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A MERKEL MAN KILLED IN WRECK

Saturday afternoon a collision at Acme occurred between Q. A. & P. switch engine and the Acme Cement Plaster Co. gasoline dinky, in which Tom Everson driver of the dinky, lost his life.

The Q. A. & P. switch engine, of which Bert Estes was engineer was working on one of the mill switch tracks. A string of box cars stood on one of the several tracks, east of that track on which Estes was working. The switch engine was moving out to the main line, and Estes states that he had looked ahead and the track was clear with nothing approaching that he could see. But up the little track which leads to the mill from the stone cave, came slowly the dinky with two cars of rock, creeping along at an estimated rate of two or three miles an hour. Mrs. Charles Vestal, who was sitting on the front porch of her house near by, saw the switch engine, and also saw the little rock train, and wondered why Everson persisted in going ahead. Estes says that he looked back to the brakeman and suddenly felt a jolt and realized that he had hit something, and applied the air. The engine had struck the little dinky as it crept across the Q. A. & P. track and smashed it to pieces, throwing it to one side and the two cars of rock to the other side. Everson was pinned beneath the wreck of his little car, from which he was taken as soon as the engine backed away.

Everson was badly hurt internally, and remarked to Charles Vestal that he would die, soon. Mr. Vestal tried to cheer him up, but Everson persisted in saying that he felt all his bones break when the dinky was crushed. He did die in about 50 minutes after the accident. His little dinky was scattered all over the ground where the collision occurred.

The body was brought to the Broyles undertaking rooms where it was embalmed, and the burial took place in the Quanah cemetery. Mr. Everson was about years of age, and left a wife, one child and two step children—Quanah Chief.

Many Merkel people will remember Mr. Everson, the family having lived in Merkel for a period of something like ten years, having removed from our town several years ago. During the time Mr. Everson lived here he was employed as an experienced ginner and followed that trade during most of his residence here.

LEAVES FOR HOME IN PANAMA CANAL

Capt. and Mrs. S. P. Miller and little daughter who have been visiting Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels, left Sunday night for Paraiso, Canal Zone, where Capt. Miller will again assume his duties in command of a government tub boat in the Canal Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited in Dallas the first of the week and are in Memphis, Tenn., now. From there they will go to New Orleans and then by boat to Havana for a two days stay before returning to Paraiso.

Let Wm. O'Brian do your tin work. Satisfaction at all times at the old stand rear of Crown Hardware Co.

COTTON AT 12½ CENTS

Tuesday saw cotton higher in Merkel than at any time since the war started. Many bales were disposed of at the top price of 12.50 while the majority of cotton was sold above 12 cents. The receipts of the Merkel cotton yards on Tuesday were larger than at any time during the present year and every gin was crowded to its capacity. A total of 405 bales were weighed here during the day.

ONE BALE COTTON AND SEED \$108.20

A. R. Toombs was in town Tuesday with a bale of cotton that no doubt sets a record to date for Merkel if not for Taylor county for total amount received from one bale of cotton.

Mr. Toombs marketed his cotton and seed and after the ginning had been paid, found his balance to be \$108.20. If a sale has been made where a cotton grower derived more from one bale of cotton we have not been informed of it.

BETTER LIGHTS ON MERKEL STREETS

Cotton going at 12½ cents per pound and above, evidently had some effect on the members of the city council this week, and as a result we will get more street lights and improvement in general seems to be on foot.

An offer of the Merkel Electric Co., to supply twenty five street lights was accepted by the Council in a meeting Monday night. The local electric company also made a proposition for furnishing electrical power for the city pumps, thirty days trial which was accepted. At the end of thirty days if the cost of electrical power for pumping water for the city is not lower than the cost by gasoline pumps the city will be at no cost for installation of motor pumps. Another purchase received by the city was 500 feet of new fire hose for the Merkel Fire Department, the purchase being made from the Eureka Hose company and the price paid was \$1.10 per foot, a higher priced and better grade of hose being purchased than the city has been using here-to-fore.

Wool taffeta, new shades and designs for ladies fall dresses at Woodroof Bros.

COTTON RECEIPTS ARE STILL HEAVY

The average daily cotton receipts were decreased to a very small extent by the rain of last week which amounted to over one inch.

Only two days were effected by the showers, Friday and Saturday and by Monday the fields and roads had dried to such an extent that the cotton pickers and gins were again going at full speed ahead. The precipitation here amounted to 1.33 inches.

Conditions remained very favorable until Thursday of this week when the receipts again began to decrease on account of the slow drizzling rain.

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

WILL TOUR COUNTY INTEREST OF FAIR

County Farm Demonstrator I. B. Duck and District Organizer H. L. Bentley of the State Department of Agriculture will make a tour of the county by automobile before the fair opens and address the various local farmers institutes on subjects of moment, particularly on the Central West Texas Fair.

Wednesday, October 13, has been named as Taylor County Farmers' Institute Day at the Fair, and all members of the county and local organizations are urged to attend the fair that day, together with all other farmers and their families. A representative of the department will likely be here to address them for a few minutes at Fair Park.

Messrs. Duck and Bentley will meet with officers and members of the Farmers' institutes at their respective schoolhouses on the following dates:

Elmdale, Sept. 27, 2 p. m.
Hamby, Sept. 27, 4:30 p. m.
Sambo, Sept. 28, 9:30 a. m.
Iberis, Sept. 28, 11:00 a. m.
Cedar Gap, Sept. 28, 2 p. m.
Tuscola, Sept. 28, 4:30 p. m.
Tye, Sept. 29, 9:30 a. m.
Caps, Sept. 29, 11:00 a. m.
View, Sept. 29, 2 p. m.
Pleasant Hill, Sept. 29, 4:30 p. m.

Buffalo Gap, Sept. 30, 10:00 a. m.
Ovalo, Sept. 30, 2 p. m.
Lawn, Sept. 30, 4:30 p. m.
Guion, Oct. 1, 9:30 a. m.
Bradshaw, Oct. 1, 11:00 a. m.
Moro, Oct. 1, 2 p. m.

Invited to Roscoe Fair

The Publicity Committee of the Nolan County Fair to be held at Roscoe, October 6, 7 and 8th, has extended a cordial invitation to the Mail management to be present on one or all of the above dates and incidentally inclosed a complimentary pass.

It is understood that the agricultural and horticultural exhibits and the ladies department will be of special interest. Among prominent speakers to be present are Colquitt, Blanton and Smith.

OCTOBER 9, FIRE PREVENTION DAY

Saturday October 9 has been named as "FIRE PREVENTION DAY" in Texas in a recent proclamation issued by Gov. Ferguson.

