot blue serge ladies dresses regular \$8.50 value now \$5.75
Regular \$8.50 ladies black serge dresses now only \$5.95

Special Lot of Suits

\$15. regular value \$7.50

Suit and Coat Reductions

\$12 50 Ladies suit and coat..... \$9.95
15 00 Ladies suit and coat..... 10.50
18 50 Ladies suit and coat..... 14.95
20 00 Ladies suit and coat..... 15.95

\$5.00 Saved for Men \$5.00

Mens latest fall and winter suits late arrival by express making our stock entirely too large.

\$15.00 mens suits all new \$10.00
18.50 mens suits all new 13.50
20.00 mens suits all new 15.00

Boys all wool winter suits

\$6.00 grade special price \$4.75
5.00 grade special price 3.95
4.00 grade special price 3.25
3.50 grade special price 2.95

Save money on your SHOES

\$2.50 mens special \$2.25
3.00 mens special 2.50
4.00 mens special 3.50
4.50 mens special 4.00

Big Reduction

Best grade men shirts - 45c
Best grade mens overalls - 90c
Nice quality bleaced domestic - 5c
Nice quality cotton checks - 5c
10 cent grade heavy shirting price cut in half now - 5c

Calicoes and Domestic, The best

Best grade calico only 4c
10 cent bleached domestic 8 1/2
10 cent brown domestic 8 1/2

Make this the golden shopping event of the present fall and winter season.

NO BETTER PRICES

ON THE BEST GRADE OF GOODS POSSIBLE TO SECURE CAN BE FOUND IN ANY

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OF WEST TEXAS THAN THE BUYING PUBLIC OF MERKEL'S ENTIRE TRADE TERRITORY CAN OBTAIN AT OUR ESTABLISHMENT AT THIS TIME.

Take Advantage of our Sacrifices
W. D. WOODROOF

Salt Branch.

Rev. Y. F. Young of Stith filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

The health of the community is very good at this writing. Ollie Stone of Hico is visiting friends and relatives in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Busby of Stith were visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Higgins Sunday.

Marvin Blair was visiting friends here Sunday.

Quite a crowd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. Robertson Sunday. All report an excellent dinner and a good time.

Sunday School and singing were well attended Sunday.

Guarantee The Magic Washing Stick

The Magic Washing Stick is guaranteed to save all washboard labor on wash day, and to make the clothes white as snow. Contains no acid, alkali, lye or poison of any character and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Lifts the burden of work from the womenfolk. Price 25c per box, containing three Magic Washing Sticks, enough for fifteen big snowy white washings. Ask grocer or druggist. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

How He Began.

"I understand you began your life as a newsboy," observed the friend admiringly. "No," replied the millionaire. "Some one has been fooling you? I began life as an infant."—New York Times.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H C Burroughs, adv

Knew the Sound.

"I'm not at home to that gentleman, Jane," declared the belle. "You haven't seen his card yet," protested mother. "You don't know who it is." "True; but it isn't the machine I am waiting for. I can tell by the honk."

GRAY HAIR BECOMES DARK, THICK, GLOSSY

Look years younger! Try Grandma's recipe of Sage and Sulphur and nobody will know.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Shiloh.

Rev. Horn filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Wheeler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheeler.

J. H. Grayson and W. L. Boyd went to Merkel Sunday after a load of negroes to help them gather in their fleecy staple.

Edgar Grayson and Mr. Alexander spent Saturday night with friends on the river.

Mesdames Brown Boyd spent Friday evening with Mr. Barclay and daughter in the Golan community.

Mrs. Tyner was shopping in Merkel Friday.

We had a light shower of rain here Saturday night.

Blair.

There was no preaching at Blair Sunday, the roads being so muddy that Eld. Price Bankhead could not get here.

The singing class met at the school house Sunday night and had an interesting song service.

Dr. Powell of Buffalo Gap was here Sunday visiting his mother.

Mrs. Wilson is reported better at this time.

J. M. Provine a former Taylor county citizen but now living near Stephenville was here the past week looking after his financial interest and visiting his brother S. F. Provine.

Chester Hall is suffering with a sprained ankle this week. The accident occurred while hauling seed from the Blair gin.

Noodle.

