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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1921

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

sel High School. They should kel. district at heart. Men capable best wishes. and who are willing to give of their time and talent to the school's best interest.

election the voters will have the opportunity of saying whether or not the district shall issue bonds in the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of installing in the school building a sanitary toilet system. On this question in our Fred S. Rogers, of Cumby, Texopinion, there should not be a as, has been called to the pastordessenting vote. For according ate of the Grace Presbyterian to reliable information the toilet church in Merkel, and will enter and beyond the imagination in a the first of April. civilized community, such as we claim Merkel to be. We under- been made as the result of the

nase with the sinking fund funds of only about \$250.00 each with whom the Mail joins in exyear. Whereas, should the extending best wishes to Rev. pense of putting in the system, Dooley and family in their new out of the funds in any one year best. would cause the term of our months.

the Mail hopes to report a unanimous vote in favor of issuing the bonds. How will it be?

METHODIST REVIVAL IS WELL ATTENDED

ing each and every service and splendid social hour was then enthe interest growing daily.

ing the religious spirit in Merkel fulness." Mrs. Campbell read in a way which will leave a last- a nice piece about an orphan masters cause.

those who have not had the come soon. Reporter. pleasure of hearing this brilliant and able young minister, will do well to take advantage of the PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY opportunity, and in which event

hear him.

COTTON NOTICE

the Merkel Cotton Yard will something to wear. all and pay the yard dues, same an remain in the yard until

law & Sublett's.

Service Car, any where any Donald, phone 72.

FORMER MERKEL GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris of this city, this week received announcement of the approaching wedding on next Thursday, Mar. 24, of their neice, Miss Cleo Har-

On this day and at the same A NEW PASTOR A

We are informed that Rev.

As is well known, this call has and the bonds are to be ten resigning of Rev. C. C. Dooley, onds, and if vote can be who for several years has been or bonds previously voted and who has accepted a call as astime after the ten years shall byterian church at Wichita Falls may be levied. He says that cis Anderson, her niece.

We learn with pleasure that school to be cut short at least 2 Rev. Rogers, while a young man also, is a very able and learned minister, and we join all Merkel minister, and we join all Merkel or moss backs on this issue. And in extending a royal welcome to him and his family.

DORCAS CLASS

The Dorcas Class met with Mrs. Cooper. The meeting was opened with the class song and prayer. Mathew 28, was read Methodist church is progressing ness was discussed and the meet nicely with large crowds attend- ing was closed with prayer. A joyed by all. Some excellent Rev. Watts, of Lockney, who readings were given. Miss Mary is doing the preaching is deliver Eula Sears read "A Visitor" and to help the poor mule. Delicious through the week over until by the hostess. All went home ed pests. Sunday evening at least, and wishing for another meeting to these pests, as was suggested by young ladies.

blessing of renewed determina- William Elliott on Last Monday. help get rid of this the most orably known by a wide circle of tion for the better things of this Had an A one meeting. Have deadly reptile. life as well as the one to come. sixteen members present. All On Friday night, (tonight) business was attended, devotion Rev. Watts will preach to the al scripture was read, a topic young people of this community from Home Mission was read on the subject of "Birds of a and Bible lessons heard. Will Feather". Every boy and girl meet next Monday 21 at the Subject— Christian American May their future life be bless- Meeting opened with scripture study course. The book to be as well as the older ones should home of Mrs. Harry Barnett. ization. Leader, Mrs. T. W. ed with the rich degree of hap- reading by Mrs. Sharp. It being used this year is "training in Every one be present and help Ferguson. Americans, Mrs. piness so richly deserved. carry on this good work. Don't Cooper. Americanization, Mrs. forget to come in see what we Bird. Assimilation, Mrs. Deutch- REPORTS GRASS FINE have at the Bazaar next Satur- man. What the Missionary day 19th in the front of West's Woman can do, Mrs. Bearden. If those who have old cotton store. Something to eat and How not to do It, Mrs. C. P.

> 1tp extensive additions and improve- Mrs. Jackson. ments which when completed tractive in the city.

tf Sharp's.

MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA NEW SCHOOL TAX

On Saturday April 2, the prop- ris, to Mr. Stephen F. Terry, Austin, Texas, March 14 .- An On the night of Thursday, which the neighboring communerty tax-paying voters of the which will take place at the Important ruling made by the March 24, the Spanish classes ities and all who can in the city year 1921 is now being taken. Merkel Independent School Dis- home of the bride in Imperial attorney General advises the assisted by the music and ex- of Merkel, are invited to come The amount of money that Mertrict will vote upon the election Valley. She is the daughter of State Superintendent of Public pression departments will pres- out and take part in the drive. kel Inependent school gets from of four trustees who will serve Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Alex) Har- Instruction that taxes can be ent a program at the High school It is urged that everybody the state depends upon the numn the school board of the Mer- ris, who formerly resided in Mer levied this year by school dis- Auditorium. be men who have the education We join many friends here in putting into effect the amend- in Spanish and one longer one in tioned in order that big and suc- enumerated by Merkel, the more of all the school children of the extending congratulations and ment to the Constitution rais- English. The first Spanish play cessful drive may be made dur- money we get from the State ap \$100 of valuation for maintain- maiden aunt. ance of schools and a tax not The second play "La cniada the bond tax, can not exceed \$1. are: Oscar McLean, the caller;

it having contained the emer- Elba Cox the servant. taxes by a majority vote.

bond order, or tax order, is passbe levied for the ensuing year, pay for school equipment.

Our good friend and splendid tler to the monster size.

W. M. U. PROGRAM FOR MARCH 22

Stephens. The Foreigner in the South, Mrs. McQuarry. Good B. F. Cox, splendid citizen and will centers, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. ext season without further Merkel's Typewriter expert, is The lady with the lamp, Mrs. J.

tf sister to the Rev. Murrel.

tricts under the enabling act There will be two short plays eight o'clock on the day men- this census. The more children ing the limit for school taxes. "La Primera Disputa" is about ing the day. School districts are also advised the first dispute of a newly marthat they have the same right ried couple and its comical endto levy and collect taxes as here-ing. The characters are Senor tofore existing except that the Wrenn Durham and Senorita new law empowers them to levy Hattie Proctor, newly weds and taxes not exceeding \$1 on the Senorita Mary Eula Sears their

to exceed 50c in payment of Astuta" is the story of a trouble school building bonds, but the some caller and a slow servant The new law is now in effect, Alva Wheeler, the mistress and

system at the school is horrible upon the duties of same about gency clause, received the neces- The English play, "one of Assistant Attorney General field, the bachelor brothers who ace to any community. in charge of the work here, but W. P. Dumas wrote the opinion, should marry; Vena Mae Jackwhich will not mature for some sistant pastor of the First Pres- and he points out how the taxes son, their aunt; and Mary Fran-

have expired. This being the Rev. Dooley and family left last where a school district votes tax to time and just let go is it was. case, there will be no interest to pay on the bonds, and which will pay on the bonds, and which will rard from him announces that the issuance of the bonds or make the Spanish intelligible to the issuance of the bonds, or make the Spanish intelligible to This is not an idea of the board,

the current year, but if such hard and will appreciate your health officers to make a change ed ofter the final approval of presenre. The admission will be which MUST BE DONE, come home, for truly they merit the tax rolls, then the tax should 25 and 35 cents, and will go to school could not afford to take out of the funds in any one year home, for truly they merit the land for the funds in any one year.

The revival meeting at the by the president. Some busi- and some neighbors had gone Ellis Q. Warren, of Knox City, purpose of an edditional levy. ber next Sunday if weather is out a day or so previous and but who formerly resided in It is just merely providing the favorable. Come and be one of found and killed 51 rattle snakes Merkel. The happy event we school board with a way to se- the number present, on time, under a big rock upon the moun- are told, took place in the state cure this equipment on ten years bringing Bible and offering, and tain side. He said they ranged of Missouri, where the bride time instead of having to pay having a studied lesson. That in size from the tiny baby rat- had spent some time visiting the money all out of one year's is if you stay for preaching, will ing eloquent and masterful ser- "Encouragement" Mrs. Fanny Wednesday afternoon they had ticulars of the wedding this we can buy our own bonds with Preaching by the pastor at 11 He also informed us that on is unable to give details and par- superintendent has ruled that school record. planned another and more exten- week, but hope to give a full ac- the sinking fund that we have am Sunday morning.

phoned in that the hunt had re- Mrs. H. C. Williams, is charm- terest on those bonds. We get Our young people will gather

should have the hearty approval more than a year ago from this amount. WHICH? they are most sure to receive a The Society met with Mrs. of all who are in a position to city and he too is well and favclose friends.

