

## DESTROY WEEVILS DURING THE FALL

In view of the fact that boll weevils are playing havoc in with the cotton crop of Central West Texas, a few suggestions from Dr. W. F. Proctor on how to rid the fields of the pest before another crop is planted are very timely.

In a letter to I. B. Buck, Taylor County Farm Demonstration Agent, Dr. Proctor says that the best way to kill off the weevils so that they will not bother the crop the coming year is to rush through with the gathering of the cotton, and then turn cattle into the fields and let them eat what is left of the stalks, leaves, etc. If it is not convenient to gaze cattle on the field, then the next best thing to do is to burn the last vestige of the crop.

Through the long winter the germ or the "grub" will hold tenaciously to life and come out a full-fledged weevil next summer. By destroying the stalks and everything about the crop, the farmer destroys these germs, grubs, or young weevils. The cotton should be gathered as quickly as possible so that the work of destroying the stalks may be accomplished without delay.

The cotton crop of the country this year will be no better than in 1913, according to men who have made a study of it. The crop is pronounced very short indeed.

## BOY OF 9 KILLS PLAYMATE OF 11

The people of Snyder were shocked last Tuesday evening by the announcement that little Charles Alexander, the eleven years old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Alexander had been shot and killed by his little playfellow, J. J. Hunter, Jr., the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hunter. It is learned that several boys were on the croquet ground and that these two little boys had a childish scuffle of some sort and it is supposed that little J. J. Jr., in a fit of childish anger fired the shot through the window with the fatal result.

The families are neighbors and friends and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are terribly cast down in grief over the sad affair and the people deeply sympathize with them and with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander in their deep sorrow.

Little Charles was buried Wednesday evening the funeral services being conducted at the Methodist church by Rev. J. W. Hunt of Abilene.

The court authorities have taken the necessary cognizance of the case and have placed the little Hunter child under bond to await the action of the grand jury. Snyder Signal.

### Firemen to Plainview

O. M. Sharp, W. R. Russell and Austin Body left Monday afternoon for Plainview to attend Panhandle Firemans Association.

The representation to the Plainview meet from Merkel was about to go wanting up until the last moment. Every member of the department wanted to go and everybody was so busy it seemed hard to find one who could spare time enough away from business to represent our town. The Plainview meeting promises to be one of the most interesting yet held.

### Here From Wyoming

Messrs. W. D. Driskill and son, T. E. Driskill, formerly of Wyoming but lately of San Antonio, have been in the Merkel country the past two weeks looking after lease propositions for cattle. Mr. Driskill and son also contemplate making Merkel their home and express themselves as highly pleased with this section of the state.

## GINNS HAVE A BIG DAY ON SATURDAY

Last Saturday was by far the heaviest in gin receipts at this place up to that time of the 1915 cotton season.

Total number of bales ginned during the day amounted to two hundred and sixteen and all gin yards were cleared before night. The estimated capacity of the gins in Merkel between suns is placed at 250 bales or 350 bales per day when early starts are made and runs continue after dark. The speed with which the cotton was cleared Saturday makes it more convenient for farmers who come here to gin, no long waits were necessitated breakdowns or bad ginning machinery as nearly every gin in Merkel is equipped with absolutely new machinery or has recently been completely over-hauled.

"BRING YOUR COTTON TO MERKEL FOR GOOD GINNERS SAMPLES AND QUICK SERVICE," top price for your seed always paid and the best cotton market in the west afforded the cotton grower.

The receipts of Tuesday exceeded Saturday, the gins registering a total of 262 bales for the day and the top price paid for cotton was eleven cents, only one bale reached that mark however.

Miss Martha Swafford left Tuesday morning for Dallas where she will teach school.

## SCHOOL NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

Since there has been confusion about the proposed opening of the High School for those who would enter and pay tuition until the beginning of public school, the school board authorizes me to make a statement through the town paper touching on their position in the matter.

The question naturally arose, "whether pupils who enter school previous to the opening of public school would be permitted to carry their work right on without a break at the opening of public school." After consideration of the matter, the Board decided that classification would be made at the opening of school without regard to work passed over in private school work. Separate classes could not be formed for those entering school now; too, school being opened for some and not for all would bring about discontent and confusion.

It is expected that public school will open in the new building by November 1.

M. H. Morris, Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sherrill and the latter's sister Miss Gladys Wright of Bellview came in Friday morning to visit Mrs. Sherrill's sisters Mesdames W. D. and E. L. Woodroof.

Plenty bran and cow feed at the Bob Martin Gro. Co.

See J. A. Duckett's 5 and 10 cents counters for bargains.

## GOOD ROADS PROPOSITION

We would like a little space if the Mail has it to spare, and the subject is "Good Roads Leading Into Merkel."

We will say that a great many of the roads leading into this city, we know absolutely nothing about, but the road leading towards Shiloh and the Robertson pasture, we are well acquainted with, and will say that it is a bad for the farmer to have to haul a heavy load over same, more especially when they are muddy. After each rain the farmer who has a load of produce that he wishes to haul to Merkel, begins making inquiries as to the condition of certain mud-holes, especially the one near the Shiloh gin, and there has been times to our own certain knowledge that wagon loads of produce has lain in the fields and wasted because these places were almost impassable and the farmers were afraid to tackle them.

We do not know who to lay the blame to for such condition of affairs, but do know that it would mean many more dollars for the business men of Merkel, if these places were put in good condition, even if they had to do it by subscription. The Robertson pasture and the Golan community is the "Garden Spot" in this section of the country as far as melons, fruit, etc., is concerned, and is the equal if not superior in other crops, and the many bales of cotton that Merkel would receive if these places was fixed, will go to McCauley and Sylvester, if they are not fixed. We know a man who is interested in Sylvester, who has built two miles of fence at his own choice, to draw more of this trade to that little city.

We have no individual interest in this section of the country, nor in Merkel, but still have an interest in both, having counted Merkel our home for over twenty years, and wish to see her get what is duly hers, but know that she will not get the products and the trade from this section unless these roads are put in better shape. Everyone knows that Merkel is the most desirable market in this section of the country, but getting the stuff to the market, is the proposition we have been talking about.

SPECTATOR.

### J. W. Sibley Much Improved

J. W. Sibley was on the streets the latter part of last week shaking hands with friends and enjoying outdoor life again for the first time within the past twelve months.

Mr. Sibley's health is much improved and even at his mature age he seems to be well on the road to recovery.

## IN THIS ISSUE OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Our readers will find nearly every business in Merkel advertising in this issue of the Mail. The purpose of the increased space is to bring out the importance of "TRADING AT MERKEL".

Only two local advertisers who are not in business in Merkel will be found to have ads in this issue of the Mail, those being the Star Store of Trent and the Mozart Cafe of Abilene. Our circulation in the Trent country justifies the local company taking an ad for their store at Trent and the Mozart Cafe, one of the best restaurants in Abilene is only telling the Merkel people where to go when they are in that city and hungry.