Clarence Eoff attended the Tom Green county Fair at San Angelo last week.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell visited Mrs. J. E. Calloway.

Conrod Ely and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl which came to their home last Friday.

Miss Allene Barbee is on the sick list this week.

Miss Nancy Greene of Shiloh attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee was trading in Merkel last Saturday.

Sunday is preaching day at the Church of Christ. Everybody is invited to attend.

The following parties attended the play at Merkel Monday night: Misses Stella and Mabel Goode, Bertha Ely and Lucile Beene, Messrs Lelidon Goode, Lucious Ely and Clayton Goode.

Singing was well attended at the Methodist church Sunday and everybody seemed to enjoy it.

Messrs Wm. and Jno. Thompson and families spent Sunday with their mother Mrs. Dock Thompson of Sinclair.

CALOMEL IS MERCURY! IT SICKENS! ACTS ON LIVER LIKE DYNAMITE

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver Better Than Calomel and Doesn't Salivate or Make You Sick.

Listen to me! Take no more sickening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work! Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine, entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless, doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

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IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER
OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

at the close of business on the 31st day of Oct. 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 13th day of Oct. 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$31,287.33
Loans, real estate	348.15
Overdrafts	331.11
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$15,159.99
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ck., net	4,248.31-10,106.30
Cash Items	92.70
Currency	2,088.00
Specie	511.91-2,643.51
Interest and assessment in Depositors Guaranty Fund	449.24
ills of exchange, Cotton	2,526.80
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	
Total	\$59,037.44

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,266.89
Individual deposits, subject to check	38,884.74
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,400.00
Cashiers checks	655.84
Bills Payable and Rediscouints	
Total	\$59,037.44

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, R. B. Johnson as vice president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
R. B. Johnson Vice Pres.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of Nov. A. D. 1914. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: G. F. West, J. T. Warren, L. E. Adrian } Directors

Bascom Sears of Whitewright was here this week visiting his brother John Sears and family and disposing of a car of hogs he shipped from the Whitewright country. The demand for the porkers was good and Mr. Sears had but little trouble in disposing of them.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation and a constipated habit fills the system with impurities. Herbine is a great bowel regulator. It purifies the system, vitalizes the blood and puts the digestive organs in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

Window shades 25c up to the best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Bettie Acree of Martin, Tenn., who has been visiting her uncle H. E. Farmer of Nubia for several weeks returned to her home Sunday.

Rub a sore throat with Ballards Snow Liniment. One or two applications will cure it completely. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle. Sold by Burroughs. adv

Special prices on ladies suits and ladies and childrens coats for all next week. No old styles. W. L. Harkrider.

O-Cedar polish mop, new size 75c. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford of Anson and daughter Mrs. Haggard of Des Moines, N. M., came in the first of the week to visit the formers daughter Mrs. J. P. Sharp and family.

Special prices on ladies suits and ladies and childrens coats for all next week. No old styles. W. L. Harkrider.

Window shades 25c up to the best. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Artie Cypert returned home Monday from Trent where she has been visiting relatives.

Important
Bear in mind that Chamberlains Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers. adv

Every man, woman and child who happens to read this should remember the Dallas Semi-Weekly News and The Merkel Mail are only \$1.50 for the two for a year. You will subscribe sometime, why not now?

Special prices on ladies suits and ladies and childrens coats for all next week. No old styles. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Carrol Rister was visiting in Abilene Tuesday.

Wall paper 10c to 32c per double roll. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

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

HALT HERE

See Life For a Nickle AND A DIME
The place where a little gets a lot.
Everybody goes.
THE ROYAL THEATRE

\$30.00 Suits \$5.00 TO \$10.00
To-Day and Saturday ONLY
High-priced Misfit second-hand Suits can be bought for almost nothing.
Come and see for yourself.
J. L. RENFRO, THE TAILOR
At City Barber Shop

YOUR HORSE - WON'T SMILE
But he has many a pleasing feeling when he comes to this shop to be Shod.
It's all in the way he is treated and HE KNOWS
C. P. STEVENS Merkel's Blacksmith

A FRESH SHAVE
Adds "tone" to any man. That's why we are so busy and there are so many tony people in this town.
"15c a Tone"
J. E. MARTIN Rear Farmers State Bank



MEN'S SHIRT FRONTS
cannot be done up at home properly and not all laundries. There is a knack about such work that every one does not possess. We flatter ourselves that we have the "know how." Lots of men evidently think so too for they send us their linen regularly. Why dont you send yours for a trial any way?
SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY
M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.

