

BISHOP IS GIVEN DEATH PENALTY

W. T. Bishop charged with the murder of J. C. Evins at Longworth, in Fisher county, was found guilty in the District Court at Anson Saturday, and the jury assessed his punishment at death.

Arguments in the case were concluded just before noon Saturday and shortly after the jury had had their lunch, they notified District Judge Thomas that they had reached a verdict.

The defendant was brought into the court room, having a lead chain attached to his right wrist, by Sheriff Register.

The district court room was crowded, more than 100 people standing around the walls and in the lobby. The jury filed in and when asked by Judge Thomas if a verdict had been reached answered in the affirmative. Foreman Ashburn handed the verdict to Judge Thomas, who glanced at it and handed it back, informing the foreman that he had failed to state the nature of the crime and requested the body to return and correct the verdict. In three minutes the jury returned, and the verdict read by District Clerk Walter Wright was as follows:

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder and assess his punishment at death."

The defendant did not look up when the verdict was read, and showed no signs of perturbation. He kept his eyes fastened to the floor, with the upper lids bobbing up and down, which has been noticeable during the entire progress of the trial.

The wife of defendant and three children were not in the court room when the verdict was read. Mrs. Bishop and two children left the court room that morning soon after Prosecuting Attorney Stinson began the closing argument. The 15-year-old daughter of Bishop remained beside her father until the jury retired. During the arguments of County Attorney Ferrell of Fisher county in behalf of the state, and Attorneys Rattikin and Rodgers for the defendant, Bishop sat with his 3-year-old son in his lap, playing with the child and giving no apparent attention to the arguments for and against him.

While he was accompanying him back to the jail after the verdict was read, Sheriff Register quotes the prisoner as saying: "I don't know why they were so hard on me. I have done nothing."

The crime for which Bishop was convicted was one of the most brutal murders ever committed in the state. The victim of the tragedy was found buried in a shallow grave, the body had been chopped and hacked almost in half, in order to make it fit the short and improvised resting place in which the murderer had sought to conceal his crime.

WALKER COTTAGE UNDER NEW NAME

The well known Walker Cottage, now owned by J. C. Mason, under new management of Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, is no longer to be known under this name which many people are familiar with.

Hereafter this popular hotel will be known as the Commercial Hotel to both locals and travelers. The new stationery will carry the name "Commercial" as will every other connection the hotel has in a public way.

CONVICT WRITES TO CHIEF CLINTON

Abilene, Oct. 23rd.—The most beautiful specimen of a hair bridle seen here since the days when such things were the chief joy in the life of the cowboys, was received in the parcel post Tuesday by Chief J. J. Clinton of the Abilene police department.

The bridle is a genuine work of art. It is trimmed in silver and the coloring is beautiful.

"In the old days, a man would have had that taken away from him by some admiring cowboy," said the Chief. "It is the finest piece of work of the kind I ever saw."

With the bridle was a letter written by a prisoner in the Oregon State penitentiary at Salem. This letter explains itself:

"I beg you to pardon the liberty I take in sending you this piece of fancy work. I think you will find it to equal if not surpass anything of the kind you have ever seen. I send it to you with the hope that you will sell it or raffle the same for me. My reason for asking this favor of you is this: I am a young man, 26 years old, and I am serving from ten years to a life sentence charged with robbery, a crime I never committed. I have not a friend in the world whom I can ask for aid, and I am trying to raise funds to secure a new trial. The circumstances force me to ask a favor of a stranger. I will make you a present of a beautiful horn cane for your trouble. I read an article in the Sunset Magazine stating what a very fine man you are, and that you are always willing to help those who want to help themselves. So I thought you would be just the man for me to send my piece of work to. In case you cannot grant me the above favor, you will please be so kind as to hand this letter and package to some one of your friends who may be willing to give me a helping hand?"

The bridle, reins, and quirt will be placed on display somewhere down-town where all may see and admire.—Abilene Reporter.

T. J. BLACKMON IS A STANDBY NOW

T. J. Blackmon of Trent is one localite who is truly glad of his citizenship amongst us. Only a few days ago he remarked that it certainly was nice to be away from east Texas and the chills and fever.

Years ago he came to Taylor county and was scared all the way back to Robertson county by a dry spell that came over the west. Rain came on in east Texas and continued to fall. The bottoms grew soft and mushy and, in Mr. Blackmon's own words, "the hillsides slipped off in half acre blocks and 'stunk' like hog pens. People grew green around the eyes from billiousness and the well folks were not enough to care for the sick." At this stage of the game he decided that west Texas was good enough and back he came. He has been here for sometime, and promises on his yord of honor that he will stay "out where the west begins."

Your coal goes a long way when burned in Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. They are fuel savers. G. F. West Co.

Plenty cow feed and cotton seed meal. G. M. Sharp

TRENT FARMERS TO SOW FALL GRAIN

Trent, Oct. 24.—A large crowd of people visited the Dallas Fair this week. Among those going Friday night were T. L. Stevens, Frank Stevens and wife, Reuben Reeves, Scott Davis, Hub Swan, Lee Graham, R. L. Kent, Ray Seasseaux, Alonzo McMurray and Miss Ethel and Vera Smith.

C. T. Beckham has been in Oklahoma two weeks on business and for a pleasure trip.

T. J. Williamson has been confined to his bed several days with La Grippe, but is better now.

R. H. Reeves and family visited relatives at Cisco from Saturday until Monday.

W. A. Holt and wife are visiting friends and relatives at Dallas and are seeing the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian spent two days in Dallas this week seeing the fair.

J. A. Brown and family were in Sweetwater with relatives Sunday.

W. H. Riley has purchased the Charlie Johnson farm adjoining at a price corresponding with the cotton market.

J. P. Gafford and wife are visiting friends and relatives at Sulphur Springs, their old home.

D. E. Teadford made a business trip to Abilene and Merkel Monday.

Usual good work is being reported from the local schools and the students are being advanced as fast as their work will permit.