Our local advertisements are where the real information come in to the person who wants to buy. Anything you might want can be furnished and nearly every article on sale in our town is mentioned in some way. The Mail readers will be doing this paper a favor if they will scan the advertising columns and just see what the Merkel merchants and business men have for sale and are giving. Each ad is written especially for this issue and should be of interest to someone.

Those you will find listed are too numerous to mention here but the ads will speak for themselves. Do unto our advertisers as you would have them do unto you. Read their ads.

## RAIN ON TUESDAY LOWERS RECEIPTS

The very slow drizzling rain that began falling Tuesday night and amounted to one fifth of an inch during the night served to check the cotton receipts to an extent.

Farmers were hoping for continued dry weather for their picking but it is not thought that the rain of Tuesday would do any material damage whatever, as there was no wind during the showers and the fall was very slow.

Many people who called at the Mail office Wednesday morning all but put our rain gauge out of commission by charging its authentic register on the rain. Various parties estimated the rain to be as much as half an inch anyway, and many thought it surely rained an inch. But our rain gauge said one-fifth and one-fifth goes.

### Pasture Land Wanted

Would like to obtain immediate lease on half section or more of good pasture land near Merkel. Any person desiring to communicate, please see me at Walker Cottage or write me and state price wanted.

W. D. Driskill.

Mrs. J. E. Nobles and daughter, Miss Eda, have been here visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. Will Hutcheson.

Very fine chocolates just received. Burroughs Drug Store. 22

## LOAN MAY EFFECT COTTON MARKETS

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 13.—James J. Hill arrived in New York today to handle the largest financial deal in the history of the world. Hill has been asked to come to New York by J. P. Morgan to direct the loan to European governments that will amount to \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

Hill left hurriedly Saturday night in company with M. R. Brown, his confidential secretary and director of the First National Bank.

Hill is fully prepared for what is one of the most important transactions in the history of the United States and which will in large measure determine the course of the great war in Europe. Hill will lay before the meeting data showing that if the loan is not made commerce will be paralyzed and our surplus crops useless.

Hill will insist that the loan be made to such nations as are trading with us and who are in a position to reasonably secure the loan with collateral.

When Hill returned to St. Paul several days ago he was determined to leave the leadership to a younger man, but none could be found upon whom the New York bankers could unite and Hill has agreed to direct the transactions.

## MEXICANS IN RAID BRIDGE BLOWN UP

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 12.—Mexican raiders last night blew up a bridge fifteen miles west of here on the railway between this city and San Antonio.

American troops were on the scene shortly afterward, but could find no trace of the bandits on account of the heavy growth of mesquite in the vicinity.

Fifty-seven Mexicans have been located at Young's ranch fifteen miles south of here, and a strong detachment of United States Cavalry are making an effort to round them up. It is believed that some of the leaders of the "American invasion" party are in this gang.

According to Col. R. L. Bullard, in command of the American troops at Fort Brown, there are no less than 400 armed Mexicans operating on American soil within a radius of fifty miles. They are divided into a number of bands numbering from fifteen to sixty each. Every American ranch in this district is an arsenal and Americans go about in parties of four and five when they have business to attend to.

Bodies of three more Mexican citizens of the United States were found by rangers near here yesterday. This makes five peaceful citizens to have been killed within the last few days, probably by the same gang.

Representatives of Carranza in Brownsville state that the first chief has warned all his commanders along the border that they will be held strictly accountable for any complications with the American government arising from unfriendly acts against American citizens by Carranza soldiers.

### For Sale

My Blacksmith shop and dwelling house at Nubia. B. H. Riney 3t4pd

For sewing see Mrs. C. B. Smith or phone 244. Nov. 1

## MERKEL EXHIBITS AT BIG SPRINGS

The western part of the state will see what the Merkel country produces when the Howard county fair opens this year.

Two live stock exhibitors have already signified their intentions of having cattle there. Messrs C. M. Largent and John Sears will each make shipments to Big Springs of thoroughbred registered Hereford cattle and unless their is a big surprise in store for some one the Merkel cattle will bring home the laurels as usual. The exhibit to be made by Mr. Sears may not however be placed in competition, in such event it will only serve to help the other Merkel herd establish the reputation of our country all the more strong.

Call and see my Millinery at the J. A. Duckett store. Miss Ona Stanley.

## ABILENE COTTON IS COMING ON MARKET

Up until Saturday night Abilene had received 408 bales of new crop cotton, according to Public Weigher E. J. Ellison who weighed 87 of them Saturday. He has established a new cotton yard for the convenience of the farmers on the block south of the Abilene & Southern railway, thus giving the south side a yard in addition to the platform scales to be found at Cope & Daniels. — Abilene Reporter.

Compared with the Abilene receipts on Saturday evening Merkel was in the lead, having obtained 1328 bales up to that time, 265 of which was weighed Saturday.

Mrs. E. W. Pollock and daughter or Moro were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford the past week.

## ANSON ROBBERIES MAN IS ARRESTED

Anson, Tex., Sept. 13.—The safe at the Wichita Valley depot in this city was blown at midnight Sunday. Nitroglycerine was used on the combination, the explosion being heard in town but nothing was thought of it until this morning when the agent found the safe open and the absence of \$40.00 in cash and \$36.00 in checks. The job was that of an expert. No arrests have been made but the Jones county officers are working on the case.

A man giving his name as S. B. Bailey was brought to Anson on a charge of being implicated in the robberies which occurred at Hawley last Friday night. Bailey is alleged to have been in Hawley on that night. He is being held pending further investigations. — Abilene Reporter.