How To Give Quinine To Children.
FERRILIN is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FERRILIN is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY COMING
Manager E. S. Harrison of the Royal Theatre here has booked the Thanhouser Million Dollar Motion Picture Production entitled the "MILLION DOLLAR MYSTREY" and expects to have the first instalment of the great picture here in two reels on November 24th.
Each week following two reels will be shown of the Million Dollar Mystery until the entire story has been completed in pictures. In all it will run several weeks. The story of the "Million Dollar Mystery" is now appearing in over 200 of the largest metropolitan newspapers of the United States and the motion pictures in connection with same are being shown in all the larger cities. The Merkel Picture Show public will witness on

Every Sunday
Has two important and pleasing events—the SERMON and the DINNER. One prepares you for peace ABOVE, and the other for peace ON EARTH. Listen to the minister, then come to us.
BURNS BROTHERS CAFE

MAKE XMAS MERRY
By giving your friends a photo They cost less and are worth more than any other present.
\$2.50 a Dozen and up
THE UNIVERSAL STUDIO
OLLY CORDELL, MANAGER

NOTHING ON EARTH
Makes you feel better than a good square meal. Meat is three-fourths of the whole, and we sell the best.
What more can we say?
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most interesting show of its kind in the "MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY." Watch for the opening date.
Preaching Here Sunday.
I will preach at the Christain Church next Sunday morning and evening. Subject at 11 A. M. "How to become a Christain." The public is cordially invited to be present at both service.
Elder W. G. Cypert.
The Wonderful Magic Washing Stick
The magic Washing Stick, the greatest helper woman ever had with her washing, and I have been singing its praise to my neighbor, writes Mrs. Mollie Martin, Route 8, Apache, Okla. It is truly a wonderful article, saving all the washboard labor on washday. Three Magic Washing Sticks for 25c. Enough for fifteen big washings. Makes clothes white as snow. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas. adv

Ernest Whitaker Dies
Ernest, the fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker of this place died at 8:10 P. M. Friday of last week from Typhoid fever, having been sick for five weeks.
His condition from the first was very serious and the continual wearing down of the fevers were more than the child could endure. The best of attention and motherly nursing was given him but without avail. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family residence in South Merkel Rev. Gaddy conducting the services. Burial was given the body immediately after in the Rose Hill Cemetery. The Mail extends condolence to the bereaved parents in these hours of sorrow.
Mules For Sale
33 coming 3 year old mules, all good stock. Choice of bunch \$2.35 per pair. If interested phone or write or call on Sam Prandon, Nubia, Texas. Mules located near Dora.

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Oct. 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of November, 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$122,024.29
Loans, real estate	6,960.04
Overdrafts (banking house)	2292.13
Real Estate (banking house)	9,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,500.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	5,993.99
Due from other banks and Bankers Subject to check, net	5,993.99
Cash Items	2,118.59
Currency	1,863.00
Specie	3,561.00-7,332.99
Int. in Depositors Guaranty Fund	791.56
Other Resources as follows:	
Bills of Exchange-Cotton	28,706.96
Total	\$188,350.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$35,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,250.00
Undivided Profits, net	833.66
due to banks and bankers subject to check net	4,175.98
Individual Deposits sub. to check	117,707.96
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,982.58
Cashier's checks	635.83
Bills Payable and Rediscouints	25,514.65
Other Liabilities as follows:	NONE
Reserve for taxes	350.00
Total	\$188,350.43

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and M. C. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
M. C. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Nov. A. D. 1914. C. D. Mims (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
Correct—Attest: E. C. Moore, John Sears, M. Armstrong } Directors

NO. 7481
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank
AT MERKEL
In the state of Texas, at the close of business Oct. 31 1914.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$70,362.03
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,226.83
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
Commercial paper deposited to secure circulation	20,230.55
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	2,500.00
Bills of Exchange against cattle	8,821.15
Furniture, and fixtures	3,900.00
Other real estate owned	6,667.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	3,943.00
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	175.80
Due from approved reserve agents in Central Reserve Cities	2,430.70
In other Reserve cities 19,825.29 total	23,255.98
Checks and other cash items	6,511.58
Notes of other National Banks	9,940.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	406.70
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	15,848.50
Legal-tender notes	1,000
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,082.50
Total	\$188,370.88