The happy couple will make Knox City their future home, but are expected to arrive in Merkel today for a few days ary Society met Tuesday after- meet each night in the week at visit with friends and relatives.

splendid citizen, G. W. Moore, re- enjoyed a very pleasant after- 7:30 p.m. in connection with the ports a visit to his splendid noon. There were 21 members young peoples lesson for that ranch and farm interests near present one visitor. Our meet- night. harges. J.M. GARRETT, weigh having built to his home some W. Mayfield. Near-sighted Polly here one day this week, and ings are growing in interest and that he found the grass and helpfulness. Reporter. weeds coming very fast and that Gold Plume Coffee at Brad- will make of same one among Mrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick and his cattle had come through the tf city's most comfortable an at daughter, Miss Morell, of Nash- winter in most excellent condiville, Tennessee, are guests at tion. He is expecting a very the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. large per centage calf crop, ne. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H. Brand and Shorts at G. M. M. Murrell. The former is a which he says is beginning to

RABBIT DRIVE IN STITH COMMUNITY

We are requested to announce that on next Thursday, March 31, there will be a rabbit drive in the Stith community, and to

The City Health Officer, the maintenance tax, together with getting rid of him. Characters County Health officer, the State inspector, the Red Cross, and every official from the least to the greatest have passed their sary two-thirds vote and was them ought to marry", was tem of the Merkel Public school. condemnation on sanitary syssigned by the Governor. School translated from Spanish by the And everyone who lives near the districts may proceed to hold tenth grade and is presented by building and who are acquaintelections to increase their school the eighth. The characters are: ed with the conditions know that Weston West and Marvin May- it is a public nuisance and men-

On account of the financial situation of the school this condition has been passed from time

not raise the taxes of any one a cent. But will enable the board to install the system with the glad tidings to their host of particular, all of which will be glad tidings to their host of the present school. payment from the present school friends in and about Merkel, and the tax shall be levied for These students are working we have orders from various

> So it has been decided that the by taxes. Do it now. best way should be to issue ten year bonds which would give us ten years in which to pay for BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS the equipment, or \$250.00 per year. This amount would scarcely be noticed on any one year, and would do us no harm.

Cards are out announcing This is not a question of tax- kept some of our people away citizen D. D. Coats, who resides the marriage on last Monday, ation as you oll know that this Sunday so we did not reach our South of Blair, was in the city March 14, of Miss Evelyn Louise district is taxed all that is can three hundred and twenty-five Tuesday and reported that he Williams, of this city, to Mr. be without an election for the but we are looking for that num

sive hunt in the mountains, and count of same in our next issue. created to care for former issues. No evening service on account ing and permanent effect for the boy. All present did their best accordingly Wednesday evening. The bride is the daughter of In this way we shall save the in- of Methodist meeting.

know her; infact one of Merkel's This is not a tax deciding ques to Abilene to attend opening ad-The move for exterminating most accomplished and popular tion, but you are to decide dress of Abilenes training class our good friend and pioneer, Mr. The groom is a well to do and mount is to be spent in one three p.m. Sam Butman Sr., in last week's well known business man of year or whether you will allow No B.Y.P.U. as our young peoissue is indeed bearing fruit and Knox City; going there a little ten years in which to pay this ple will remain over to visit with

A Citizen.

BAPTIST MISSPONARY

The Baptist Ladies Missionnoon with Mrs. H. T. Merritt. 7:30 to take regular annual rendered. Consisting of "Seed church. Hope that a number of contest", "Bible Contests" read- our people will take this work CATTLE DOING WELL ings by Mrs. McDonald and with our young people. Leoel Merritt. Special music by Ladies Meeting Tuesday at Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Bearden. 2:30 p.m. Our fellow townsman and All went away feeling they had Prayermeeting Wednesday at

> Gold Plume Coffee at Bradshaw & Sublett's.

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The school census for the meet at the Stith store about ber of children enumerated in portionment will be about \$14 for each child enumerated.

This enumeration includes all children who will be seven or over, and under eighteen years old next September 1st. This includes all those living in the Merkel Independent School district whether living in town or not, and no matter where they may intend to go to school next

year. The only question is "Is the child now living in Merkel School District, and will he be seven and not over seventeen by next September 1st?" The census includes colored as well as white.

If you know of any children that should be enumerated, you will save yourself money by reporting the fact to J. M. Dry at the Racket Store or to R. A. Bur gess at the school building. They will se to it that the child is taken in the census. This must be done during the month of March It is to be hoped that all will cothus Merkel misses getting that much money from the state.