Practically all the farmers are very busy since the rain, sowing grain. There will be hundreds of acres sown to make winter pasture. Seed wheat is very scarce. Many are paying \$2 per bushel for it and very little is for sale at that price. But soon, when the stock are grazing on the fine pastures, the price will be forgotten.

TEACHERS TO BE HERE FOR A WEEK

The Taylor County Teachers Institute will meet at Merkel for one week, beginning November 14th.

Superintendent R. M. Parker was not asleep to the interest of our town when he made an early bid for this institution and filed an invitation with County Superintendent Smith, that the teachers use Merkel as their meeting place and the public school as their official headquarters. This was the only formal request made to the Association and Mr. Smith has accepted. Abilene bid for the institute but offered no convention hall or meeting house.

In all there will be nearly one hundred instructors here during the time and the Mail extends this early welcome to them on behalf of the town. The latch string is on the outside and Superintendent Parker should be given a vote of thanks for his presence of mind.

No Hunting Here

This is to notify all parties that no hunting will be permitted on my premises. John Sears, 27tf

No Hunting Allowed

No hunting will be allowed on my premises. J. L. McRee, 27t3p

Visit John S. Hughes' new grocery and feed store when in Blair. Full line of goods. Every thing new and up-to-the-minute. 1tp

SHILOH REPORTS AND NEWS SQUIBS

As we have been absent for two whole weeks we are afraid somebody will be getting uneasy about us, so we have decided we will try to send in a few items.

There was singing at Mr. Jones' on Sunday night.

Misses Albertine Winters and Florence Cade of Simmons College spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Robert Condon and mother, Mrs. Hunsucker, are visiting relatives near Anson, while Mr. Condon is seeing the sights in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grayson are visiting relatives near Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Wheeler spent Sunday afternoon with relatives in the Noodle community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown gave the young people a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winters and Miss Essie Hale were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and sons Lester and Vester spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Reeves near Sweetwater Creek.

Mrs. Maynard and daughter Miss Eula spent one day last week with Mrs. Gowdy of the Golan community.

Milton Tyner is sporting a new buggy recently.

Miss Nancy Greene of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Terrell Winters returned home last Wednesday night from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Merrinels of Alexander.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Winters who was painfully injured a few weeks ago is doing nicely at present.

Mrs. Will Bond and children and Ben Bond spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

W. B. Beavers purchased a new plow at Merkel Monday, with which he will begin turning the soil for his cotton crop next year, so he says.

G. G. Callahan spent the past week in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyner.

Mr. Will McDonald is wearing a broad smile about the write-up last week in regard to the high priced cotton.

J. H. Grayson and wife were Merkel visitors Thursday.

ZEB MOORE GETS RECORD BREAKER

Capt. "Bill" McDonald of Shiloh will now have to take a back seat, for he is a regular has-been when it comes to selling cotton for high prices on the Merkel market.

Zeb V. Moore, of Route 3, capped the climax Wednesday morning, when he sold a bale of cotton here and received for the entire bale, seed and lint, the amount of \$174.15. When Mr. McDonald sold one recently at over \$150.00, we thought he had done wonders and said as much for him in these columns, but he is not a patchin' for this new comer who hangs up the above record. All surrounding towns are invited to compare prices dating not later than Wednesday of this week and if Texas beats this record off comes our hat.

The \$1.00-a-peck coffee house of Merkel. E. L. Rogers

Statement of Condition

THE
Farmers State
BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

As Reported September 12th, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans	\$239,511.28
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,950.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	2,053.14
Cash and Exchange	87,531.62
Other Resources	1,399.10
Total	\$346,445.14

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	18,534.56
Deposits	258,253.73
Rediscounts	34,656.85
Total	\$346,445.14

The above statement is correct
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CLASSIFIED ADS

For Rent—Good 6 room house, sleeping porch, cistern, well, windmill, tank-house, waterworks, plenty room, barn, and garden plot—\$12.00 per month to desirable parties only. Homer L. Eastwood.

Car of prairie hay due about Saturday week. T. J. R. Swafford. 20t2

FOR SALE—Good 60 acre farm, 45 acres in cultivation. One mile of good school. See me on Route 1. G. W. Brady. 13t3

FARMS FOR SALE—Well located, and some houses in town. S. F. Haynes. 20t4pd.

Farm hand wanted by the month. No cigarette fiend need apply. J. B. Walton. 20t2

HOME FOR SALE—Good four room house, near Presbyterian church, 2 lots and improvement. A Bargain. C. E. Connor. 13t3-pd

FOR SALE.—300 acres land 9 miles south of Merkel. Dem Rust. Oct. pd.

FOR SALE—Five-room house on South Rose Street. Good terms. Robert Hicks. 23tf.

CHEAP MONEY—On good improved land. Large loans preferred. Lowest rate of interest ever known in this territory. Twenty-five years here in the business. Write us. COMPERE & COMPERE. District Managers. Abilene, Texas. tf.

FOR RENT OR SALE—My home on Oak Street. Mrs. E. Hall. 20tf

STRAYED from home last Wednesday, two year old Jersey Heifer, mouse colored, rather dark on sides, short horns. Notify J. A. Duckett and receive reward. 13tf.

LOST—Between Merkel and Nubia, ladies gold watch, without crystal. Has the name "Admiral" printed on face. 20 year guarantee in back. Please return to Grace Garvin, Dora, Texas. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Good team of work horses. See me if interested. Sam Roberts. 1tp

FOR SALE—7 lots and small house located in College Addition of Merkel, cheap, on easy terms. J. M. Radford Grocery Company. Abilene, Texas. 27t2

FOR SALE—4-room house, 3 porches, 3 lots, east front, close to school, good neighborhood, will sell cheap. \$100 cash, the rest from one to five years at 8 percent interest. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—My home in south Merkel. Cheap for cash or will take \$500 cash and give good time on balance or will trade for land and assume small indebtedness. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—A large Mosler combination lock safe. E. D. Coats.