The following extract from the proclamation should be considered by every property owner and precautionary measures taken to decrease fire losses. "Let no one be deceived into the belief that because, perchance, he does not pay insurance premiums and has not suffered an individual fire loss, that he has escaped this tax. In modern business the fire waste tax is a part of the cost of every article of trade and commerce consumed by either man or beast. The significant and interesting feature of the fire loss problem is that easily fifty per cent of it is preventable."

Abilene Cafe Changes Hands

The well known Metropolitan Cafe of Abilene has recently been consolidated with the Mozart Cafe in the building occupied by the former place and the management of the Mozart, Jack Gillstrap, assumes charge of the new place.

1000 HEAD OF STOCK AT ABILENE FAIR

Abilene, Texas, Sept. 30—Race horses from Midland, Amarillo, Temple, Hillsboro and Oklahoma City and many other places where Fairs have been held, have been booked for the Central West Texas Fair, to be held here Oct. 12th to 16th.

Upward of fifty head of racing stock are already at Fair Park in training, and the total number which will compete for more than \$3,000.00 in prizes here will be over 300. It will be the greatest racing meet in the Southwest this year.

Several car loads of fat cattle, coming as far away as Louisiana and Oklahoma, have been booked. There will be 750 head here for the fair. Over 750 birds have already been entered in the poultry division, and eight counties have already entered farm exhibits, on which \$200 will be awarded on the county basis.

Five thousand electric lights, not counting those used by concessionaries, will make Fair Park as light as day. Several new exhibit barns, poultry coops and display halls are now being constructed, the large number of entries in all departments making an increase necessary.

A monster parade, nearly two miles long, will feature Opening Day, October 12th. There will be three bands in the parade which will mass at Fair Park later and give a massed band concert of sixty-five pieces.

Reports from all sections indicate a record breaking attendance. Fully fifty thousand people are expected to pass through the gates at Fair Park during the five days. It will be the biggest event in the history of Central West Texas, and was called forth by unprecedented prosperity in all lines.

Efforts are being made to have William J. Bryan here for Opening Day. The attractions this year will be the best in the history of this section—scores of amusement features having been obtained, eight big free acts will be given twice daily, featuring a concert by Paul Hrrris' Lone Star Band of Dallas.

GET ACQUAINTED MEETING TONIGHT

The Get Acquainted Meeting scheduled to be held at the Methodist church last Friday evening has been postponed until Friday night of this week, Oct. 1.

The following program, the same as advertised for last week will be given.

Song—by the Congregation.
Invocation.
Song.
Merkel Methodist Church 20 years ago—H. C. Williams.
Vocal Solo—Miss Burkett.
The church of to-day and her opportunity—N. D. Cobb.
Instrumental Solo—Miss Hill.
Some of the difficulties that we must overcome—T. A. Johnson.
Quartet.
We welcome the new members—M. H. Morris.
We are glad to be here—W. F. Dupree.

Light refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

W. P. Garvin, Pastor.

Notice to Hunters

No hunting or fishing allowed on any of my property. Persons violating same will be prosecuted. Jno. Sears. 173

COTTON AT 12-12½ CENTS

Cotton sold for as high as 12.12½ cents in Abilene Tuesday. Middling basis was 11 5-8. The gins were busy for the first time in several days and the market was at its highest point reached since 1913.—Abilene Reporter.

Friendship Link Bracelets the latest fad. Which will be a life-long reminder of your friends. Sterling silver links 25c. Initials engraved on each link free. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

ABILENE FAIR TO OPEN OCTOBER 12.

From all reports the Central West Texas Fair will be the best attraction of the season of any town west of Dallas, and the management of our sister city exposition seems to be making good headway in bringing every exhibit to a high standard.

The races of the Abilene fair and the prize money will exceed that of any other attraction in the state according to reports being given out by the fair directors.

DR. MILLER RETURNS FROM TRIP NORTH

After an absence from our city for the past seven months, Dr. Miller has recently returned and will again take up his professional duties.

Mrs. Miller and little daughter Clara Louis, are spending a few days with friends at Beaumont and will arrive here within the next week. While Dr. Miller was in Chicago and other points, Mrs. Miller visited relatives in Ohio and Tennessee after which their vacation was concluded by a recent trip to the Pacific Coast and San Francisco Exhibition.

Dr. Miller is having his furniture and equipment installed in his new offices over the Woodroof Dry Goods Store.

Infant Buried here Wednesday

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson of the Mount Pleasant community was buried here Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. Congestion of the stomach was the cause of the child's death.

Rev. Greene conducted the funeral services at Rose Hill cemetery.

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

GOVERNOR MOTHER DIES NEAR BELTON

Belton, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Fanny Feaguson, mother of Governor James E. Ferguson, died at the family home, seven miles south of here, last night, after having lingered close to death's door for several days. Oxygen was given Mrs. Ferguson yesterday, and at that time all hope for her recovery was abandoned.

The Governor had been at the bedside of his mother for several days.

Here From New Mexico

J. K. Cauthen of Almagorda, N. M., is here this week with a shipment of horses.

Mr. Cauthen has only located temporarily in the New Mexico country and has not fully given up the idea of again making Merkel his home.

55 KILLED AND 100 INJURED IN OKLA.

Ardmore, Okla. Sept. 27.—Fifty-five were killed and 100 injured by the explosion of a shipment of gasoline on the Santa Fe tracks here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Fire broke out immediately after the explosion and swept away a block of buildings.

One of the destroyed buildings is the Whittington Hotel, the largest in the city. It is a four-story brick and collapsed.

The Santa Fe freight depot was demolished and not all the occupants accounted for. Among those who are known to have escaped is the telegraph operator who sent out the first report of the accident.

The Pennington Wholesale Grocery building, damaged by the explosion, contained fifteen people. Efforts are now being made to find and account for all of these.

The block which was damaged by the explosion and fire was located west of the railroad tracks. Practically every window light in the city was demolished. Telegraph wires were thrown down and telephone service destroyed for more than an hour.

So violent was the explosion that the roof of the passenger station, 300 yards away, was blown off.

Commencing with the union station, which was completely wrecked, and extending west on both sides of the main street to the Whittington Hotel every building is demolished, and the east walls of the Whittington Hotel were blown in by the force of the explosion. Extending west on both sides of the street from the Whittington Hotel the fragile glass front of practically every business house on the street gave way and practically every brick wall in Ardmore is warped.

Probably the best estimate that can be placed on the property damage is that practically every brick business house will have to be rebuilt, owing to the brick walls having warped. Merchants Monday afternoon commenced to board up the fronts of buildings. Special policemen were appointed Monday afternoon to guard the business section during the night.