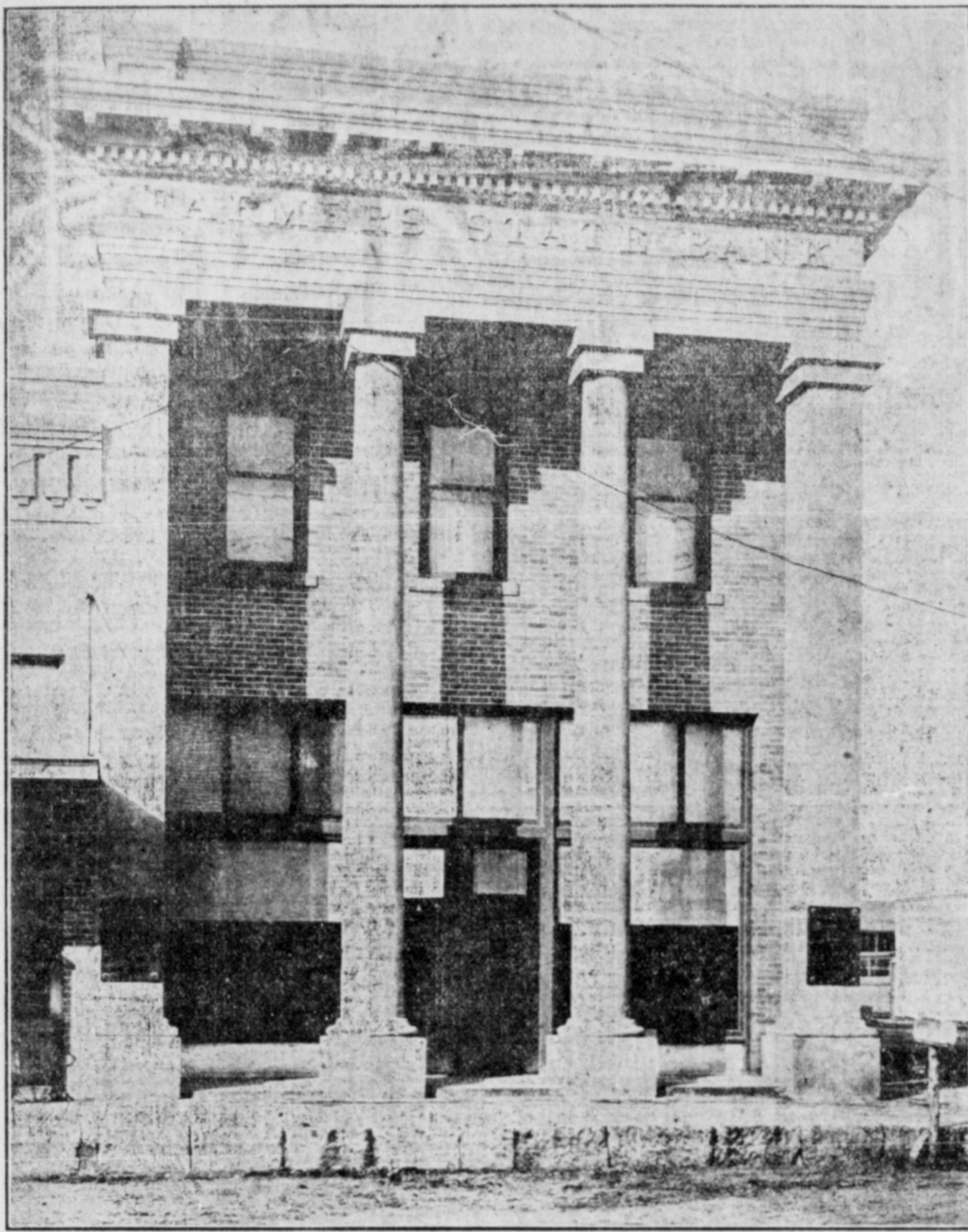
## TRENT RECEIPTS 575 BALES COTTON

A report from the Trent cotton yards on Wednesday afternoon showed that there had been about 375 bales of cotton weighed there during the present season.

The two gins of that place have been running on full time and the daily receipts of the town were averaging up until the rain about 20 to 40 bales per day. The top cotton market up until the time this report was taken was 10.67½ with seed going at the top price of \$26.00.

J. I. Ford of route 1 says his luck has changed. Mr. Ford was awarded the prize saw at the Crown Merchantile Co., last Saturday evening.

J. A. Duckett left for Dallas Monday night on a business trip.



# The Bank That Public Confidence Built

Large Enough to Accomodate You  
Not Too Large to Appreciate You  
The Safe Way---A Guaranty Fund Bank

## The Farmers State Bank

### The Merkel Mail

Published Every Friday Morning by  
THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC

Entered in the post office at Merkel  
Texas as second class matter.

Trade at home. "Buy it in  
Merkel."

Looks like our dove of peace is  
a buzzard.

In any event Russia has saved  
her whiskers.

A dispatch says the tombstone  
business on the border is picking  
up.

Get rid of the hyphen. You'r  
either an American or you are  
not.

Courtship is said to be the fore  
runner of hardship. Definition  
given by a married man.

Excuse my foot, an expression  
that has become common with  
our city marshal when speaking  
to a tramp.

Looks like the chili-eaters who  
live across the border are looking  
for a square meal instead of a  
square deal.

Mexico is playing a funny game  
and she had better watch out or  
the full house she expects to  
draw will be a flush, outclasted  
by a six-shooter full.

A man who mistreats his wife  
ought to be required to live with  
the rest of the dogs.

Some people are always sitting  
around waiting for people to  
die---the undertaker for instance.

Some people shoot off their  
mouths and never have a target  
to shoot at. A goob cure would  
be a Maxim silencer.

The president wants peace,  
the pope wants peace, we want

peace and everybody wants peace  
but nobody can find the darned  
thing.

The American citizen who in-  
lists in a foreign army has al-  
ready lost his head and by a rul-  
ing from our government will  
lose his citizenship and later will  
lose his life.

Everybody is crying for mili-  
tary preparedness even to the  
president but it will require  
something more effective than  
words and an advisory board to  
save our Uncle Samuel from a  
royal spanking if a scrap should  
really come.

If you want to see how good  
your credit is try some mail or-  
der house and see yourself as  
others see you. "Trade at  
home" and save smbarassment  
and money.

The merchant who forgets to  
advertise should not complain  
when the buyer forgets he is in  
business. It is just a case of  
"forget" all around.

King Cotton took an elevator  
and is making a noise like an all-  
the-way-up order to the bell boy  
boy in a twelve story building.

Frank Grimes of the Abilene  
Reporter says every man is a  
slave to himself or to his brother  
man, but in reality with Frank  
it is his "Jimmy-pipe." With  
him it is sorter of love me, love  
my pipe and some one-should-  
release-him from bondage.

Roosevelt wants to see the  
Morgans and Astors and other  
rich unload garbage and do other  
dirty work. Good for the Col-  
onel, he is always stirring up  
something that is new and in-  
teresting.

Life Magazine thoroughly ex-  
plains what overhead expenses  
means by a picture of three ex-  
pensive ladies hats.

We could stand the wrist watch  
but the man who suggested the  
ankle watch evidently wants to  
get somebody arrested for flirt-  
ing.

An exchange says the warning  
given ships is: "Your time next  
---Bang."

Our Mayor is preparing his  
decree against any further use  
of straw hats in Merkel. Good-  
bye palmbeaches and on with  
darker breeches.

General Winter and General  
Czars forces ought to put up  
some scrap.

The days of the transparent  
skirt are about over and pity for  
the blind man is on the decrease.

If all wives and all children  
were perfect Claud Callan would  
lose his job in less time than it  
would take his boss to hand him  
a pink slip.

The difference between the  
Liverpool cotton market and the  
Merkel cotton market is to be  
measured in miles and knots and  
not in cents.

The Abilene Reporter is anx-  
ious to see the time come when  
hatred between neighboring  
towns will cease to be. Good,  
put it there, we are with you  
from the word "GO."