CLOSING OUTSALE—Now is the time to buy musical goods. I have on hand several pianos, both player and upright, brand new, strictly first class, that I will sell at a very cheap rate. Also several new and second-hand organs that I will sell from \$5 up, your own price. E. D. Coats.

HAVE BUYER—For 400 to 700 acres in cultivation in one tract. Write us minute description of city property or farms you have for sale or exchange together with outline of what you desire. Twenty-five years in the land business in Abilene. Compere & Compere, Realty Department. Abilene, Texas. 27t

FOR SALE—Duroc shoats, single disc plow, hand plows, single row planter, walking middle buster, horses, mules and mares. Dr. M. Armstrong. 31t2

FOR RENT—Good barn, big loft for feed, place for auto or buggy. See Dr. Pae. 1t

FOR SALE—Henderson Piano. See Mrs. E. M. Rust.



WARM THINGS FOR WINTER DAYS

THE CHILLY BLASTS OF THIS WINTER WILL SOON DEMAND WARM CLOTHES. THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE STYLISH AND COMFORTABLE. WE STAND FOR "STYLE."

"FIT" IS ANOTHER THING WE STAND FOR. WE WILL NOT PERMIT A GARMENT TO LEAVE OUR ESTABLISHMENT THAT DOES NOT FIT. BUT GARMENTS TO FIT MUST BE PROPERLY TAILORED.

OUR LINES OF HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MEN IS LARGE. IN BUYING THESE GOODS WE LOOK OUT FOR BOTH DANTINESS AND DURABILITY.

"PRICE" IS ANOTHER THING WE STAND FOR --THE LOW PRICE. A VISIT TO OUR STORE WILL BE A LESSON IN ECONOMY.

New arrivals every week keep our stock up to the standard. Winter's cold blasts are drawing near, which reminds us that we must prepare. Let us help you

Don't sleep cold, let us show you our line of blankets. We have something good for you.

3-pound can A1 steel cut coffee.....90c
3 cans pie peaches.....25c
3 cans peas.....25c
5 pounds soda.....25c
4 packages cocoanut.....25c

A nice lot of mens overcoats just received. You should call and see them before buying your overcoat. Price \$7.50 to \$20.00

We have some new arrivals in ladies and childrens shoes, which we offer at usual low prices. Come see for yourself.

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THE STAR STORE

Men and boys winter underwear in two-piece and unions. Also shoes, shirts, ties, hats and caps. All new and dainty. Moderate price, with usual Star Store Quality

LOCAL NEWS

Demonstration week begins November 6th at the Anchor.

Bran and corn chops at G. M. Sharps

J. R. Dye is in San Antonio, probably for the winter, where he will hob-nob with John Elliott a former Merkelite who is now a San Antonio citizen. Mr. Dye goes to San Antonio in order to avoid the severe winter weather often experienced in this country.

Phone W. E. Lowe at the Busy Bee for a service car.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hale of Thurber arrived in Merkel last Thursday afternoon and will make this place their home in the future. Mr. Hale is connected with the Merkel Drug Co.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs Jr. and sister, Miss Ida Bell Huffaker, who has been here the guest of her sister, returned to the latter's home at Greenville Saturday. Mrs. Burroughs will remain in Greenville several days, returning home with her husband who went to Dallas the first of this week to purchase a holiday stock of goods for the Burroughs Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams left Friday for a visit to the state fair and relatives in Fort Worth. The former returned Monday but Mrs. Williams will remain several days in Fort Worth

Bull Calves For Sale

Some good short horn bull calves for sale. See me. T. W. Neill, Trent, Texas. 20t3pd

The only vegetable refrigerator in town is at E. L. Rogers.

Drives Hudson Car Here

Davis Beasley arrived Saturday evening from Fort Worth in a newly purchased car, a Hudson seven-passenger, an automobile with a record of hill climbs, endurance tests and speed tests. It was a Hudson Super-6 that recently went from San Francisco to New York and return in about seven days. Mr. Beasley will not attempt for any such records but is going to hit 'em in high places when an occasion demands.

J. T. Warren was in Dallas Friday to be at the State Fair on "Arkansaw" day. Mr. Warren is not getting homesick for his boyhood state, he only wanted to meet some old-timers and swap yarns.

Plenty of angel food cake at the Bakers.

Thos. Bowman of Robertson county is at Trent visiting the family of Lee Cooper. Mr. Robertson will remain in that section for several days before his return, and then he may move back here for good. When seen in Trent Saturday afternoon he was swapping yarns with T. J. Blackmon about Robertson county in 1899.

A visit from Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum and children of Abilene Sunday gave occasion for a pleasant family gathering for Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and children Sunday at the Commercial Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent returned Tuesday from having spent the weekend at the Dallas fair with other members of the Largent family who have been down the entire time.

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W. E. Lowe's service cars run day or night. Call the Busy Bee.

F. J. Smith is away for a visit with relatives in East Texas and Arkansas

Try a \$1.00 bucket of the celebrated Wamba coffee at G. M. Sharps

Six life-size dolls free. Watch for first announcement in this paper.

Miss Ruth Mims left last week for an extended visit with relatives in Nacogdoches and other eastern towns. She plans to be away until Christmas.

See me for your fall bills groceries. G. M. Sharp

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott and Miss Wilson of Abilene were visitors here Friday. Miss Susie Penn returned with them after a visit in Abilene

The Price is The Thing. See J. A. Duckett's show window for Saturday's specials, only 10c

Pigs for Sale—Good pigs at \$3 apiece. James West. tf

Miss Gertrude Stanley returned home Monday afternoon from Abilene and is much improved from a recent appendicitis operation.

We can still supply you with coffee at \$1.00 per peck. E. L. Rogers

Take home a loaf of our fresh bread. The Bakery.