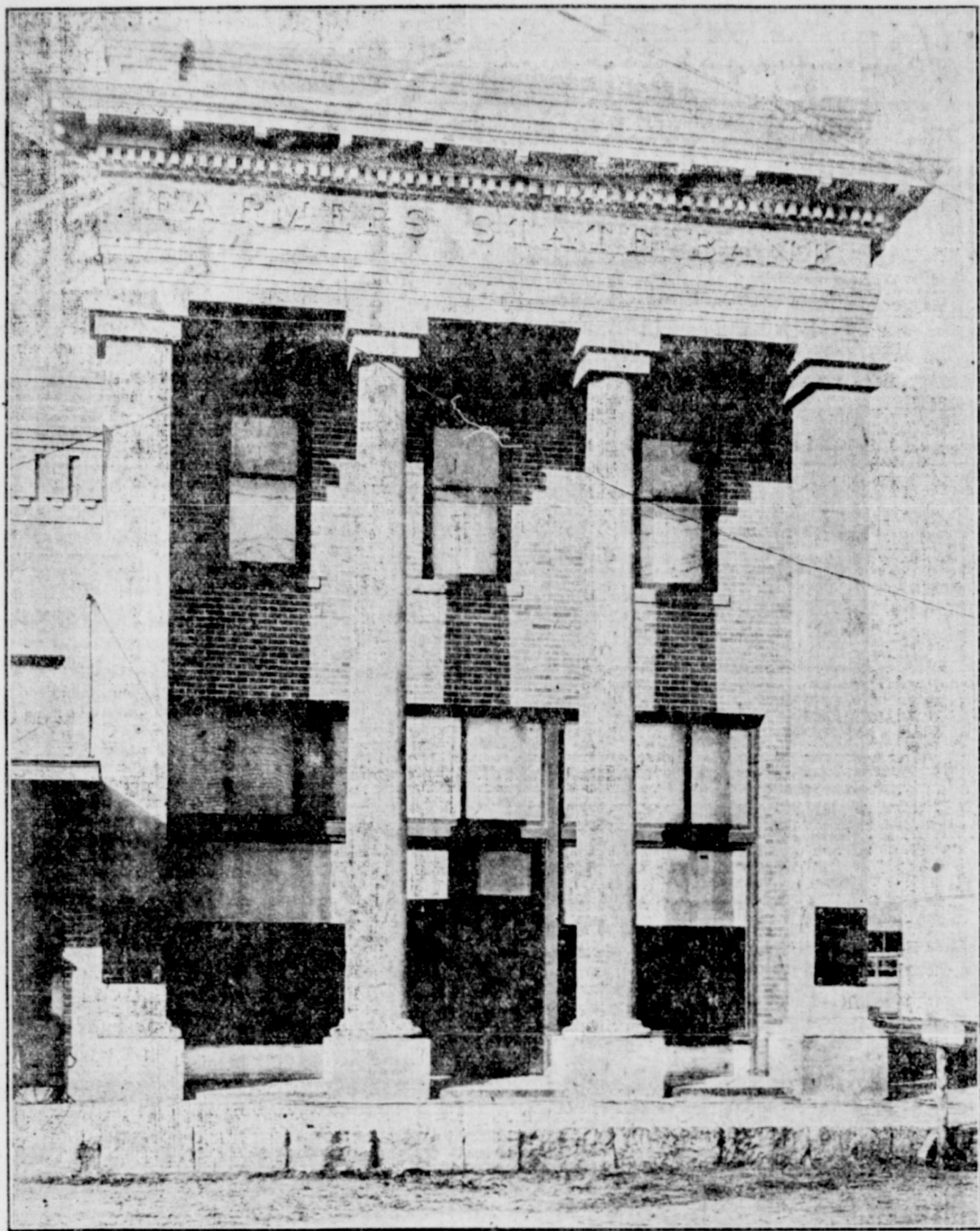
A special Santa Fe train left here tonight with a large number of wounded, enroute to Temple, where they will be cared for in the railway hospital. Both hospitals here now are overflowed. The city has been placed under martial law.

AGENT LEIGHTY IS HEAD OF T. & P. LIST

It has been somewhat uncommon during the last year for the ticket sales at the Texas & Pacific station at this place to be anywhere but at the head of Texas & Pacific towns and in August, Agent Leighty was credited with the largest per cent on increased ticket sales over the same month last year of any agent in the service of the Texas & Pacific Company.

The increase of the Merkel station in August of this year over August of 1914 was 62.6 per cent. Abilene and Sweetwater two towns nearby were also credited with increases of 15.7 and 11.6 per cent respectively.

Johnstons. Learn the name, it signifies the best in box candies. On sale at the Elite.



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

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM TRENT, TEXAS

Monday morning of this week Marion Billings had the misfortune of being badly burned while playing "engineer" as the boys called it. Marion with his playmates had constructed a boiler of a five gallon can and placed it over a roaring fire and just as Marion was in the act of firing up more the can exploded, throwing boiling water over Marion and scalding him badly from the hips on down. His injuries were such that he has suffered intensely from the burns.

W. E. Smith who has been very sick with typhoid fever is mending slowly.

Miss Floy Leamon is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Twiman Collins of Merkel.

C. D. Duke returned home Sunday from Sipe Springs, having been called there to the bedside of his brother who is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Frank Caddock of Denton is here to see his brother W. H. Craddock.

Miss Lettie Miller of Loraine who taught expression in our schools during the last two terms was married Monday night to W. H. Roland of Colorado. They will reside in Loraine.

Miss Verna Owens of this place and Mr. J. H. Adair of Byers were quietly married Sunday at the home of the brides sister Mrs. Gross. Rev. W. A. Scott officiated. Only a few friends and relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Adair will be at home at Byers, Texas.

Hollis Brown, J. C. Hanner, and J. L. Wallace were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

R. H. Reaves was in Abilene Tuesday attending court.

Tell your husband to look at Woodroof's new fall suits. The noted Hart-Shaffner & Marx line.

SEE THE FAIR

AT

ABILENE

OCTOBER 12TH TO 16TH
Excursion Rates Daily

VIA

T & P.

50c ROUND TRIP

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Tickets sold for train leaving Merkel 11.21 a. m.

For Particulars see

A. J. Leighty, Ticket Agent

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of lights, electric fixtures and supplies done on
SHORT NOTICE

Estimates furnished on any kind of electrical work or wiring. Phone your order to 84.

J. H. Beasley, Electrician

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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 sour 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.

QUIT MEAT IF YOUR KIDNEYS ACT BADLY

Take tablespoonful of Salts if Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Drink lots of water.

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid, says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.

The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.