#### Chamberlain's Liniment

If you are ever troubled with aches,  
pains or soreness of the muscles, you  
will appreciate the good qualities of  
Chamberlain's Liniment. Many suffer-  
ers from rheumatism and sciatica have  
used it with the best results. It is es-  
pecially valuable for lumbago and lame  
back. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. C. Fletcher who has been  
visiting her mother, Mrs. L. I.  
Valentine, has returned to her  
home at Arnett, Okla.

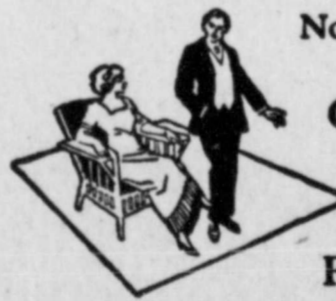
Pure California Syrup at the  
Bob Martin Grocery Co.

# RUGS

Bring beauty, warmth and pleasure to your home by covering  
your old floors with some floor-covering. A few dollars  
added to your home is money well invested. You will enjoy  
your home, and the pleasure it will give.

### Linoleum Logic

No. 3



Cover  
the  
Old  
Floors

Hide ugly boards with new and neat linoleum.  
Cheaper than parquet---easier to keep in  
condition.

#### Armstrong's Linoleum

is slightly and sensible. Clean-cut designs,  
clear colors. Sanitary and durable. Fits the  
needs of the kitchen---fit for the parlor.  
Patterns for every room in the house.

Cuts down house-work.  
Don't waste energy in scrubbing floors. Use  
a mop---and linoleum. ARMSTRONG'S  
IS THE BEST.

### Rug Logic

Cover the old floor  
and cracks with a  
nice warm Rug. It  
may save a doctor  
bill for baby and  
hard scrubbing for  
the lady.



Prices for a 9x12  
Rug from \$2.50  
up to the best.

READ OUR OTHER AD ON ANOTHER PAGE

**Behrens-McMillen Fur. Co.**  
"Mack"

# An Opportunity of a Lifetime

Is now afforded to people of Trent and surrounding country. Our store has been filled from floor to dome with new seasonable goods. Our stock of both Dry Goods and Groceries have been filled to the utmost with best that money can buy and we call your attention to price list below and ask that you come to our store for your fall purchases. It means saving to you. We have something special in blankets and comforts. All new and of the best quality at prices to astonish you.

Dry Goods	Gents' Furnishings	Shoes	Groceries
10 oz. Duck..... 10 1/2c	\$3.50 Men's Hats..... \$2.85	One lot of Men's and Ladies	6 lb. Peaberry Coffee..... \$1.00
8 oz. Duck..... 8 1/2c	3.00 Men's Hats..... 2.50	Shoes, all good valvues 2.50	5 lb. Arbuckle Coffee..... 90c
12 1-2c Gingham..... 10c	2.50 Men's Hats..... 2.00	to 3.50..... 75c to \$1.50	10 lb. Blanke,s Coffee..... 1.00
10c Gingham..... 8 1/2c	Men's \$12.50 to \$16.00 suits .. 5.50	One lot of Ladies Shoes 2.50 to	9 pkg. Post Tosties..... 1.00
Best Calico..... 5c	One lot Mens 3.50 pants..... 1.85	3.50 valvues..... \$1.65 to \$2.00	10 cans Pink Salmons..... 1.00
12 1-2c Canton Flannel..... 10c	One lot Mens 2 50 pants..... 1.50		14 cans No 2 Tomatoes..... 1.00
10c Canton Flannel..... 8 1/2c	One lot of \$2.00 to 2.50 Youths		25 boxes American Sardines.... 1.00
10c best heavy chiviott..... 8 1/2c	pants, your choice..... 1.00		18 lbs. pink or Pinto Beans.... 1.00
9 1-4 Sheeting, best grade..... 22 1/2c	Men's 50c blue shirts..... 37 1/2c		15 lbs. choice dried Peaches.... 1.00
20 yards Cotton Checks..... \$1.00	One lot of Men's Dress Shirts		12 cans Hominy..... 90c
12 1-2c Lansdale Bleaching.... 10c	\$1.00 value..... 35c		12 cans good Corn..... 90c
10c Bleached Domestic..... 8 1/2c	One lot of Men's Dress Shirts		Regular \$1.00 bucket Coffee... 85c
6 spools of thread..... 25c	\$100 to \$1.25 for..... 50c		10 lbs. pkg Soda..... 50c
15c Handkerchiefs..... 7 1/2c	Men's 50c summer underwear.... 35c		2 25c cans Quaker Baking
6 cards 10c Buttons..... 25c	Men's 25c hose supporters.... 15c		Powder..... 25c
25c Hose..... 20c	Men's Overalls..... 85c		2 cans Royal Seal Oats..... 25c
15c Hose..... 10c			35 lbs. meal..... 70c
2 pair 10c Hose..... 15c			100 lbs. Vera Best Flour..... 3.15
			10 lbs. compound Lard..... 90c

## Millinery

Our Milliner is now in Chicago making selections for our millinery department. We will offer to the ladies of Trent and Trent country one of the most up-to-date millinery departments. Mrs. M. G. Broome will have charge and can adjust your "Head-gear" to your own satisfaction.

Men's Tailor-Made Suits—The best on earth for the money. Let us measure you for a new suit. It pleases thousands of others it will please you.

We will take all your eggs at 15 cents per dozen.

Remember, R. H. Reaves, Trent's highest cotton buyer, makes headquarters at our store. Meet your friends here. Let this be headquarters. We extend a hearty welcome and assure you that our store shall be famous for Highest quality at lowest prices.

# THE STAR STORE

TRENT, TEXAS

## We Sell Quality And Satisfaction

For nearly a quarter of a century we have been leaders in our contention for clean business methods. Hundreds of satisfied customers in the Merkel country prove our claims.

You should not fail to see us for anything in  
**HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, GROCERIES AND GRAIN**

# G. F. West Co.

Miss Olive Garoutte is at home from Marlin greatly improved in health.

F. F. Clark was in San Angelo the first of the week, making the trip through the country in his Ford car.

Miss Nana Paylor of Ft. Worth came in the first of the week, being a guest at the H. C. Burroughs home.

Mrs. Robert Deaton and children who have been visiting their mother and grandmother Mrs. L. I. Valentine, returned to their home at Aspermont the first of the week.

Brownsville, Sept. 14.—The bodies of three Mexicans were found today at various points in this section.

The bodies of two Mexicans were found near Edinburg, twenty-five miles from the scene of yesterday's fight. The Mexicans had been shot. Rangers have been working near Edinburg, but have made no report of encountering Mexicans. It is not believed that these Mexicans had any connection with yesterday's attack on the army camp.

### GREAT MASS OF PROOF

Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Merkel Cases.

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 30,000 recommendations. Merkel is no exception. Here is one of the Merkel cases.