Mrs. Emma Harkins of Roscoe returned to her home Monday afternoon, having visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eoff at Noodle, and attended the Barbee-Eoff wedding which was solemnized at Noodle Sunday afternoon.

\$75 worth of dolls to be given away free to six little girls of Merkel and Merkel country. Watch this paper.

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Houston Robertson returned Wednesday morning from a trip on the Plains where he has prospected and visited relatives. About the first hard work he did on his return was to take the Mail at \$1 before it went up.

Window glass at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.

Half a gallon Good Luck Baking Powder for two bits at E. L. Rogers

Messrs. Raymond Touchstone and Ennis Grimes sat in the big grand stand at Dallas Sunday and watched the auto races from an advantageous point whilst the racing kings covered miles in less than minutes.

Don't forget to call on John S. Hughes' new store, just across the street south of Santa Fe depot, in south Merkel. Brand new car of Peace Maker flour and feed stuff. 1tp.

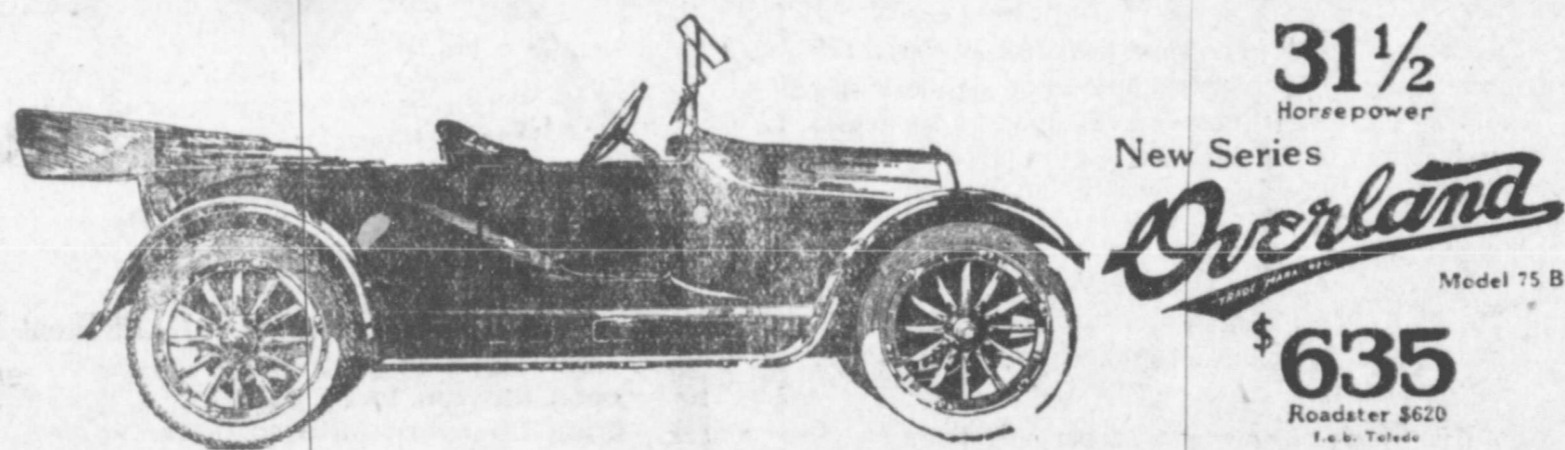
Capt. J. T. Tucker was here the first of the week looking after business matters. He returns to Pecos were Mrs. Tucker is and reports her ill condition changed for the better, though not fully recovered from recent illness.

See James West for good pigs at \$3 each. tf

Mrs. J. Cleveland Baker of Canyon arrived here Friday of last week to be with her mother Mrs. H. T. Merritt who has been quite ill. Mrs. Baker has been attending her mother at the sanitarium in Abilene during a greater part of this week.

Lee Eason, of Route 2, returned from the Fair Tuesday morning with D. D. Coats and others who have seen the sights and helped to swell the crowds in Dallas.

Dough-nuts, creme puffs and chocolate eclairs on Friday and Saturday at the Bakery.



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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.

ADVERTISING THIEVERY

The Mail received a letter this week from a well known piano house of Waco, Texas asking for our adv. price. At the conclusion of their letter they let the cat out of the bag by also asking that we give them the name of every teacher and church organist in our city, and Post Scripted at the bottom to make the list of teachers and organist authentic.

We replied in a manner thusly:
 Dear Slogmas Sloggan & Bro.

Your letter, mimeograph form, in which you ask for our advertising rate on a six inch ad is at hand and we beg to quote you a price of ninety-five cents per issue for a six inch plate ad.

We also note that you ask for the names of every music teacher and church organist in our town and right here we want to ask you, what in the H--- do you think we are running, a newspaper or a free advertising list? Your way of asking for these names is as old as the hills and we receive just such letters every week and into the waste basket they go, but yours coming from a Texas house is something new and we beg to say that you certainly have your nerve to ask us for a free mailing list of our town.

We beg to say that we are in the NEWSPAPER business and would be pleased to handle your advertising at the above specified rate, but as for the MAILING LIST, NOT BY A D--- SIGHT.

Yours respectfully,

This system of obtaining names from any community is one of the rottenest things ever handed a town and every merchant and citizen of a town suffers when somebody, through unthoughtfulness alone, sends out a mailing list no matter how small. We live in Merkel and get our existence from business of this town and ask the co-operation of every one interested in turning down these grafting propositions. Be careful about your mailing list even to the houses you are dealing with, a clerk in their department might sell you out to a mail order house.

Safety first, don't send out a mailing list.

AN AMENDMENT FOR NOV. 7TH.

When you go to the polls on November 7th, one item to be voted upon will be HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30.

This resolution provides for an amendment to the constitution which will give all school districts in the state, the authority to levy a tax not to exceed \$1.00 on the one hundred dollars valuation by a majority vote of the qualified tax-paying voters of the county.