When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps of lead, and you have stinging pains in the back or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night; when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in urine so it is no longer a source of irritation, thus ending urinary and bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, and nobody can make a mistake by taking a little occasionally to keep the kidneys clean and active.

Bulk candies of all kinds. The Elite Confectionery.

Advertised letters.

Brown, Tom
Brown, D. M.
Graham, L. H.
Hodges, Louis
Peny, J. B.
Smith, Vernon
Stanley, Arthur

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Oct. 9.

H. C. Williams, P. M.
Merkel, Texas.



LOOK IN OUR WINDOW

and see the samples of our handiwork demonstrate the superiority of the Sweetwater Laundry. You'll find them in our office and also on scores of well-dressed people in Merkel. Such people are the heralds of our skill. They carry the proof of it everywhere, and they confirm and extend our popularity. SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY DUDLEY & MARTIN, Agents, Merkel Phone No. 194

CONFERENCE HELD METHODIST CHURCH

The fourth Quarterly Conference of the Merkel station was held at the M. E. Church last Monday evening with the efficient and popular Presiding Elder Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, of Abilene in charge.

The report of the pastor, Rev. W. L. Garvin, on the year's work was a record of which the church could be proud. More than a thousand dollars had been raised for various purposes; the members of the board of stewards stated that all obligations would be met by the end of the conference year. The membership had a net gain of more than one hundred and twenty additions.

Surely this has been a great year for the church here and the people have reasons to rejoice greatly for the blessings that have come to them.

Rev. Ferguson said that this was the greatest year in all his ministry because of the intense interest manifested throughout the Abilene district.

Your Eyes

Are they defective? You can tell. Headaches, tired and inflamed eyes, inability to read and sew at night all indicate the need of glasses. An examination—free—will give positive information. I will be in Merkel Oct. 5, 6, and 7. Outside calls a specialty. Phone Mrs. Templeton for engagement, and I will call at your home or place of business. If you want references, ask your neighbor.

A. C. White, Opt. D.
"The Man Who Knows"
OPTOMETRIST and OPTICIAN
717 Poplar Street, Abilene, Texas

Have O'Brian the tinner figure on your tin work.

Too Many Ladies and Misses COATS

A confusion of our orders on Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats, increased our stock entirely too large for even our present heavy demands-- and in order to reduce this special line to its normal size, we are offering special inducements to purchasers of these garments.

One lot Ladies Broadcloth Coats only.....	\$3.50
One lot Ladies brown coats only.....	\$5.00
One lot Ladies broadcloth coats, heavy velvet colhr, each only.....	\$6.00
One lot Ladies astropain coats, in all sizes at only.....	\$8.00
Ladies all silk plush, guaranteed satin lined coats, only.....	\$16.00
Ladies green and blue velvet golfine coats, the very latest, each.....	\$15.00
Misses, green velvet golfine coats.....	\$5.00
Misses better grade golfine coats.....	\$8.00
Children's coats, various styles, at remarkable prices of.....	\$1.50 to \$5.00
Misses coats in prices from.....	\$5.00 to \$15.00

Our coat sales have already been extremely large, but with the prices we are making, every coat in our store should sell long before the winter months have gone.

**These Coats Must
be Reduced
Our Prices Will
do it**

Profit Sharing Premiums Given

Don't fail to call for Premium coupons on all purchases amounting to over 25 cents

Also Ask For Free Premium Catalogue

J. P. Sharp

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In an obscure villiage "way down South"—we'll call it Hawkins' Corners for convenience sake, there lives a little woman who makes a livelihood from the sales of eggs and chickens. Not common, ordinary, every-day, haphazard varieties, but standard eggs and chickens of known quality.

The reason why this progressive little woman has been more successful than the average producer of these commonplace commodities is the fact that consumers in the locality have become convinced that they can at all times absolutely rely upon the quality of every egg and every chicken sold by Mrs. Parmelia Hawkins.

How can prospective purchasers identify Mrs. Hawkins' products? By her name on them, of course; just as you identify certain makes, or brands of automobiles, implements, collars, hosiery, talking machines, food products, and the thousand and one other articles you buy and use.

Every egg that Mrs. Hawkins offered for sale has plainly stamped upon it the date upon which it was laid and her name. To every chicken marketed whether alive or dressed, is attached a neat tag stating that it has been properly fed, carefully inspected, and is guaranteed by Mrs. Hawkins to be a clean, healthy fowl.

It is hardly necessary to add that Mrs. Hawkins is never forced, or even called on, to make good her guarantee. Her one most valuable asset, her good name backed by her reputation, is on every article she sells, and serves as a quality pledge to all purchasers.

Disregarding her natural pride in her name, Mrs. Hawkins cannot, purely from the standpoint of good business judgment and policy, afford to let her eggs and chickens fall below the standards she has created and maintained. They simply must come up to every claim she makes for them. She has quite an investment of real money in the reputation of, and consumer confidence in "Mrs. Hawkins' Chickens" and she realizes that any reduction of quality will necessarily impair or destroy that investment.

Products of the Mrs. Hawkins variety are obtainable in every village, town and city in this country, and they cost no more than the unknown sort. They include everything you have any possible use for from hooks and eyes to traction engines. They are commonly known and referred to as standard, or trademarked-advertised products.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. J. L. Tucker of Blair visited here Tuesday.

Nice selection of solid gold rings. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Miss Blainie Anderson of Pecos is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur King.

Guaranteed every grain genuine Kansas soft wheat White Crest Flour. E. L. Rogers.

Shirley King left Saturday night for Georgetown where he will enter school.

Our shoe stock is more complete than ever and we are giving the very best values possible. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Mamie Moore returned home Tuesday afternoon from Abilene where she has been visiting friends.

Penny & Son's new Vulcanizer has come. Come and see it. Bring your casings and tubes. They know how to do the work.1

R. E. Williams of the Sharpe Electric and Machine Company was in the city Wednesday attending to business.

Please look at our dress goods. You will find a most attractive collection of the newest fabrics and colors. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Annie Smith and brother, George, left Saturday night for Georgetown where they will enter school.

Bring me your second hand furniture. J. T. Dorsey. 1t2.

Just received a solid car of White Crest Flour. E. L. Rogers.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Buy wifey a box of Johnston's chocolates. The Elite.

YOU KNOW WHAT WHITE CREST FLOUR IS, ITS HERE, PHONE US.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., left yesterday for Fort Worth, Dallas and Greenville, the latter place having been her home.

Several more ladies fine suits and coats are being received by us this week. W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. Pollard, the meter man with the Abilene Gas and Electric Company is here adjusting meter trouble.

If you do not know of any good reason why you should not LOOK US OVEB before buying your dry goods, please give us a call. "Sometimes it pays to investigate." W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. J. P. Hamm and little granddaughter, Lillian Craig, have returned home from Denison where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crowley.