B. J. Rhodes, retired carpenter, Merkel, says: "I can honestly say that Doan's Kidney pills have benefited me. They relieved discomfort in my back and regulated the action of my kidneys."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney pills—the name that Mr. Rhodes had Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.



## Don't Worry

Mr. Bill Payer, the first will lose half it's terrors if you place your Grocery Account in Our Hands.

By TRADING WITH US you will do much towards solving the

"HIGH COST" problem.

**E. L. ROGERS**  
GROCERY

Fort Worth, Sept. 13—William Airhart, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Airhart 508 Ryan St. died at Galveston Monday as the result of wounds inflicted by a watchman when he alighted from a freight train in Alta Loma near there Sunday night. His body probably will arrive in Fort Worth for burial Tuesday. The watchman supposed to have killed him has been arrested.

El Paso, Sept. 15.—Edward Ledwidge, an official of the Mexican Northwestern railroad, who has been held for \$10,000 ransom by bandits operation near the Cumbrre tunnel in Chihuahua, was released early today, according to information reaching here. A posse is pursuing the bandits.

## NEWS OF INTEREST STATE AND WORLD

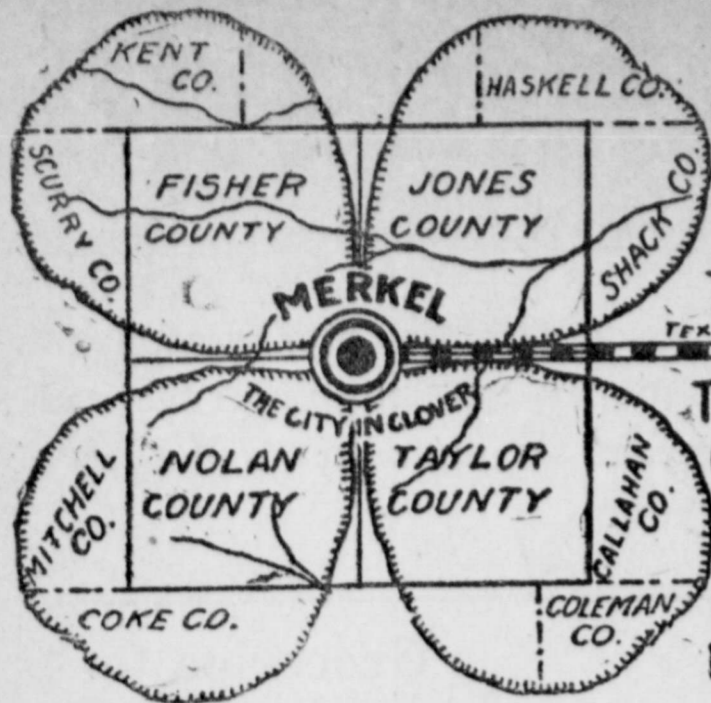
Sweetwater, Tex. Sept. 14—According to an afternoon paper here, a petition will be submitted to the city and county for the approval of the citizens of the county to bring about an election for bonds for erection of a new courthouse for Nolan county. It is said that the matter has already gained great headway over the country.

Denver, Col. Sept. 14—Thornon N. Sampson, professor of church history in the Texas Presbyterian Seminary at Austin Texas is reported to be missing and a search is being made in the mountains in the Estes Park region. He went to Estes Park Aug. 11 and has not been seen for two weeks.

Paducah, Sept. 13—Henry Cook, a hand on the Matador ranch, who was shot by Sheriff Combest in a difficulty in the courthouse Saturday afternoon, died this evening at 6 o'clock. The difficulty between the Sheriff and Cook began when Combest made an effort to separate Cook and a deputy sheriff, who were engaged in fight.

Houston, Tex. Sept. 14.—P. C. Williams, a farmer, living two miles east of Goldthwaite Sunday night hanged himself from a rafter in a bedroom of his home. His wife found the body suspended from the rafter.

Belin, Sept. 13 via London, 10 p. m.—Count von Reventlow, in the Tages Zeitung discusses at length today a report that President Wilson has won a victory in demanding that American cotton must be permitted to go to German ports, but he treats the whole matter pessimistically and doubtfully.



**MERKEL**  
 GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,  
 GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE;  
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,  
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN  
 TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAIL ROAD  
 THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
 GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
 EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
 INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
 PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

**WITH OUR EXCHANGES**

**Talking About Bailey**

It now looks like there was a trade at Dallas the night Mr. Bailey and his friends met there in banquet assembled. That banquet's outcome seems to be, summed up in a nut-shell, a trade between some of them that Mr. Bailey wait till 1918, then trim Morris Shepperd for the Senate. Thus would Mr. Culberson be retained by his Dallas friends for the place again. There is a sort of under ground working that will crop out one of these days, it seems. Right now, Mr. Bailey might beat Morris Sheppard. Two years hence we fear the people will have changed their minds largely and the job would be a great big one for any man, Mr. Bailey not excepted.—Stamford Leader.

It would seem that you have the matter figured out about right. This much must be said, however, that no one can be sure what J. W. B. will eventually do. His friends are many, you know, in this state.—Abilene Reporter.

A bunch of politicians and near-politicians gathered a few days ago around the banquet table to toot their little horns for Joe Bailey and start a boom for him for the U. S. Senate. We should like to remind his boosters that there are three things that have never been known to come back: a broken-down race horse, a broken-down prize fighter and a broken-down politician. Joe Bailey soars with a broken wing and he will never be able to scale the peaks again.—Roscoe Times.

The Leader and the Times are "sot-in-thar-ways" as a person can see by a glance between the lines. The Reporter takes a more kindly view and credits Bailey with what is rightfully his for indeed Bailey's friends are many. One thing Bailey should be given credit with is the fact that he is one of the biggest men in our land today. Whether he will survive the conditions that arise in the next two years is to be seen. With the Roscoe Times taking the view of the situation as they do he is already out of the running but in summing up the has-beens and down-and-outers as the Times attempted to do, the writer forgot to include in his list of broken-down beings the "Broken-Down" newspaper man.

**Extra Session**

Governor Ferguson announces that he will not call a special session of the Legislature. Knowing the Legislature as you do, can you blame him?—Dallas News.

The announcement of Governor Ferguson that he will not call an extra session of the legislature unless something of an imperative character demands it is not saying that there will be no extra session by a long shot. In times like the present imperative demands are likely to arise any day. Intervention in Mexico is liable to come any time and that would mean an extra session as the Governor suggests. But for our part we shall be glad if the state is saved the necessity of a special session. When the legislature meets it always means weeks of uncertainty.—Abilene Reporter.

As has been suggested to us, were a special session called the action taken probably would be to help the cotton situation which could result in no material good, coming from the legislature, as they would not be financially able to back up any proposition they might go into. With conditions moving along nicely as they are under the present

administration it listens good to know that Governor Ferguson will not needlessly increase our state expenses unless compelled to do so by a situation as the Reporter refers to.