The adoption of this amendment on Nov. 7th, does not levy one cent taxes. It only provides that this tax can then be levied and if the amendment carries, as it should, any county desiring to levy this school tax would have to vote on the proposition at a special election.

Many schools over the state are in distress and this HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 is the only present feasible means of paving way for better educational facilities.

Go to the polls and vote for the amendment. It is a worthy one and when you cast a vote for it remember that you are not voting any additional tax, you are only providing that any community may later vote this tax if they see fit.

Without a doubt this is one of the most worthy amendments ever presented to the people and those who have the interest of the schools at heart should support it with their vote.

STRICTLY MODERN
 A modern girl and very gay
 Is buxom Betsy Bang,
 She spends a part of every day
 In learning some new slang.
 —Youngston Telegram.

A modern girl and very gay
 Is Rhoda Retta Rose,
 She studies hard to find a way
 Of wearing fewer clothes.
 —Warren Tribune

A modern maid but rather thin
 Is Flashy Fanny Fay,
 Her raiment makes an awful din,
 For though quite scant, 'tis gay.
 —Sharon Herald.

A modern maid, it doth appear,
 Is dainty Kitty Kerr,
 Now that cold weather draweth near
 She's laid aside her fur.
 —Butler Citizen.

A modern maid beyond a doubt,
 Is giddy Bessie Botts;
 Who's famous as a gadabout,
 And dances all the "trots."
 —Birmingham Age-Herald.

A modern maid you will agree,
 Is Miss Theresa Flynn,
 Who needs a forty dollar purse
 To tote a hairpin in.
 —Macon Telegraph.

A modern maid and up-to-date,
 Is prepossessing Kate,
 She's never over an hour late
 When she keeps a date.
 —Savannah Press.

A modern girl is Laura Laws,
 As frank as she is sweet;
 She wears her skirts quite short
 because
 She wants to see her feet.
 —Commercial Appeal.

A modern girl is Cosmestic Hue
 With an alabaster nose,
 And painted cheeks of cherry red
 And wears rainbow colored hose.

Girls if you leave your powder puff at home, just buy a few marshmallows, it all rubs off anyway.

Don't forget where your poll tax is, it is the ammunition the Democrats are going to blow the G.O.P.s into smithereens with and you should do your part. A mobilization call is hereby issued for all regulars and recruits to be on hand November 7th.

Hughes' tirade on the Democratic administration is like unto Ingersol's attack on the Bible. He tears it down but offers nothing in its place. Get the point?

Everybody should turn barber on Tuesday Nov. 7th, and assist in the task of clipping Hughes' whiskers.

The Hughes "Golden Special" ran into a Democratic open switch at Portland, Ore. Just watch Hughes hit a DERAILED on November 7th.

Hughes says our present prosperity is built on sand. It is not exactly that but is on Democratic grit.

Clean White Cotton
Rags
Wanted at 4 cents
Per Pound
At The Mail Office

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1917 Model Ford

Absolutely Free
 DEC. 24TH, 1916
 AT
Parten Dry Goods Co.
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Don't Forget Your Coupons

Abilene Receipts 7,735 Bales
 Up to 10 p. m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7,735 bales of cotton had been weighed from farmers wagons at the two Abilene yards. E. J. Ellison, public weigher, had balanced his scales over 5,550 bales, and 1,185 bales had been

received at the Farmers Union yard.—Taylor County Times.
W. R. Smith to El Paso
 Friends in San Angelo have received word from Congressman W. R. Smith, of Colorado City, that he will soon go to El Paso, which city he will make his

home. Mr. Smith will complete his term in congress on March 4, and after that date he will devote himself to the practice of law in the border city.—San Angelo Standard.
 Miss Almada Harris is visiting in Snyder

Slip a few Prince Albert smokes into your system!

You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that cuts out bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day. Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but you know that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time fring up every little so often, without a regret! You'll feel like your smoke past has been wasted and will be sorry you cannot back up for a fresh start.

You swing on this say-so like it was a tip to a thousand-dollar bill! It's worth that in happiness and contentment to you, to every man who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

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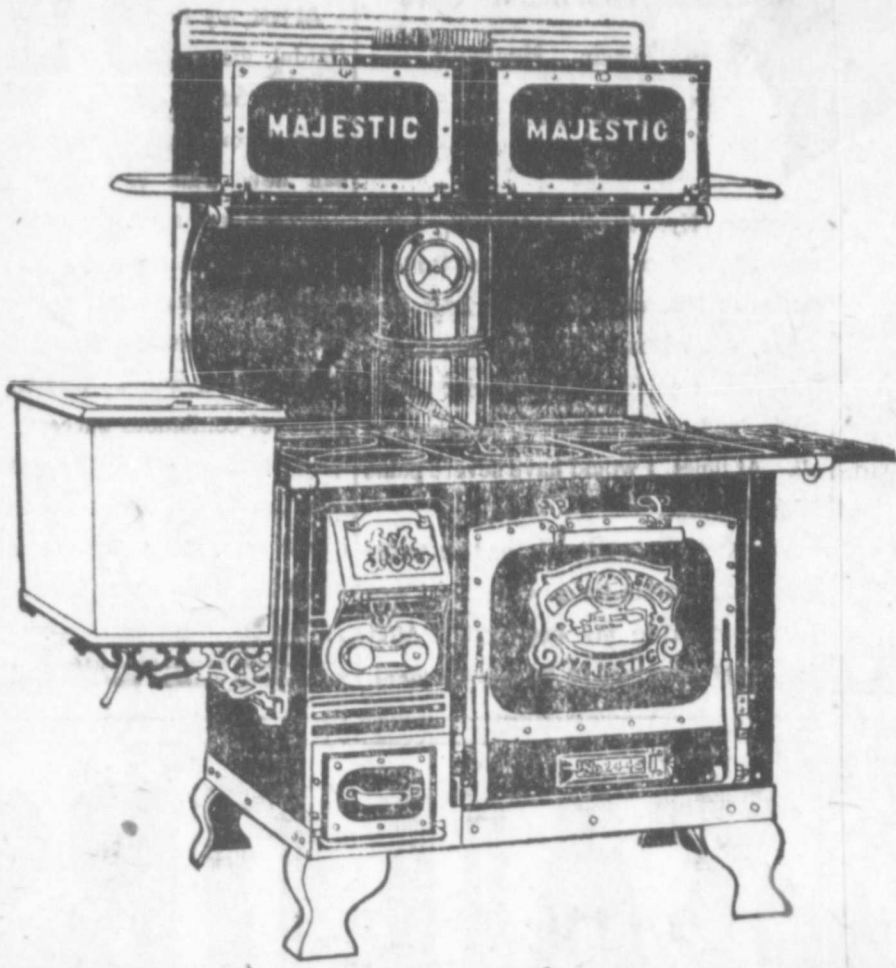
THE PRINCE ALBERT TOBACCO IS PREPARED FOR SMOKERS UNDER THE PROCESS DISCOVERED IN MAKING EXPERIMENTS TO PRODUCE THE MOST DELICIOUS AND WHOLESOME TOBACCO FOR CIGARETTE AND PIPE SMOKERS. PROCESS PATENTED JULY 30th 1907. R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. DOES NOT BURN.