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,368.11
National Bank Notes outstanding	21,250.00
Due to other National Banks	999.50
Due to State and Private Banks and bankers	2,555.24
Individual Deposits subject check	95,932.50
Demand certificates of deposit	3,314.98
Time Certificates of Deposits payable Within 30 days	2,982.58
Time certificates of deposit payable after 30 days or after notice of 30 days or longer	9,300.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	554.00
Postal Savings Deposits	2,096.85
Notes and bills rediscouinted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$188,370.88

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Nov 1914. G. W. Johnson (SEAL) Notary Public
Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, Ben T. Merritt } Directors

OTHER BUY-A-BALE MEMBER LIST
Other members of the Buy-A-Bale club whose names have been given us recently are G. F. West Co., L. E. Sanders proprietor of the Sanders Cafe and T. A. Johnson cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank have each purchased a bale of cotton at 10 cents per pound. J. T. Warren president of the F. and M. Bank is also the owner of these bales of 10 cent cotton
A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Horehound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by H C Burroughs. adv

WAR DECLARED

On All Men's and Boy's Clothing

At The Sweetwater Dry Goods Company

This store has always had a reputation for hundreds of miles around to sell as good a merchandise as others for less money. Now we will break all previous records as we have more clothing for men and boys than our floor space permits us to handle and we therefore must reduce to a normal stock so we may handle trade to a better advantage. This war on clothing will mean something to you. It will pay you to come a hundred miles as the saving on each suit will save you more than the railroad fare. We believe that we carry the largest stock in this section of the county and therefore your selections may be suited beyond any doubt. There is no use quoting prices as the price on paper does not go far. After you call if it is not as we state or if such goods can be duplicated make out your expense bill and will gladly pay for it. Mean time our ladies department will await your coming and our lady clerks are waiting for the opportunity to entertain you with the latest fashions of:

Ladie's Ready to Wear Apparel

You'll Come! You'll See! You'll Buy!

Reduced Prices Start Now

SWEETWATER DRY GOODS COMPANY

"The price is the thing."

SWEETWATER



TEXAS.

Feminine Beauty

Is enhanced by modest and tasty Jewelry. ALL MEN KNOW THIS.



We have it. Just the kind you want--and the price you like and worth more.



WATCHES RINGS LOCKETS
BROOCHES

LA VALLERES
FOUNTAIN PENS
STICK PINS
BAR PINS
TYE CLASPS
COAT CHARMS
WAIST PINS



CUFF BUTTONS
COLLAR BUTTONS
WATCH FOBS
NECK CHAINS
HAT PINS
EMBLEMS
LAPEL CHAINS

Satisfied customers our best advertisement. If we please you with our service we merit a continuance of your patronage

T. L. GRIMES, Drugs & Jewlery
THE NYAL STORE

2.83 INCH RAIN WITHIN SIX DAYS

Rain within the last six days has amounted in total to 2.83 inches. The first precipitation coming Sunday. The rain seemed to be local and did not reach far from Merkel. The latter rainfall beginning Wednesday night and continued slowly all day Thursday.

Winter grain planted in the Merkel country shows to be above normal with excellent prospects for winter pasturage.

COTTON COTTON.

Now is the time to buy your pianos and sewing machines while you can get 10c for your cotton. See E. D. Coats.

Good Cane For Sale

Good cane for sale, close in to Merkel. 2 1-2 cents per bundle in the field.

S. L. Penny, Rt. 5. 13t2pd

Good horse to swap for cotton at 8 cents per pound. Thos. Largent. 13t2pd

Stock fields wanted to pasture cattle in. Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas. 13t2

Wall paper 10c to 32c per double roll. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. J. H. Nix of Los Angeles, Calif., left Tuesday afternoon for Sweetwater to visit her husbands parents after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix of this place.