**Jumbo District Candidates**

The Abilene Reporter in quoting a part of a speech Hon. J. M. Wagstaff made at San Angelo last week, gave the following: "Mr. Wagstaff said of the 270 members that it had been stated that 260 were candidates for Congress and that the other ten were seeking jobs. He mentioned the death and burial of the constitutional amendments as an evidence of the manner in which the Legislature was regarded, adding that most all members of the Legislature were members of the bar and that those who were not were patrons of "the bar."

From Judge Wagstaff's talk we draw upon our imagination, and calmly await results. Judge Wagstaff says that of 260 out of 270 members the reports goes that 260 are candidates for Congress while the other ten are seeking jobs. Surely Judge Wagstaff is not seeking a job so we will place him in the 260 class and stretch our imagination some more. To what congress do these 260 legislators aspire? Some to our state body likely while a few no doubt have their eyes on our Lower National House. With this supposition we would say that Judge Wagstaff is looking toward the Lower National House and is pulling the strings accordingly. With Judge Wagstaff in the race for Congressman from this Jumbo District things ought to get interesting here next spring. It is popularly supposed that our present Congressman, the Hon. W. R. Smith will present his claims again, while his opponent in last years race Hon. T. L. Blanton will likely again be in the race. With these three, Blanton, Smith and Wagstaff, an acceptable array of legal minds are presented to our people. But will Smith retain his former strength? It looks like someone is after Mr. Smith's place in dead earnest. With these three men in the race we would place our guess on Blanton and Wagstaff, thereby figuring Mr. Smith bringing up the rear. Each man presents himself a logical prohibitionist of long standing and no line can be drawn here. Can Judge Blanton hold the vote he received in the last race? And can Representative Wagstaff develop sufficient strength to lead both his opponents? These questions will be hard to guess at if the race narrows down as it now promises to and the voters of this district will see one of the warmest races yet. Our prediction is that these three men will be on the ticket in the next primary.

**New Depot For Clyde**

Texas & Pacific officials were here for sometime Monday evening on a tour of inspection and while here took occasion to go over our claim for a new depot with Mayor Tyson and the committee. First Vice-President E. J. Pearson of New Orleans, headed the party who assured Mr. Tyson that the new depot would be under construction within 60 days.—Clyde Enterprise.

Clyde is to get a new depot. Why? Because the needs of their town demands it. This article again brings to our attention to sore realization that Merkel is far more in need of a new depot than many other town along the Rio Grande division of the Texas & Pacific. The mere mention of our need in these columns will be of little avail, it will take an influence far more effective, an influence brought about by the co-operative action of our townspeople. This co-operative action can best be brought about by the organization of a Commercial Club, something the Mail has been contending for for months and months. The organization of the business men of our town is needed beyond the slightest doubt and until we have such an organization the Mail will continue to "call for assistance."

Either votes were sold or votes were bought at Corpus Christi and the outcome and term in Leavenworth will be effected very little by the finding either way.

Some scandal, this thing about Adam and Eve never having been married.

**Scientific Progress**  
 You are entitled to all that science and skill have done to improve tire quality and reduce tire cost.  
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have raised the standard of quality to the highest point that science and practical experience have made possible. And they have developed production and selling methods to a point of scientific efficiency that keeps price down.

Every Firestone designer, engineer, foreman or craftsman is a past-master—a finished specialist in his particular line.

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**LADIES! SECRET TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR**

Bring back color, gloss and thickness with Grandma's recipe of Sage and Sulphur.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 60 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," thus avoiding a lot of muss.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger.

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 The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

**Cotton and Grain**

We will buy cotton from yards anywhere in Taylor or Jones counties if you will only bring us the GINNERS' SAMPLE

We are also in the market for headed or threshed maize, wheat and Oats.

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# The Price Is The Thing



QUALITY THE SAME

Just received a big lot of new goods at money saving prices. If you fail to investigate our prices we both lose money. Note just a few of our prices, we have not the space to mention only a few of the many bargains. Just received a lot of the very latest Middy Blouses and the prices are away under others. You can't afford to miss seeing this line. Childrens school dresses must be seen to be appreciated. Styles and prices 45c and up.

Ladies Waist from 25c each to 2.00 and they are all big values. You will certainly lose money if you don't look over our line of waists. Make our store your headquarters when in Merkel.

Men and Boy's Hats. Here is where we have them all beat more ways than a farmer can whip a mule. We have a large assortment ranging in price from 25c each to \$3.75.

Shoes! Yes we have put in one of the best lines of shoes you ever saw for the money. If you want to save from 10c to \$1.00 per pair it will pay you big to look to us for your shoes.

Don't fail to see those large Combinets (slop-jars) in the window, on sale Saturday, Sept 25, for only 25c. Don't forget the date, they are worth \$1.25 each. Scrub Mops worth \$1.50, same price on above date. Be sure and get yours.



The way most of you have been giving me your business makes me like to give you a bargain every time I get one, and believe me I look for them and expect you to do the same thing.

We will have the latest things in Ladies Coat Suits and Dresses at money saving prices. What is the use in you paying \$2 to \$5 more than you would pay here for the same thing. Always remember that the price is the thing and the quality the same here. Don't be fooled by letting some one tell you that we handle a cheap grade of goods.

Cotton may not be 10c next year so make your money go as far as possible. A dollar saved is a dollar made.

# J. A. Duckett The Price is the Thing

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10 Cent Cotton

Wanted on Pianos, Organs, Singer Sewing Machines and all notes.

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## Good for Biliousness

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers.

## Dies Suddenly of Diphtheria

Steve, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Campell of Route 3 died at an early hour Saturday morning from diphtheria. The child was taken sick only a few days before his death and his condition apparently was no worse than a bad cold would make a person and up until late Friday evening he was not considered in any danger whatever.

Once a change came however, it was but a few hours until the end. His condition grew alarming so suddenly and rapidly that medical aid was without avail. Burial was given the body in Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon, Rev. W. P. Garvin conducting the services.

Another child of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Homer a son about 11 years of age was taken ill with the same trouble soon after his brothers death and much concern was expressed about his condition at first.

## Diarrhoea Quickly Cured

"My attention was first called to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as twelve years ago. At that time I was seriously ill with summer complaint. One dose of this remedy checked the trouble," writes Mrs C. W. Florence, Rockfield, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

## Returns From Colorado

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brittan who have been in Colorado Springs and other towns of that state for over a month returned home last week, making the entire trip with the exception of a few miles by use of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and side car.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittan are both elated over their outing and spoke in glowing terms of the enjoyment of their trip.

## Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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## Three Grades of Coal That pleases the people

Shipments have already been made and I am expecting deliveries of the advanced winter orders any day.

Get your Coal off the Car and save money

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# H. M. Warren

## Property For Sale.

Two houses close in, for sale and also my home with about 30 acres of land near the new school building and 960 acres near Stanton to sell or trade for good improved land. S. F. Haynes. 234. 1.15.