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THE Prince Albert tin, and in fact every Prince Albert package, has a real message-to-you on the reverse side. You'll read:—"Process Patented July 30th, 1907." That means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which tongue bite and throat parch are cut out! Every where tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting you in toppy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidor and tin that clever crystallized glass humidifier, with sponge-moistener top, that keeps the tobacco in such nice condition—always!

COLD WEATHER IS CERTAIN TO COME



AT THIS season of the year. Everybody is getting ready to have comfort in their homes, for the cold wintry months just ahead, and we have been mindful of the ever necessary articles to help make home a place of comfort and ease. Our line of stoves, both Heaters and Cooking Stoves, was never more complete, and we want you to call and let us show you the best on the market. The Majestic Range cannot be equaled by any when durability, convenience and service is considered. **SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION and Sale GREAT MAJESTIC RANGE, Commencing Nov. 6th.** Watch this space for the coming week.

BUY IT WHERE THEY HAVE IT

The Anchor Mercantile Company

TAKE AN INTEREST IN YOUR TOWN

By A Local Citizen

"Take an interest in your local affairs. The town's growth means your growth." The other day I came face to face with this poignant statement as I was glancing thru a new catalog I found on my desk. It is an old, old truth, the scarcely ever heeded by our business men today. I do not say, mind you, all business men, for there are a great many everywhere who do realize as they should the utmost importance of its advice. But I do say that many of our local business men seem utterly to ignore the veracity of such a statement. There are men in our town who do take an interest in the town's affairs: their businesses are growing. But these men cannot do all that they should like to do or all that should be done for the town. They lack the co-operation of their fellow business men.

Just think what this town could and would be if every business man took the proper interest in his local affairs! There would be no poorly financed churches, no unkept unsightly school grounds and church yards. Just think, instead of one attractive, up-to-date church to admire, three or four of the same type in our town. Don't you know that people would flock to our town to enjoy our religious advantages? We should then have a permanent, desirable citizenship. Just think of grass plots, bordered by cement walks, on our church yards and school grounds.

Wouldn't our town present a two hundred per cent. better appearance? Just think of a thoroughly equipped school building, affording our children the proper training for their life or college or university work. Don't you know that we would get still more of the permanent, desirable class of citizens?

And just suppose there was the spirit of co-operation among our merchants. What a great commercial organization this town could afford. And just think of the work such an organization could do for this town. Just think of the people it might bring in to enjoy the advantages of our churches. Just think of the new businesses it might bring to our town to swell our coffers. Just think of our farmers working

along the new plans of farming that it might induce them to try, and think of the many dollars it would mean to the farmers for having adopted the new plans. Just think of the good roads leading from every direction into our town over which the farmers bring their commodities to our market. Just think of our town as a city beautiful, its citizens having been awakened to the spirit of civic righteousness thru the influence of its commercial league. Just think instead of divisions and factions, instead of a house divided against itself, merchants working in perfect unison, unselfishly, for the betterment of their community.

No; this is not too good to be

true. This plan will work and has worked in other communities—communities where the business men take an interest in their local affairs. This plan will work in our town—when we forget our own selfish interests. The trouble is we try to make every undertaking we go at put dollars in our own pockets. That is just why our attempts to form a commercial organization are a failure: we are in it for our own interests and not for our community's. Let's think over the matter, but let's get busy and do something. Let's give actions to our ideas.

"Grow with your town—don't let it grow without you."

Old Timer Is Back

T. M. Clinton, a resident of the Merkel country from 1885 until 1906, is here visiting his sons, G. I. Clinton of Nubia, W.

O. Clinton of Route 3, and D. M. Clinton of Trent.

Mr. Clinton has recently returned from an extended stay in California where he visited a daughter, being hurried back to his home at Stanton by the threatened strike which never materialized. While here he is enjoying talks with many old timers like Capt. J. T. Tucker, L. E. Perkins, Sam Butman, Thos. Warren, and numerous others who were neighbors to Mr. Clinton when he lived here. When Mr. Clinton first arrived in Merkel the town consisted of a box car depot, the agent being also a postmaster. There were three or four houses and an awful lot of vacant space 'round about here.

Absolutely free, you need not buy a penny's worth to get one of the six free dolls.

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 alright again. For sale by all dealers.

Tax Collector Coming

Tax Collector W. F. Dillard will be in Trent Thursday, Nov. 2nd, for the purpose of collecting taxes and will be in Merkel on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3rd and 4th. Parties desiring to pay their taxes now can do so with more convenience by seeing Mr. Dillard while he is at Trent or here. Remember the dates and places.