Wall paper 10c to 32c per double roll. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

Miss Ona Johnson returned home Tuesday evening from a short visit with her brother Frank Johnson and wife of Stamford. Miss Johnson was accompanied by her uncle J. F. Leuty of Rhea Springs, Tenn. who has been visiting here. Mr. Leuty goes to his home after a short visit at Stamford.

Good work horse to trade for good milch cow. See T. L. Grimes at Grimes Drug Store.

See G. O. Cozart at Boney Drug Store on Front Street today and Saturday demonstrate the cheapest stove fuel known.

The Methodist ladies will serve dinner in town Saturday. Eat with them and get a good meal.

Dr. M. Armstrong was called to Baird Monday as a witness in a case transferred from Taylor county to Judge Blanton's court in Baird.

Miss Frances Burroughs is at home from Abilene where she visited Miss Clara Will McNatt.

Miss Grace Diltz came in from Sylvester Sunday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Diltz.

John B. Boden who has been connected with the Parton Dry Good Company for the past year has accepted a position with the Anchor Mercantile company taking up his duties in the men's clothing and shoe department of that business Tuesday morning of this week.

H. J. Easterwood of Guymon, Okla. who has been here for the past two weeks visiting the families of T. J. Coggin and O. W. Williams returned to his home Tuesday.

Miss May Valentine is at home from Uvalde where she has been teaching. Miss Valentines many friends are glad to have her back home but are very sorry to learn she was compelled to resign on account of illness.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO GENTLENS fails to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.

KILLED BY TRAIN AT ANSON TEXAS

G. Z. Croves a man 66 years old was killed at Anson Wednesday night when struck by a passenger train.

Croves attempted to pass between an express train and the approaching train and was hit.

Harness Shop Notice.

New Harness and repair shop will be opened this week on front street adjoining the E. D. Coats music store. Will be glad to serve the people of Merkel and surrounding country in all repair work. Have had an experience of 40 years. Yours for patronage. A. B. Stephens. tf.

Oats For Sale

200 bushels of Oats for sale. No Johnson grass seed or weeds J. W. Childress, Rt. 4. 23t2pd

Position Wanted

Wanted position as clerk or bookkeeper by young married man. Experienced. References from former employers. No bad habits. Address O. C. care of Mail

Card of Thanks.

Through the columns of the Merkel Mail, we want to thank the people who so tenderly helped to care for our loving husband father and son Alfreed Pike during his short illness and at his death.

While our hearts are sick and sore the many comforting words that were spoken, and the beautiful flowers that were given as the last token of respect will ever be remembered. May the richest blessings of God be yours forever. The family.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

BIG BARGAINS FOR READERS

The Time of the year is here when every person takes advantage of bargain subscription offers for their next years reading matter. Why not now? You eventually will



Our Rock Bottom Clubbing Offers

The Dallas Semi-Weekly News and The Merkel Mail both for one year for \$1.50. A saving of 50c.

Farm and Ranch, Hollands Magazine and Merkel Mail all for one year only \$2.00. A saving of \$1.00.

The News, Farm and Ranch, Hollands Magazine and the Merkel Mail all four for one year only \$2.50. A saving of \$1.50

An Offer to Interest The Ladies

Pictorial Review, regular price \$1.50 per year. In connection with the Merkel Mail, both papers while they last only \$1.50 .

To The Daily Readers

The Abilene Daily Reporter Morning News and the Merkel Mail both one year only \$3.00

These are absolutely the best offers possible to secure during the coming months. Take advantage of them and lay in your supply of reading matter for the ensuing year.

THE MERKEL MAIL

PARTEN'S GREAT November Price-Making Sale

Is chugging along with ever increasing speed, very obviously out-distancing any previous attempt in the whole history of our business. Never before were our efforts so bountifully rewarded and such ready difference shown for merchandise, the greater value and lower price of which, no doubt, elicits. The result is that scores of customers are off-setting the low price of cotton by the big savings they are daily making at OUR BIG STORE OF BIG VALUES AND LOW PRICES. IT WILL PAY YOU TO HEDGE, TOO.