Investigate the latest fashion book on ladies suits and coats, then call on us and see how well we can fill your order. Will thank you for your time and purchase. W. L. Harkrider.

Rev. and Mrs. Hurbert E. Bullock are in Hot Springs, Ark., attending the Presbyterian Convention. Their little daughters, Elva and Hazel, are visiting their grandparents in Jacksboro.

Have just received a car of flour, meal, bran and shorts. Come to see me before you buy. Bring your circulars. Can meet their prices easy. Will appreciate your patronage. W. F. Hamblet.

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 GOOD HOMES; GOOD SCHOOLS,
 GOOD CHURCHES; GOOD PEOPLE,
 THE CITY TO LIVE IN,
 THE CITY TO INVEST IN

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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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Patrons of the Mail who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

GOING OFF HALF COCKED

More than once a word spoken thoughtlessly has caused endless trouble in this town. Not that it was the desire of the speaker to deliberately injure person, but rather was it a simple case of "going off half cocked."

Some time ago in another state a very high minded and honorable merchant was forced to the wall because of his inability to make collections from those to whom he had extended credit.

When the sheriff took possession of his stock a neighbor, hearing of his misfortune, elevated his eyebrows, looked wise, and walked away without comment.

Another "thought is was strange and wondered what was behind it."

In the course of a few hours people who had heard other remarks concluded that there was "something wrong somewhere," and in the course of a day or two it had reached the stage where there was "something rotten in Denmark..."

Thus was the reputation of an honorable but unfortunate business man besmeared and blasted by his own friends and acquaintances, who allowed their eyes to suggest and their tongues to wag without once giving the man who was down a chance to defend himself against insinuation which rapidly culminated into moral certainties in the minds of the people.

There are too many such remarks in this community—harmless in intent, possibly, but nevertheless pregnant in results which are disastrous to the victim.

Let your tongue wag, if it must; but see that it is in for the betterment of humanity rather than for its destruction.

Let your aim be sure and your target distinct, and don't go off half cocked.—Brenham Banner.

MORE ABOUT BAILEY

The Abilene Reporter smiles and wants to know if we were making "references to any illusions" when we said the Editor of the Roscoe Times forgot to enumerate in his list of down-and-outers, the broken-down-newspaper-man. Our intention in alluding to the broken-down-newspaper man was in no way personal but when we see a man jumping on Bailey with both feet and trying to convert every man in the country to the same opinion, we think it is time to call a halt.

That some good people in west Texas do not like Mr. Bailey is quite evident and the inthustastic way in which it crops out is at times in some of them gives evidence of a billious condition of the writer and our diagnosis of the case would be "Uncurable."

It may have been a bunch of nearpoliticians that gathered at Dallas just like the Times writer said but one thing the average editor can rest assured of and that is, the fact that those politicians have been in the past and now are, a whole lot nearer the goal they are working to in political life than some of we newspaper men ever dared to be and that must be consoling to the man on the winning side. "No Illusions, However"

A lot is being said about the ankle watch but the craze hasn't struck here yet.

There is an estimable lady in this town who is regarded as abhut the shrewdest shopper in the whole community. She is not "close," but just careful economical. She reads the ads in this paper every week, knows just where the bargains and best offerings are to be found, and goes there there to spend her money. She finds that advertising pays her, because of the numerous saving on her purchases. It pays the merchant, too, because of his increased sales. But what of the dealer who never advertises?

Joe Bailey is having the time of his life in Texas this year. Just meeting old friends and telling us how to preserve the principles of old time democracy and save the nation from decadence through new fangled isms. His utterances against socialism and woman suffrage are apt to kindle new fires of opposition to him but he cares more for the purity of representative democracy than for the plaudits of political women and time serving men.—Snyder Signal.

The last sentence of the above paragraph is well worded, true and an correct idea of Bailey of old, Bailey of now and Bailey of the future.

The Villa dollar is now worth about one cent and when our Pan-American Representatives recognize Carranze the Villa currency will be worth a whole lot less than nothing. Even we have been caught with a twenty five cent piece of the measly paper.

In the bee world a drone and loafer is quickly put out of the way. But in the human family we cuss and feed him and let him rip. And this impels us to remark that the bee is a mighty intelligent little fellow.

We dished up a perfectly fine editorial on "Dont's" the other day, but when we came to reading it over a second time we found it tramped on our own toes so often we deemed it the part of wisdom to keep silent.

We slipped a cog last week and had a drug store selling window shades. We herewith apologize for causing our many readers the trouble of phoning the drug store for something a furniture store sells.

If there is a pessimist in the Merkel country he has not shown up in some time and with winter coming on we hope even the germs of such pharasites will be frozen beyond a possibility of recuperation.

When you hear a man talking of his honesty and integrity and bragging about what he has done for his used-to-be-friends it is time for you to get a grip on your pocket book and be prepared to say, No.

Abelene hopes to get William J. Bryan to come to their city October 14th and open the Central West Texas Fair. We hope he does, Hon. Bryan is a good talker and offered his services at the Panama Exposition so why not at Abilene.

It is said that Russia contains 141 races, 140 of them in various nationalities and the other one between Grand Duke Nicholas and old man Von Hindenburg.

A few wrist watches have been seen here and their debut created a very mild sensation but the police department had better be prepared for the first showing of the ankle watch.

It would be interesting to see what Texas would do for Mexico if President Wilson would only say "Sick-em boys."—Commercial Appeal.

When a conversation is going on about something you know nothing about, you had better give your tongue a vacation.

A sign in a Merkel show window says "a good way to stop a quarrel is to shut your mouth."

Money makes the mare go, and keeps a lot of people hot footing it around after the mare.

"Safety First" said a wise man as he kissed his own wife.

Abilene is putting on a smile of "Welcome to our Fair."

Talk is cheap—when not expensive.

PIANOS AND Player Pianos

Are you going to be in the market this fall for a Piano? If so, do not buy until you have seen my pianos. I have a sample piano on my floor for \$195 that is just as good or a little better piano than the wagon man would ask you \$450 for. It is fully warranted for 10 years by the factory.

I will sell you a Player direct from the factory for \$347 that is as good as the wagon man would ask you \$650 or \$700 for, and you will get a bran new piano direct from the factory.

If you want a good piano from a reliable factory, direct, without paying the commission man his profit, let me sell it to you. I am here among you to stay and cannot afford to misrepresent my business to you like the man who is here one month and gone the next. Come to see me or write me.

I have been in Taylor county 26 years and in Merkel 16 years. Will refer you to any bank or business man in Merkel.