## W. O. W.

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

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## ARE QUICK TO HEAL

MODERN BULLETS MORE HUMANE THAN THOSE OF THE PAST.

Soldiers Are Not Long Absent From the Front, Even When They Would Be Considered Quite Seriously Injured.

The bullet covered with hard nickel now in use makes the surgeon's task very simple, as a rule. Formerly, when large bullets of soft lead were used, the soldier's lot was not a very happy one. These often broke up inside the body, shattered bones, and frequently remained embedded in the muscles, bones and other parts.

The result was slow-healing, festering wounds which kept the soldier ill for a long time. The modern long, slender bullet generally passes through the body without doing any vital injury. Even when it goes through the intestine, the stomach, the kidney, etc., the wound closes up without any very serious after-consequences. A good deal, however, depends on circumstances. If the soldier's stomach is empty—as it generally is in a battle—so much the better for him when he gets a bullet through it.

When he is tired and half starving, however, the shock is very great, and he may become utterly helpless from a slight wound. A curious fact, difficult to explain, is that a bullet fired at a range of 300 to 600 yards has more penetrating power than one fired at a range under or over that distance. In the former case it passes through the bone without doing very much damage; in the latter it shatters the bone and makes recovery slow. A ricocheting bullet causes a very bad wound as a rule. Small as it is, if a bullet strikes a large bone, like the hip, it gives a blow like that of a crowbar.

We are hearing a great deal about dum-dum bullets in this, as in all wars, both parties making charges against one another. The probability is that neither side is using them. The bullet now in use consists of a core of lead covered with a hard nickel case.

## Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

"I advised the 'boys' when they enlisted for the Spanish war to take Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with them, and have received many thanks for the advice given," writes J. H. Houghland, Eldon, Iowa. "No person whether traveling or at home should be without this great remedy." For sale by all dealers.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

### Miscellaneous Shower

Monday afternoon the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren on Rose street, was the scene of a perfectly planned shower given in honor of Miss France Burroughs whose engagement to Mr. Luther Woodruff was announced last week. The hostesses on this happy occasion were Misses Pet Sears and Winnie Warren. The color motif, pink and green, was harmoniously carried out. Great banks of autumn greenery covered the mantles while in pots and gardeners were many pretty ferns. Pink roses were used with an artistic touch. The lights were draped in pink in the suite of rooms. Score cards suggestive of all the important events, were little bags of rice, cupid's, wedding slippers, wedding rings, dainty brides and handsome grooms, were passed by little Misses Evelyn Woodruff and Helen Booth of Hawley. Cream and cake were served after the guests had enjoyed several games of progressive 42. They were then invited in to see the many pretty gifts. All were loathe to leave without admiring the many exquisite gifts in handwork linen and cut glass. The punch bowl amidst a bed of flowers, resting on a lovely linen lace center piece was presided over by Misses Bess Touchstone and Zora West. The bride elect was showered with many wishes for a bright and happy future.

### Woodruff-Burroughs Wedding

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock the social event of the season took place at the Methodist church when Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs gave their

daughter, France, in marriage to Mr. Luther Woodruff.

The altar was decorated with pink and green, the brides colors. Miss Beulah Burkett sang "All for You." Miss Evelyn Williams played her accompaniment. Lohengrins wedding march was played by Miss Burkett. The fair young bride wearing a beautiful tailored suit of blue with hat and accessories to match carrying an arm bouquet of Orange blossoms and bride roses entered with her maid of honor, Miss Elma Sheppard, who, was lovely in her suit of blue with accessories to harmonize carrying brides-maid roses, were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Emzi Burroughs, brother of the bride, here the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was said by their pastor, Rev. Garvin.

An informal reception was held at the bride's parents on Oak street, Misses Payne and McNatt of Abilene presided over the punch bowl. After admiring the many handsome and exquisite gifts the guests departed wishing many happy wishes for newlyweds. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are among our best known young people, both are endowed with personal attributes which endears to them all. As the bride was leaving her parental home she thru her boquet which was readily caught by Miss Beulah Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff are at home to their many friends at their suite of rooms on Locust street at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels.

Misses Beulah Garrett, Dovie and Olive Teaff and Lula Sharp have entered Simmons College at Abilene, going down Monday afternoon.

Misses Irene and Willie Swann left Saturday night for Marion, Ala., where they will enter Judson College for the winter.

### Moore-Hendrix

Mr. M. A. Moore of Denison and Miss France Hendrix of Munday were married at an early hour Sunday morning by justice of the peace N. D. Cobb, at the latter's residence.

The solemn words joining the lives of the two young people, were spoken at 1.05, a. m. Sunday morning in the presence of a few witnesses. Miss Hendrix had been in this city visiting her sister Mrs. Inez Reynolds.

Misses Ruby Payne and Clara Will McNatt of Abilene, came in the first of the week and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. Duckett of Snyder is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

Miss Grimes of Miles Station is in the city visiting the family of her uncle. T. L. Grimes.

### Advertised Letters.

Alderman, Willie  
Alsobrook, Authur  
Crocklin, Jack  
Daniels, myrtle  
Forson, E. B.  
Miller, Albert  
Simmons, A. B.  
These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Sept. 25th.  
H. C. Williams, P. M.  
Merkel, Texas.

### Best Treatment for a Burn

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

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MR. COTTON BUYER, LET ME HAUL YOUR COTTON. SATISFACTION AND SPEEDY WORK WILL BE MY MOTTO.

WE HAUL ANYTHING FROM A CANNON TO A COTTON BOLE.

Yours for Business

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## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

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

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

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

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write for Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-48

## "TIZ" GLADDENS SORE, TIRED FEET

"TIZ" makes sore, burning, tired feet fairly dance with delight. Away go the aches and pains, the corns, callouses, blisters and bunions.



"TIZ" draws out the acids and poisons that puff up your feet. No matter how hard you work, how long you dance, how far you walk, or how long you remain on your feet, "TIZ" brings restful foot comfort. "TIZ" is wonderful for tired, aching, swollen, smarting feet. Your feet just tingle for joy; shoes never hurt or seem tight.

Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now from any druggist or department store. End foot torture forever—wear smaller shoes, keep your feet fresh, sweet and happy.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

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Bring Beauty to the Home

We Give You a Special Invitation

To Visit Our Store

And see the complete line we carry, that goes to make your home more beautiful and comfortable.

We carry a complete line of the following goods besides Furniture and Undertaking.

<p>Wall Paper</p> <p>Canvas and Tacks</p>	<p>Picture Frames</p> <p>Made to Order</p> <p>Oval frames, size 14x20 with oval glass, 2 and 3 inch frames prices as low as \$1.75</p>	<p>Glass and Putty</p> <p>Picture Glass and Window Glass</p> <p>All Sizes.</p>	<p>Paints</p> <p>All kinds of Paints for all kinds of Houses, Floors, Furniture and wagons.</p> <p>Pure Linseed Oil and Turpentine.</p>
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## Burroughs Drug Store

Catering to the public is our Hobby,  
And to Please You Pleases Us.