Great Thanksgiving Specials

In addition to the already big savings available, we have arranged for this notable event an array of EXTRA SPECIALS which will give added zest to buying in our Dry Goods Department. Do not overlook these Thanksgiving Specials

Extra Quality table Damask, special	25c	75c Quality table Damask, special	49c
50c Quality table Damask, special	35c	\$1.00 Quality table Damask	75c
65c Quality table Damask, special	39c	1.25 Quality table Damask	89c

These are only a few of this great array of Thanksgiving Specials, lack of space forbidding the quoting of others



\$12.00
All Wool
All Colors
Best Style
only

\$7.50

Our Big Dress Goods Stock

- 15c Suitings November Price 10c
 - 25c Suitings November Price 15c
 - 35c Suitings November Price 20c
 - 40c Suitings November Price 25c
 - 50c Suitings November Price 35c
 - 50c 36-inch wool goods 39c
 - 75c 36-inch wool goods 49c
 - \$1.00 40-inch wool goods 89c
 - \$1.25 54-inch wool goods 98c
 - \$1.50 54-inch broad cloth \$1.10
 - \$2.00 54-inch broad cloth 1.45
- All our dress goods are new and are the very latest weaves and colors.

Every Piece a big bargain

Big Staple Stock CALICOES 4c

- 7 1/2c 36-in heavy brown domestic 5c
- 3-4 bleach domestic 5c
- Extra quality outing 5c
- Extra good apron gingham 5c
- 25c Turkish bath towels 20c
- 10c cheviots 8 1/2c
- 9-4 bleached sheetings 25c
- 10-4 brown sheeting 25c
- 50c cotton batting 35c

Ladies' Misses and Childrens Coats and Suits.

- Children's \$2.50 Coats \$1.45
- Children's \$3.00 Coats 1.95
- Children's \$4.00 Coats 2.85
- Misses \$3.50 Coats 2.45
- Misses \$4.00 Coats 2.95
- Misses \$5.00 Coats 3.95
- Misses \$7.50 Coats 4.95
- Ladies \$5.00 Coats 3.85
- Ladies \$6.50 Coats 4.95
- Ladies \$7.50 Coats 5.95
- Ladies \$10.00 Coats 6.95
- Ladies \$12.50 Coats 7.50
- Ladies \$15.00 Coats 9.95
- Ladies \$20.00 Coats 13.85
- Ladies \$25.00 Coats 14.95

We defy competition from Halifax, Jerico, New Foundland, Chicago or any other port on Coats and ladies suits. Come prepared to buy.

MILLINERY

Too much stress can not be given the importance of buying your hat from our big Millinery Parlors. We are "Keeping our Stock up," frequently replenishing it with the newer styles that are coming out and buying quantities of the season's best hats at big reductions from New York millinery houses that are now reducing their stocks at sacrifice prices, thus permitting us to offer Hat values and styles and a stock to select from that is not available elsewhere. We are selling more hats now than ever.

**Get in Line with the Elite Styles
And Low Prices**

Great Sale Boys Suit

We have the greatest line of boys Latest Style all-wool suits on the market and for this notable event are making the Reddest Hot Prices you ever heard of. Everybody's buying boys' suits at our big store. You lose money if you fail to follow suit.

Parten Dry Goods Co.

The Big Spot Cash
WITH MONEY-SAVING PLAN



\$7.50
Black Fur
Coats
only

\$3.85

SHOES

We have the biggest shoe stock in the whole country. The different kinds are too numerous to enumerate here but we will undoubtedly sell you the best shoes that it is possible to secure anywhere at a big saving. We have all the newest styles in mens, boys, girls and childrens, as well as a big staple line for the whole family. All solid leather. Don't miss this Shoe Deal.

Men's and Boys' Clothing

The biggest stock in town. Prices lower by 25 per cent, and we can fit you to a gnat's bristle.

- \$12.50 blue serge suit for men \$9.95
- Black cheviott suit for men . . . 5.00
- \$15.00 fancy worsted suits . . . 9.95
- 17.50 worsted & blue serge . . . 12.50
- 20.00 worsted & blue serge . . . 14.95
- 25.00 blue serge suits 18.50
- 7.50 mens fine overcoats . . . 4.95
- 10.00 mens fine overcoats . . . 6.95
- 12.50 mens fine overcoats . . . 8.95

Men's and Boy's Hats

- \$1.50 Hats 98c
 - 2.00 Hats \$1.45
 - 3.00 Hats 2.45
 - John B. Stetson No. 1 Hat . . . 3.95
 - John B. big 4 hat 4.95
- Big new line boys Nobby hats range in price 50c to 98c. A big Bargain.—ACT QUICK.