E. D. Coats

"THE PIANO MAN"

Merkel

Texas

\$25 REWARD

Will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person destroying insulators or committing any nuisance or damage to the electric Transmission Line between Abilene and Merkel.

ABILENE GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY



It's The Talk of The Town

The man on the street will tell you that nowhere else can he buy such

GROCERY

Satisfaction as he finds at our store.

E. L. ROGERS
GROCERY

Chronic Constipation

"About two years ago when I began using Chamberlain's Tablets I had been suffering for some time with stomach trouble and chronic constipation. My condition improved rapidly through the use of these tablets. Since taking four or five bottles of them my health has been fine," writes Mrs. John Newton, Irving, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

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.

WOODROOF BROTHERS

Merkel Texas E. L. WOODROOF, Buyer

WHEN IN ABILENE

EAT

AT THE METROPOLITAN CAFE
JACK GILSTRAP, Mgr.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
 Your druggist will refund money if FAZO OINTMENT 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

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

OCTOBER
12 to 16

11 - MORE DAYS - 11

Then the Biggest Event in the History
of Texas

OCTOBER
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CENTRAL WEST TEXAS FAIR

Abilene, Texas : Bigger - Better - Grander Than Ever : Abilene, Texas

3 - BANDS - 3

Headed by
Paul Harris' Famous
Lone Star Band of 21 Musicians
Rendering 2 Free Concerts
Daily

Fine Live Stock EXHIBIT

A Big Agricultural Display.
See the winner of the \$200.00
for the best County Exhibit for
counties of Central West Texas
(Taylor county barred). They
will all compete.
Visit the Fine Arts building.
It will be chuck full of fine ex-
hibits—Textile, Culinary, Art,
Floral, Educational, etc.

A Fair Without an Equal

\$10,000 in Premiums AND PURSES

HIGH - CLASS AMUSEMENT FEATURES

Headed by The Great PATTERSON SHOWS, the largest
and best array of attractions in the world on the Midway

2 - BIG FREE CONCERTS DAILY - 2

In front of the Grandstand
10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

11—HIGH-CLASS ACTS—11

5 HIGH - CLASS 5 RACES DAILY 5

\$3,000.00 IN PURSES

Paul Harris' Band of
21 Pieces

Trained Elephants, Shetland
Ponies and Dogs.

Van, the Horse Beautiful, the
champion High School Horse in the world
CUMMINGS & CUMMINGS, comedy acro-
batic team, and many others.

All Free twice daily.

CHEAP RATES ON ALL RAILROADS : : ASK YOUR TICKET AGENT

Admission 50c, Children 25c --- Admission after 6 p.m. 10c --- 10 Minute Street Car service to Fair Grounds Gate

October 12 to 16---Remember the Date---October 12 to 16

What 40 Cents More Means in Mileage

Note First
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Firestone
30 x 3 inch Tire
costs 40 cents more
than ordinary
tires.
Why?

Case	Best Tread	Can Non-Skid	Grey Tube	Red Tube
30x3	9.90	10.55	8.20	8.50
30x3 1/2	11.90	12.55	2.80	2.90
32x3 1/2	13.75	14.40	2.70	2.85
34x3	19.90	21.50	3.20	4.40
34x3 1/2	27.30	30.55	4.80	5.40
36x3 1/2	28.70	32.15	5.00	5.65
37x3	31.55	34.80	5.95	6.70
38x3 1/2	46.00	51.50	6.75	7.55

At these prices you can't afford
to use any other tire or tube.

Here Are the Extras You Get in
Firestone

30x3 tire and NOT in ordinary 30x3 tires

The same relative values apply in all sizes. Note the detailed specifications. Then ask any neutral repair man which manufacturer gives the most in quality. He cuts into all makes of tires. He knows.

Fig. 1. One more ply of fabric in Firestone—4 plies instead of 3 as in ordinary.

Fig. 2. Extra coating of finest rubber between fabric layers in Firestone—not in the ordinary.

Fig. 3. 1-16 inch finest rubber cushion layer in Firestone—not in the ordinary.

Fig. 4. 1-16 inch breaker strip of high-grade fabric and high-grade rubber in Firestone—same quantity in others.

Fig. 5. 1-16 inch more tread—1-4 inch tough tread, resilient in Firestone—only 3-16 inch in ordinary.

Fig. 6. 1-16 inch side wall of strongest rubber in Firestone.

Fig. 7. Accurately shaped bead of extra cohesive strength, insuring perfect seating tire to rim.

These points mean more mileage for you. Compare cross sections. Satisfy yourself. Then insist on Firestones.

G. F. WEST COMPANY
Merkel, Texas

SELLS-FLOTO-BUFFALO BILLS SHOWS TO BE IN SWEETWATER

The circus is coming, coming with its wagons of gilt and glitter, with its strange animals, with its beautiful women on horseback, and everything else that goes to make up a wonderful, happy day beneath the great spreading tents. For on Thursday, Oct. 7, there will arrive in Sweetwater the Sells-Floto Circus and Buffalo Bill's Original Wild West for one day's exhibition, afternoon and night.

Many features are with the circus this year, principal among which are Col. William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill) with his entire retinue of Indians, riders, ropers, cowboys, cowgirls, rangers, soldiers and vaqueros, and Rosa Rosalind, the Maid of Mystery. Never in the history of America has there been an equestrienne like Rosa Rosalind. One after another she turns airsets, "flip-flops" and somersaults upon the back of a plunging horse until it is almost impossible for the eye to follow her.

Then, too, there are many other features to be seen with the big show this year. Captain Recardo and his lions, Lucia Zora and her three herds of performing elephants, Devlin's Zouaves, the forty clowns, Rhoda Royal and his horses, and hundreds of acrobats, aerialists, contortionists, and tumblers.

Two performances are to be given, one at 2:15 in the afternoon and another at 8:15 at night. Doors will be opened an hour earlier.

Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

"Last winter I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a bad bronchial cough. I felt its beneficial effect immediately and before I had finished the bottle I was cured. I never tire of recommending this remedy to my friends," writes Mrs. William Bright, Ft. Wayne, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

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 to 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. 1712

Ex-Confederate Dead

J. P. Green age 73 years, died at the family home in southwest Merkel Monday morning at an early hour from dropsy.

The aged man moved here about eight months from Sweetwater and prior to his residence there had lived in Mineral Wells for a number of years. The deceased is survived by a wife and eight children.

Funeral and burial services were held at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at Rose Hill cemetery Elder W. G. Cypert conducting the services after which the Merkel Confederate Veterans took charge of the ceremonies and auspiciously consigned the body to its last resting place.

More Than Enough is Too Much

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by all dealers.