Our Drug Stock is always complete; our drinks and ice cream are of the best kind, and our sundries will meet the taste of the discriminating.

Burroughs Drug Store

### THE DEAR GIRLS

She sat around in dainty frock  
And proudly held her head  
She was the flower of the flock,  
But she produced no bread.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

And when night fell as black as ink,  
She sat with looks quite bored;

And, while ma toiled at kitchen sink,  
She strummed the harpsichord.

—Denver Republican.

And did she come to some bad end,  
Like lazy girls in books?

Not she! A man with coin to spend,  
She won out with her looks.

—Youngstown Telegram.

And though she lives in de luxe style  
Amid the social whirl,  
She cannot manage half the time  
To keep a hired girl.

—Rochester Post-Express.

But though she sometimes is divorced,  
And bliss will slip a cog;  
She still somehow contrives to keep  
A little wooly dog.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

While other hards have raised their voice  
And ridiculed the maid;  
Thought we would like to say a word  
We really are afraid.

—Sandusky (Ohio) Republican.

She got some alimony, sure,  
And that is good, of course,  
And now she sits and gazes at  
Her neatly framed divorce.

—Commercial Appeal.

Now she calmly sits and moans,  
The bonds she broke asunder.  
She now regrets her awful move,  
For really she's played thunder.

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### NOTICE TO PUBLIC, SCHOOL CHILDREN ESPECIALLY

I will open a private school Monday morning September 20, and invite all high school students that are conditioned in history, English, Science and Algebra.

I will give sufficient recitations each day to the individual student that they can make up the conditioned work and thereby be prepared at the beginning of school to take up regular high school work in their respective classes. Rates of tuition will be \$4.00 per month. Students desiring to enter in this work will please meet with me Monday morning at the Mrs. W. H. Dickson residence and at that time I will have the private study rooms ready at a short distance from the Dickson home.

Miss Ruby Payne.

### WEST TEXAS FAIRS

West Texas Fairs will come thick and fast this year, already we beg to acknowledge receipt of a complimentary pass to the Central West Texas Fair and to the Midland County Fair.

The Midland County Fair will be held this month under dates of the 21st to 25th inclusive, and will no doubt be attended by many people from this section. Next month comes our own Taylor County Fair or Central West Texas Fair. In this, people of Taylor county and all West Texas will probably find the largest and best attractions of any fair in this section of the state and the Abilene people are leaving nothing undone to make it a success.

Mrs. E. L. Wills went to Abilene Tuesday to visit her daughter, Hette, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago at the Alexander Sanitarium. Mrs. Wills expects to bring her daughter home the latter part of this week.

### Masons to Meet Saturday

A regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge will be held Saturday night at the local hall and all members are requested to be present.

Work in the second degree will be on the program for the evening in addition to special business that will come before the body.

Wesley Edwards, W. M.

G. E. Comegys and W. D. Woodroof left Wednesday morning for Alpine to attend the trial of Elmer Lowe formerly of this place. According to a telegram to Mr. Comegys, a change of venue has been granted Mr. Lowe and the case would not come to trial at Alpine.

Quick service when you phone 80. The Bob Martin Grocer Co.

J. M. McCullough of Grandview, was here Wednesday on his way home from a business trip west. While in the city he spent much of his time with his chum Sam Roberts and incidentally admired the high prices of Merkel cotton market as compared with prices paid in other towns in this section of the country.

J. D. Gaither and J. V. West were in Abilene Thursday on business.

Phone 80. The Bob Martin Grocer Co.

Clyde Garrett who has been attending the Trinity University at Waxahachie, returned there last week to resume his studies.

Mr. Ellis of Carbon, formerly of route 4, of Merkel, has been here this week shaking the hands of his many friends. While at the Mail office Mr. Ellis stated that Merkel was busy now, much more so than any town he had seen, but his country would be in the same shape as soon as the crop of peanuts came on the market.

Miss Ruby Payne of Abilene is the guest of Miss Frances Burroughs.

# OUR FALL OPENING

WE ARE NOW READY TO RECEIVE YOU

## Friday, Saturday and Monday

are designated as the opening days, when you are invited to come, see and admire. The fashion store is more than ever in a position to acclaim its real worth to this community and to strongly uphold its well merited position as to the authoritative fashion center. The Store Beautiful extends a broad and cordial welcome to have you visit us during the next three days and see our bargains

### Suit Section a Beauty Show

This department displays garments of unusual attractiveness and beauty, representing that subtle art that only high-class dress makers and first-class tailors can impart. All garments are up to our high standard and represent classic efforts entirely different from former seasons. The individual style shown by us can not be seen at other stores. Range in price....\$12.50 to \$35.00

### Street and Utility Dresses

Novel ideas in dresses suitable for street wear made in all the new weaves of the season. The combinations of different material are applied in many artistic ways. There is a wonderful range of different models—too many to attempt description. Price range.....\$8.50 to \$25.00

### Ladies Shirt Waists

You will find in shirt waist the newest ideas of the season. In Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine and Taffeta Silk. Range.....\$1.25 to \$3.50

### Separate Skirt Season

There are more different styles shown in separate skirts than ever before in all the new fabrics.

### Your First Thought Should Be Corsets

The fashionable woman buys her corset before she purchases anything else, for corset models change each season to conform with changes in style of dress. This season there is a marked change in the bust line, it being a little high, while there is a slight curve at the waist and the hip are somewhat shorter. We are agents for

**Women's Rustproof Corset, It gives you Comfort.**  
From.....\$1.00 to \$5 00

### Wool Dress Goods

Our stock of wool dress goods is very extensive and consists of the newest fabrics shown for this season. Range, per yard.....25c to \$3.50

### The New Silks are Charming

There is the same air of exclusiveness in silks by the yard as in the ready-to-wear garments. Styles shown by us are not to be seen elsewhere. **PLAID SILKS**—Prominent mention must be given to plaid silks this season as one of the leading fabrics. Let us show you.

### New Silk Petticoats

Very beautiful garments in all shades and colors, in mesaline and taffeta. Range.....\$2.50 to \$5.00

### Woodroofs School Shoes

The greatest mistake that parents can make is to provide ill fitting shoes for their children. Perfect fitting shoes are necessary to insure proper development and to avoid future foot troubles, weak ankles or flat foot.

Our childrens shoes are made on special lasts and are scientifically sloped to accurately fit the growing foot. They permit the feet to expand naturally, yet hold them in correct walking position.

## CLEVER, UP-TO-DATE MILLINERY Elzie and King B Hats

Here you are sure to find a hat that will please you, something that possesses those characteristics you particularly admire, and embodies those features which make it a fashionable hat.

**A PRETTY HAT FOR EVERYONE AT  
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