FREE FREE

A piece of Silverware with \$1.00 purchase or more while they last. Only 50 sets left. Guaranteed never to tarnish. Well worth securing after you find the goods to suit you.

THE WISDOM OF BUYING

Is in Knowing What to Get, Where to Get it, and How

MUCH TO PLAY

When you have solved the three problems, you have **QUALIFIED** as an **EXPERT SHOPPER**. Use your **WISDOM** here. **Bargains Unheard of.**

The Saving on Your Suit Will Buy your Shoes for A Year

That is the inducement we have to offer you when you buy your Winter Suit or Overcoat. Have you heard of any one else making a better proposition, or even one so good? Come and learn about them.



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Schloss Bros. & Co.
BALTIMORE BOSTON
NEW YORK

We Are Now Showing

The most Complete and Up-To-Date Line of Mens and Childrens Clothing ever brought to Merkel and owing to our late purchases we are in position to give you the benefit of a well known Hand-Tailored Line, goods that are made right and are guaranteed fitters and hold their shape at **PRICES** no higher than others ask for inferior makes.

In all blue serges at from---

\$10, 12.50, 15, 20 and \$25

In blue, brown and gray worsted at from---

\$10, 12.50, 15 and \$20

Boys Clothing, the well known Claybourne line at from---

\$3.50, 4, 4.50, 5, 6.50 and 7.50

WOMEN ARE CRITICAL

And hence are good shoppers, but you seldom see a frown on a face in this store, and it is just because our dry goods and women's articles are the best values to be found in this entire community.

From Head to Heel

Everything is of the tone that causes people to gaze in admiration. Women of this community know this, and others see the result of it.

This is the Store with the Goods for the Women.



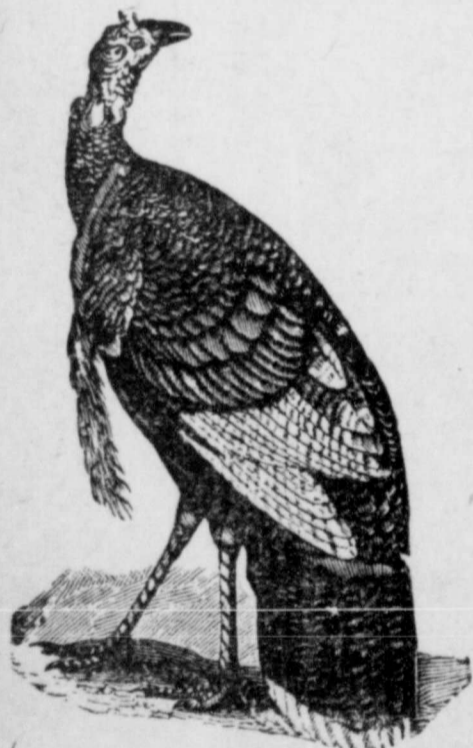
STAPLES

A saving of from twenty to twenty-five per cent on cotton goods. A look at our staple goods department will convince you that we have the price in line with the drop in cotton and a small purchase will convince you more of the fact.

20 yards brown domestic.....	\$1.00
20 yards cotton checks.....	1.00
Best 10c and 12½c bleach domestic.....	8½c
Best 10c and 12½c brown domestic.....	8½c
Best 7½c brown domestic.....	6c
7½c bleached domestic.....	6c
Best 10-4 bleached pepperel sheeting.....	30c
Best 10-4 brown.....	27c
Best 9-4 bleached.....	27c
Best 9-4 brown.....	24c

Calicos 4c and 5c

A saving for the next 30 days on all cotton goods



Every Meal You Eat

might be made a little better and a little cheaper. Observe the three leading elements of shopping—

Quality Quantity and Price

No article is necessarily economical because it is cheap. They often sell for **LITTLE** and are worth **LESS**.

A Glimpse of our Extremely Low Prices will assure you we Have a saving in store for you of from 10 to 20 per cent

100 pounds of best Light Crust Flour.....	\$3.00
Sack best Pearl Meal.....	75c
1 25-pound sack Eagle Brand Sugar.....	1.50
Five gallons Coal Oil.....	40c
10-lb bucket Lard Compound.....	90c
7 pounds good Bulk Coffee.....	1.00
Best Peaberry Coffee.....	22c
Best Salt Pork Bacon.....	16c

And many other good things too numerous to mention here



We carry the largest and most complete line of mens shoes to be found in this section of the country and a price within the reach of all.