SEE THE FAIR AT ROSCOE

October 6th to 8th

Excursion Rates Daily
VIA



\$1.00 ROUND TRIP

Thursday, Oct. 7th. Tickets sold for train leaving Merkel 5:58 a. m. For particulars see

A. J. LEIGHTY, Ticket Agent.

Eld. Sewell to Preach Sunday

President Jesse P. Sewell of the Abilene Christian College will preach at the north side Christian church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

According to arrangements being made members of the church here will endeavor to get Elder Sewell to remain in the city and preach at the evening hour, but this sermon is not assured yet. The public is cordially invited to be present.

For Chapped Skin

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by all dealers.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Rust Proof Oats

Latest improved genuine red rust proof oats, free from smut, rust, weeds, and Johnson grass. 50 cents per bushel at my place 7 miles southeast of Merkel. Address Walter Hammond, Tye, Texas. 1714pd.

For Indigestion

Never take pepsin and preparations containing pepsin or other digestive ferments for indigestion, as the more you take the more you will have to take. What is needed is a tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets that will enable the stomach to perform its functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

New Autumn Fashions Here

IN COMPLETE ASSORTMENT
EVERYTHING TO WEAR FOR THE LADY OR GENTLEMAN, BOY OR GIRL

Never before in the history of our store have we shown such complete stocks. Never lower prices. Our styles, our big assortments our low prices make it to your advantage to do your shopping at this store. The showing is now at its best. Come and choose from one of the most complete stocks in West Texas

The New Fall Garments Are Here

You will find STYLE pre-eminent in our Fall Display of Redfern garments. Suits and Coats in strict accordance with the latest decree of Fashion, in the newest fabrics, trimmings and colorings.

No less important than STYLE in the garment you select is QUALITY—Quality of material and quality of Workmanship and Fit. A guarantee of satisfactory wear goes with every REDFERN garment, and to the maker's guarantee we add our assurance of satisfaction.

In selecting a garment every woman looks for PRICE commensurate with quality. This season we show values even more remarkably good than ever, and are sure you will find something to suit your individual taste, at the price you wish to pay.

We shall be glad to have you visit our show room while the stock is new and complete. It is a pleasure for us to show REDFERN garments, as we know they will meet with your admiration, whether you wish to purchase or not.

NEW MODELS JUST RECEIVED

So many new and beautiful Hats are now displayed in our shop that I want everyone to see them.

Will you kindly consider this a personal invitation to

CALL TO-DAY



Saturday, October 2nd, Dollar Day Specials

\$1.50 Soft Crusher Hat, dollar day special.....	\$1.00
\$1.50 Dress Gloves, dollar day special.....	\$1.00
\$1.50 One lot men's shirts, dollar day special.....	\$1.00
5 pair 25c mens Hose.....	\$1.00
Three 50c Towels, dollar day special.....	\$1.00
\$1.50 Counterpanes, dollar day special.....	\$1.00
\$1.50 Comfort.....	\$1.00
Four \$5 Turkish Towels.....	\$1.00

Style You Can See

Announcing Made-to-Measure Clothing from the celebrated Hart Schaffner & Marx line of clothing.

Something Entirely New

Every man knows the excellent quality of this celebrated line. Our Ready-to-Wear line of these excellent clothes for men is above reproach and those desiring made-to-measure clothes from the same workmanship will find us ready to serve you with the best line of mens clothing ever brought to this city.

\$18.50 to \$25.00 will do a lot for you; we can show you some beautiful suits at that price

See the Hart Schaffner & Marx line of clothing to-day. Orders delivered in ten to fifteen days

GUARANTEED NOT TO RUST, BREAK OR TEAR

Do you want corsets that will stand the hardest kind of wear, that will keep their shape, and fit with comfort.

Warner's Rust-Proof Corsets

at whatever price you pay are the most satisfactory and economical corset purchase you can make.

You can wash a Warner's Corset like any undermuslin. Water will not hurt the fabrics, and all metal parts are guaranteed rust-proof. \$1.00 to \$5.00. Ideal for spring and summer.

WOODROOF BROTHERS

THE HOME OF HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Perkins Hellums

The marriage of Mr. Earl Perkins and Miss Rachel Hellums was solemnized Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Rev. L. B. Owens of this city.

The contracting parties were married while seated in an automobile, having driven to the home of Rev. Owen in company with several of their friends.

Reidenbach-Rister

Sunday afternoon at 4:30, Mr. E. Reidenbach and Miss Mae Rister were married while seated in a buggy at the home of Rev. A. A. Baker, the venerable and very revered man speaking the words that joined the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Reidenbach for life.

Miss Charlie Bell Thomas gave a farewell entertainment Saturday night in honor of George Smith and Sherlie King who left that night for Georgetown. Music was furnished by Misses Bernice Rainbolt and Charlie Bell Thomas. Later the guests assembled around the table where delicious, cake, chocolate and marshmallows were served. The cake contained a pin, a needle and a penny. Bernice Rainbolt by cutting the first slice got the penny, which signified wealth. Claude Jenkins luckily cut and the needle which told of bachelors life and George Smith was very lucky in getting the pin in symbol of an old maids life? The guests departed for the train and as it rolled away their voices rose with the song "God be with you till we meet again."

Miss Eunice Russell gave an informal entertainment Thursday night. Various games and

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

music furnished amusements for the evening. Lemons, popcorn balls and delicious watermelons were served. Those who enjoyed this hospitality were: Misses Beatrice Nidever, Charlie Bell Thomas and Effie Hudson, Messrs. Stanley King, George Smith and Noel Moore. At a late hour the guest departed "for sometimes it takes a long time to get home."

Saturday evening Mrs. W. E. Brittain honored her guest Miss Mamie McNatt of Abilene with a box party at the Cozy. The guests were Messrs and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Jno. Briggs, O. M. Sharp, Master Jack Anderson, little Miss Flora Frances Anderson, the honoree, the host and hostess. A visit to the Elite concluded an ideal evening.

Monday evening Mrs. J. L.

Gilliland's class of boys of the Presbyterian church met at her home and organized a Castle in order of the Knights of King Arthur. After the installation address the following were initiated in the first degree as pages Delmer Compton, Hugh Warnick, Clifford Rose, and Andrew Baker. An ice course was served at the close.

Second hand furniture bought and sold. J. T. Dorsey: 1t2

Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the Methodist Baracas held an interesting class meeting. Good talks were given by several boys along the line of class regulation and extension.

Officers elected for next quarter are President, Robert Hicks, Vice President, Ernest Rogers, Secretary Billie Woodroof, Treasurer, DeVerle Johnson. Press reporter.