BACK FROM CALIF. WILSON WILL WIN

Dr. and Mrs. O. F. McMaster have returned from an extended visit in California and other western states. During most of the time Dr. and Mrs. McMaster vacationed in Los Angeles and San Diego and nearby towns. From the travels and surmised conditions of the west, Dr. McMaster is strongly in belief that President Wilson will be re-elected and claims that California will undoubtedly go in the Democratic columns by a goodly majority. Here's hoping that Doctor was in a condition to fully understand what was going on while he was in this great wine producing state.

How Catarrh is Contracted

Mothers are sometimes so thoughtless as to neglect the colds which their children contract. The inflammation of the mucous membrane, at first acute, becomes chronic and the child has chronic catarrh, a disease that is seldom cured and that may prove a life's burden. Many persons who have this loathsome disease will remember having had frequent colds at the time it was contracted. A little forethought, a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judiciously used and all this trouble might have been avoided. Obtainable everywhere.

Bites Through His Tongue

When Marvin Dunn, a demonstrator for a gasoline tractor, was cranking a new machine Saturday morning, he received a peculiar wound, when the revolving crank of the machine struck him on the chin. The force of the lick brought his teeth together with a snap and his tongue was caught between.

The wound inflicted cut entirely through Mr. Dunn's tongue, necessitating several stitches to close the gash. Fortunately the self inflicted bite was not heavy enough to completely sever that delicate tasting apparatus, and, outside of having some trouble talking and more trouble eating, Mr. Dunn is as usual, and is again ready to crank the gas plow and show interested ones its desirable features.

For Chapped Hands

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

P. S.--Too busy to write an ad. but you'd better do your Xmas shopping early

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MISS EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Basket Ball Notes

The girls basket ball team of the high school chaperoned by Misses White, Wright and Lola Lassiter and R. A. Burgess drove to Sweetwater last Friday afternoon to play the girls of that place. A number of others accompanied the girls, so, in all, the party numbered twenty-three. The Sweetwater team proved too much for our players and all during the game matters were decidedly in their favor.

Provine-Doan

The marriage of two popular young people of the Blair community, the account of which we were tardy in getting, was that of Mr. Hernan Doan and Miss Vera Provine. These two were married Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8th, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Provine, with Rev. Gaddis of Trent officiating minister.

The wedding guests were, besides the family of the bride, Messrs. and Mesdames B. M.

ton, Mrs. Lackey, John Meeks and Mrs. Reuben Horton of Knox county.

Mr. and Mrs. Doan have many friends to wish them happiness. The groom being a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, residents of Blair. The friends of both are mutual and are those amongst whom they will continue to reside.

XXth Century Club

The 20th Century Club met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. L. W. Woodroof. The first winter afternoon of the season made the attendance light but the meeting was an interesting one nevertheless. The first lesson of the Temperament was read by the club while the special number was Burns' "Hallow'een" charmingly read and interpreted by Mrs. Parten.

Crow-Blair

Mr. Grover C. Blair and Miss Mattie Crow of Merkel Route 3 were married by Justice Cobb Saturday afternoon at this place.

They will make their home on the Blair farm, south of Merkel where the well wishes of their many friends go with them.

Barbee-Eoff

The Barbee-Eoff marriage as



"Goodies that just melt in your mouth—light, fluffy, tender cakes, biscuits and doughnuts that just keep you hanging 'round the pantry—all made with Calumet—the safest, purest, most economical Baking Powder. Try it—drive away bake-day failures."

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Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

announced in the Mail last week was solemnized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barbee Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

The wedding ceremony was performed by Elder W. G. Cypert and the wedding march played by Mrs. J. H. Fultz. The bride and groom were unattended. The guests, of whom there were about forty, were seated in the living room, and the bride couple stood in the doorway facing them.

Immediately after the ceremony, the guests were invited to the dining room where a full course wedding supper was served. The Mail force joins the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Eoff in wishing them and successful years together.

Watford-Dulin

In the home of T. E. Milner of Abilene, where the bride has made her home for several months, J. C. Dulin and Miss Theresa Watford were married Sunday evening. Both contracting parties in this instance are well known and old families of Merkel, both of them having lived since childhood in and near Merkel.

Their marriage will be of interest to a wide circle of friends here, and, while we are unable to learn their plans for the future, it is hoped they will continue to reside in this locality.

Hallow'een Party

A Hallow'een party at the school house Friday night, given by the Intermediate Department for benefit of the Victrola Fund. 7:30 to 9:30. Admission 10 cents.

Feed

We are now handling all kinds of feed, consisting of bran, chops, corn, oats, cotton seed meal and hulls. Anchor Mercantile Co.

organized of 1916-17 organization Friday, ... acting as temporary chairman, the following officers were elected:

Paul McMurray, President; Merle Clark, Vice-President; Beatrice Nidever, Secretary and Treasurer; Wilma Smith, Journalist and Dorothy Duckett Class Poet.

Class Colors—Purple and gold. Class Flower—Capejasmine.

Motto—Our glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Introduction by leader. Miss Beula Garrett. Scripture reading—Two young ladies.

Practically the whole world, Phagan and Papal is now accessible to Missionaries of the several Protestant denominations.—Miss Ola Sharp.

The religion of non-Christian nations, including Roman Catholic countries, no longer hold undisputed sway over the minds of these people.—Mrs. L. Howard.

The educational ideals of the heathen world have changed.—Mr. Browning.

The heathen are a suffering and a dying people.—Miss Winnie Warren.

The non-Christian world is in a political and social upheaval.—Mr. Jones.

When You Take Cold

With the average man a cold is a serious matter and should not be trifled with, as some of the most dangerous diseases start with a common cold. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of your cold as quickly as possible. You are not experimenting when you use this remedy as it has been in use for many years and has an established reputation. It has no opium or other narcotic. Obtainable everywhere.

NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene, will be in Merkel Oct. 28th. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear, and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office at the Walker Cottage.