\$2.50 \$3.00 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$4.50 \$5.00

Ask for our No. 088 mens work shoe, one that will last you 12 months solid wear at **\$2.50** Also the White House and Queen Quality shoes for women. Buster Brown shoes for boys and girls.

Remember we carry a Full and Complete Line of everything needed in the home and on the farm and are prepared to fill your wants in anything from a Sewing Machine Needle, a sack of Flour, a bill of Dry Goods, a Range Stove, Farm Implements, wagon or Threshing Machine. Help us make this a great institution that Merkel will be proud of. We buy in quantities and always get the very lowest price possible for anyone to get

THE ANCHOR MERCANTILE CO.

J. P. SHARP'S

Cash Raising Sale

MEANS MONEY TO YOU

BEGINS NOV. 13 and CLOSSES NOV. 21

We are Determined to Raise all the Money Necessary During this 8-Days Sale

Here are a Few of the Price Reductions



DRESS GOODS

\$1.25 Silk, sale price	95c
1.25 wool goods	85c
1.00 wool goods	75c
85c 50-inch serg	60c
35c cotton dress goods	25c
Discount on all cotton dress goods	

UNDERWEAR

\$1.00 Union Suits	85c
65c Union suits	50c
50c Union suits	43c
50c Ladies vests	45c
50c mens under shirts	43c
50c mens drawers	43c
35c Ladies vests	25c
35c boys under shirts	20c

STAPLES

12½c and 10c Ginghams	9c
10c Outing	9c
12½c Canton flannel	11½c
10c Canton flannel	9c
10c Shirting	9c
5c Calico	4c
5c Cotton checks	4c

It is impossible to quote prices on every article in the store but will make special prices on every article as long as they last, or until the Eight Days are passed.

Come Early--Get First Pick

HOSE

10c Hose	7c
15c Hose	10c
20c Hose	15c
10c ¼ Hose	7c
15c ¼ Hose	10c
20c ¼ Hose	15c

12½c Bleaching	10c
10c Bleaching	7½c
10c unbleached domestic	9c
8½c unbleached domestic	7½c
35c 9-4 Pepperel Sheeting	25c
\$1.00 mens overalls	85c
1.00 mens jumpers	85c
50c mens work shirts	43c

MENS PANTS

\$5.00 Pants	\$4.25
4.50 Pants	3.75
4.00 Pants	3.25
3.50 Pants	3.00
3.00 Pants	2.25
2.25 Pants, all wool filled	1.95

Don't Forget to price Trunks and Suit Cases

BLANKET AND COMFORTER WEEK

Don't Forget to price Trunks and Suit Cases

Ladies Suits

\$27.50 Suits	\$20.00
18.50 Suits	13.50
17.50 Suits	12.50
15.00 Suits	10.00

Ladies Cloaks

\$15.00 Cloaks	\$11.50
12.50 Cloaks	9.95
8.00 Cloaks	7.00
7.50 Cloaks	6.00
6.50 Cloaks	5.00
4.50 Cloaks	4.00
3.50 Cloaks	3.00
3.00 Cloaks	2.50

\$3.50 12-4 Woolnap Blankets	\$3.00
3.25 11-4 Woolnap blankets	2.75
3.00 11-4 Woolnap blankets	2.50
1.50 12-4 Cotton blankets	1.25
1.35 10-4 Cotton blankets	1.15

Men and Boys Suits

\$20.00 Mens Suits	\$15.00
15.00 Mens Suits	11.00
12.50 Mens Suits	9.95
6.00 Boys Suits	5.00
5.00 Boys Suits	4.00
4.50 Boys Suits	3.75
4.00 Boys Suits	3.25
3.75 Boys Suits	3.00
2.50 Boys Suits	2.00

MENS HATS

\$4.00 Hats	\$3.00
3.00 Hats	2.25
2.50 Hats	1.75
2.00 Hats	1.50
1.50 Hats	1.20

J. P. SHARP