Time to Fire Up

Don't wait until winter is in its full grip of the country to buy your stoves, get them now and be ready. We are headquarters for

Coal, Wood and Oil Stoves
 Combination Cook Stoves
 and Heaters

Gasoline Stoves, Stove Pipe and Stove Boards

"In Time of Peace prepare for War"

Meaning—Prepare for winter NOW and see us for prices

The Anchor Mercantile Co.

Warning! Warning! Warning!

You Lose Right

from the start if you fail to read every word of this circular

Bought at 50c on The Dollar

Boys' Suits Men's Pants

Men's and Boys' Hats

Boys' fine winter Underwear

Infants' Shoes

Ladies' Dresses

Ladies' Coats

Musical Instruments

and numerous other items that we have not the space to mention.

We are going to give you the advantage of the

PRICE

You will Miss it if you Miss IT. We will guarantee to sell you goods cheaper than the Mail Order Houses. Don't send your orders off until you have seen our prices. We **GUARANTEE** Every Article that we sell to give you good service, and if for any reason, whatsoever, you are not satisfied with any article you may return it and we will gladly replace it or refund your money.

Free TO YOU
\$10.00

NEW GLEN URQUHART RAINCOAT
IMPORTED PATTERN

"The Price is the Thing"

OUR GIFT WITHOUT AN EQUAL.
And for a limited time only
CALL-LET US TELL
YOU ALL ABOUT IT

Men's regular \$1.00 Overalls, our price.....75c
Men's \$3.00 Hats for only.....\$1.95
Boys' Hats from 25c to.....\$1.00
Ladies' Aprons, with long sleeves, worth 75c, our price... 50c
Suit Cases worth \$1.50, our Special Price..... 98c

Why Not Take

Advantage of the Savings ?

Don't throw your money away because cotton is a good price. The amount you save here will start you a nice Bank Account.

Come in at once and let us prove to you that

The Price is The Thing

Quality the Same

New Goods are arriving daily. All that we ask is that you get our prices and we know we will get your business.

Don't wait until the Cream of The Bargains is gone

J. A. DUCKETT

The Price is The Thing
Quality the Same

MERKEL, TEXAS

COTTON TAKES A \$3.00 BALE DROP

Before the future market on cotton took a reaction from its drop on Wednesday cotton was \$3.00 a bale lower than it had been when at the high point the first of the week.

On Thursday morning the bullish side of the cotton exchange seemed to be making another gain of a few yards and by noon portion of the big drop on Wednesday had been recovered.

The action of the market reports shows that the bears and the bulls are having it much like the Germans and French are, one side wins for a few moments and then the other side scores a victory but with all the changes going on in New York, cotton seems to yet be selling in Merkel at a premium above its real worth. The price of top grades were selling at noon Thursday at 12 cents.

Judge Perminter, more popularly known as "Uncle Pie" had the misfortune to get his thumb caught in a screen door catch when closing it. He has to use the left hand now to sample cotton but he'll get the sample alright.

Birth Announcement

The announcement of the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bill F. Patterson of Route 1 on Tuesday of this week has been made.

SYRUP CANS FOR SALE

Plenty of syrup cans for sale in one and five gallon sizes. Prices 10 cents for one gallon, 45 and 50 cents for five gallon containers. E. L. Rogers.

In Better Shape To Gin Your Cotton

During the rainy days of last week all gin saws in our gin were given a new sharpening and are now in better shape than even at the beginning of the season, to give clean cut samples and good turn-outs.

Bring Us Your Cotton

Quick Service and Absolute Satisfaction and the very best PRICE for your seed at all times.

McDonald & Sith

GINNERS

"Ginners Who Appreciate Your Patronage"

Receiving Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner of this city are receiving congratulations on their birth of a baby daughter on Tuesday morning of this week.

Baby Boy Born

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson of Tye, Route 1, are the proud parents of a baby boy born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent left Saturday for Dallas to visit their daughter Mrs. Luther Swafford. Mrs. Largent will remain in Dallas until after the Dallas Fair, while Mr. Largent will go to Oklahoma City where his cattle are on exhibit at present.

When you men want to "Dress Up" keep your best eye on good judgement and buy your suit from us for \$15.00 which we guarantee to look good. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. Sam Sheppard and little daughter, Linna, left Sunday night for their home at Fort Worth after visiting the families of H. C. Burroughs and Will Sheppard.

GRANDMA NEVER LET HER HAIR GET GRAY

Kept her locks youthful, dark, glossy and thick with common garden Sage and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." 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 hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling. Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger.

COMPERE

Rev. Busby accompanied by his wife were visitors at Compere Sunday. Rev. Busby filling his regular appointment here at 11:00 and 7:30 Sunday night.

Mrs. W. N. Moore is very sick and has been for several days.

Sunday School is progressing nicely. New officers and teachers were elected Sunday. May God be with each one of them in their work.

Mr. Burr Shannon of Merkel came out Monday to attend the bedside of his mother who is very low. We hope Mrs. Shannon will get better as she has been very low for several months.

Miss Beulah Henry spent the latter part of last with her uncle, Mr. Jim Rister, of Warren Lake and while there attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss May Rister.

Miss Ruth Moore and brother, William, returned home Sunday after a few days with their sister at Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are the proud parents of a fine new boy in their home.

R. R. Spurgin spent last week in Merkel attending the Presbytery there.

Mrs. William Shannon is reported very low at this writing.

We had a good rain plenty for awhile. It delayed cotton picking for a few days though it was fine.

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SHILOH

Singing was well attended Sunday afternoon.

There was no prayer meeting at Shiloh Sunday night.

Rev. Tatum of Hebron spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Rev. G. W. Scott and W. B. Beavers attended the Ordination service at Newman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry entertained the young people with a singing Sunday night.

Misses Mattie and Cora Scott of Trent spent Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Scott and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy of the Golan community.

Mrs. Mayberry had her Sunday school pupils to take dinner with her Sunday. They report an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Barclay and daughter, Miss Mary, of the Golan community, spent Saturday with friends here.

Wilner Grayson was a Merkel visitor Sunday afternoon.

Tommy Golightly of the Noodle community was in this community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy of Sweetwater creek spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and Mrs. Wilner Grayson were Merkel visitors Tuesday.

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The purpose of the offer is obvious. It reminds one of an all-knowing American who while walking through Ireland met a peasant with a head of cabbage in one hand and a bucket of water in the other. "How much will you get for the head of cabbage?" said the American. "I will get 10 cents for it," said the Irishman. "Why, if you were in America you could get 20 cents for that head of cabbage." "Yes," said the Irishman, "if I were in hell I could get a dollar for this bucket of water." Commercial Appeal.

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Mrs. J. P. Green and family.

Card of thanks

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