For Sale

7 room house (my home place) 3 lots, well, windmill, elevated tank, cistern, fruit trees, good out buildings; near school building. Part cash, balance terms. G. W. Johnson, 22tf Merkel, Texas.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Patron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side. The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "How to Treat Women," sent in plain wrapper. 7-2

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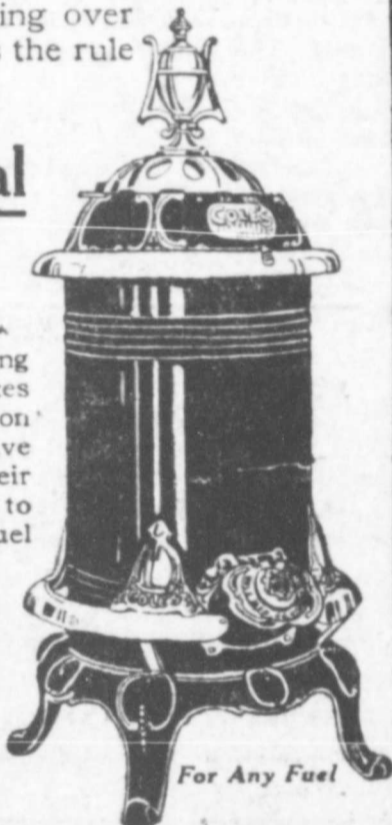
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Richards' Magic Washing Stick

is entirely NEW and different. It contains no acids, alkalis, poisons or harmful ingredients. It will not harm the most delicate fabrics. It washes colored clothes without fading—woolens without shrinking or hardening, and positively will not rot or weaken lace curtains so they tear easily, but keeps them strong besides absolutely clean.

3 Sticks for 25c—less than 2c a washing

Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If yours doesn't handle it, show him this ad—he'll get it for you. Or send 25c in stamps to A. B. Richards Co., Sherman, Tex.

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Dallas Fair Visitors

Quite a number of Merkel residents have been and are enjoying the State Fair with visits to relatives and friends occupying a part of their time away. Among those whose names we have been able to obtain are: Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sublett; Messrs J. T. Warren, J. F. Holdridge, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. West and Miss Zora, Messrs and Mesdames Dolph and Tom Coats, C. T. Mershon, Messrs Raymond Touchstone and Ennis Grimes, J. L. Harris, F. J. Smith, W. E.

Baze, L. W. Woodroof, J. T. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Duff.

Algermen to Dallas

Aldermen J. P. Sharp and J. A. Harris were Dallas Fair visitors Saturday, Sunday and Monday and were two of the one hundred and forty some-odd thousand and who passed through the fair gates for that record-breaking day.

Their visit was not official in any respect, "Uncle Joe" going down for no other reason than to take in the fair, while Mr. Sharp had the same excuse coupled with business affairs.

Give Fire Boys Five Spot

J. T. Browning, proprietor of the Browning Gin, called Chief Ferrier to that popular gin office last week and presented him with a five dollar check as season's compliments to that bunch of volunteer workers.

Cotton High at Trent

Wednesday morning when the cotton market opened it looked good as usual and indications were that a continual rise was on. Trent buyers paid little attention to what Liverpool or New York was paying during the day, or whether the markets went wild in these two places and dur-

ing most of the day the fle staple was bringing ninety cents in Trent.

Whether cotton was good bad, it was worth nineteen cents with record sales of ninety twenty-five being given. The well—it happened. The bottle fell out and cotton dropped New York and Liverpool, a about that time we cranked and left town as Alex Williams gently slid out of his easy chair.

Money to Loan

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- 1 lot 18.50 coats **15.00**
- 1 lot 15.00 coats **11.50**



EXTRA SPECIALS IN LADIES DRESSES

Just received by express a nice assortment of ladies dresses priced at extra low prices. Prices that will interest you in, Silk Poptins, all colors **\$7.50**
Silk Faile, all colors **\$10.00**
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CHILDRENS COATS

We have just received a full line of children's coats and dresses, all sizes and colors. Make your selection now.

Blankets and Comforts

We can save you money on blankets and comforts. Our stock is complete in this department. A big line of cotton blankets 64x80 for **\$1.00**
A heavy cotton blanket 66x80 for **1.50**
A big value in a woolnap plaid blanket 66x80 at **2.50**
Comforts in full sizes at **1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 3.50**

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**BOYS AT CENTRAL
EDUCATIONAL DEPT.**

seven blue ribbons and West Texas Fair held at made from the second to blue ribbon, and every ribbon also. The boys follows:
Ribbons—Evelyn Bagley, Warren McSpadden, d Merkel Public Schools.
Ribbons—Robert May-Adams, Hicks Swafford

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**4th Q. CONFERENCE
TRENT TUESDAY**

The Fourth Quarterly Confer- e will be held at Trent Tues- / of next week, with preach- / at 11 o'clock in the morning l again at night.
The business session will, no lbt, begin at 2:30 in the after- on. This, together with the rvices, will be held at the thodist Church.

Plenty corn at G. M. Sharps

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W. W. Terry spent a few days this week in Fort Worth and Dallas.

15c to 50c values special Saturday only 10c at J. A. Ducketts

Two-gallon keg pickles at G. M. Sharps

**WILL SERVE DINNER
HERE ON SATURDAY**

Members of the Senior class of the high school are preparing to serve a dinner to the public on Saturday and the funds will be used for a school benefit.

Some of the things the class desire to purchase are chairs for the library, a library table, pictures for the room and other furnishings that a library will need. This work is being done in-conjunction with the recent appeal to the public for good magazines, papers and books. The Mail is glad to be able to contribute several issues of World's Work, several of Review of Reviews, several of Harpers and Independent, some of Leslie's and a number of Sunset copies. Others may be able to contribute other magazines and good books, all of which will be of much use to the school. Help a good cause along.

Have you seen the big values at J. A. Ducketts on sale Saturday for only 10c

Good Luck Baking Powder only 20 cents per pound. E. L. Rogers

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