Now we all know that this the first grade in the Merkel Mrs. Effie Johnson, teacher of \$2,500.00 from the finances of her get'em all. Every one missschool is taking the census. Help one school term without short- ed means that much money miss ening that term to seven months ed, that much more to be raised

Sunday School 10 a.m. with a place for all. The rainy clouds relatives, hence the Merkel Mail funds. And better still the State make you a 100 per cent Sunday

The meeting will continue on cake and chocolate was served sulted in killing 30 of the dread- ing and admired by all who ten years time without interest, at the church at 2 p.m. and go whether or not all of this a- at the First Baptist Church at

the Abilene B.Y.P.U. of the first church.

Regular training class Monday 7 p.m. at which time examination will be given on New Testament studies.

B. Y. P. U. Study Class will regular monthly social meeting church Membership" and would a very interesting program was be helpful to any member of the

Come and find a place to worship and a place to serve. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Dr. J. A. Adkisson, Wife and son Ray, of Beaumont, are here White and grey shorts. Also for a visit to fritnds and relabran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf tives.

Condensed Statement of Condition

FARMERS STATE BANK

At Close of Business Feb. 21, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	586,855.56
Overdrafts	590.45
Banking House	7,850.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Stocks, Bonds and W. S. S	5,428.64
Assessment and Int. Guaranty Fund	4,078.79
CASH AND EXCHANGE	125, 436.09
Total	735, 439.53

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	 \$	50,000.00
Furplus Funds	 	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	 	4.701.64
Reserved for Taxes	 	86.23
DEPOSITS	 	575,651.66
Bills Payable	 '	55,000.00
Rediscounts	 	None
Other Borrowed Money	 	None
Total	 \$	735.439.53

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is to prosper it is necessary for him to unearth the fundimental causes which spell success or failure in the raising of each years crop.

Cotton is one of the most laborous and expensive crops raised in this country. It is one of the most complex crops we have. Weather conditions, humidity, soil conditions, world wide and national economic conditions and financial conditions all have their effect upon each mans crop and together with all this we have a crop that requires constant attention with a great amount of labor both in the raising and then in the hand ling. The possibilities in normal times of profit are not great and the probabilities of loss in a year like 1921 are great.

The World War caused an unprecedented demand for cotton. The value of money was going down which caused the price of

Our great cotton market, con- his output, not one but all, and trolled by Liverpool, is gone. unless all do make a tremendous England cannot buy, neither can reduction, the 1921 cotton crop boom of inflation that lasted acreage. Germany, Italy, France, China will be the third to go begging. or Japan. The American Mills In driving over the country

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cotton in accordance with other who manage their affairs have products and with the great de- a very small interest, finincialmand, to score. This country ly, in them. They are owned by was using tremendous quanti- the public ,the larger the comties, new mills were built and pany the greater number of own old mills enlarged, the Govern-ers. They are facing the same ment was buying, the people kind of a situation today that were buying manufactured pro- each cotton farmer is facing and ducts and the mills were sold up what are they doing? They are for months ahead. England, cutting production. It is their France and Italy were buying, only chance to win out. They the demand out weighed the sup realize that there is no foreign ply and we saw forty cent cot- trade and that we are a producton, but what about today. We ing country and are already are facing just the opposite, overstocked. It is just the same the low dip of the tide, as it with the little cotton farmer who raises twenty-five to a hundred With the exception of the acres of cotton each year. If United States the world is broke he is to prosper he must reduce

are loade d with stocks. Labor we find on every side bales of tem put on the brakes. We are ket is solely dependent upon is still high and prevents efficotton standing around the farm cient or profitable manufacture houses. Some are this years and we have on hand some pine. There is no marked impart on the brakes. We are world conditions. There is no marked impart on the brakes. We are world conditions. There is no marked impart on the brakes. We are and we have on hand some nine and some are last years. True before we have another marked provement in the economic or to ten million of bales of Cotton. it is that many had the oppor- boom. This does not mean that We read of the great corpora- tunity to sell at relatively high we will not have good business this way least in time to effect tions who control the country prices but as is true with human conditions but it means that the and make prices. Who are these nature wait for a little better prospects for a higher price for to make West Town great monsters? They are noth- price. When the high prices of cotton in view of existing world to make West Texas prosperous ing but a collection of little men this past season were being paid wide affairs, would not encour-



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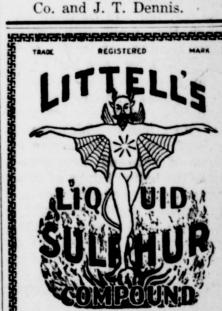
until the Federal Reserve sys- The future of the cotton mar-

just like you and I. The men the country was still on that age one in planting a very large cut it heavy. Some counties report as much as 80 per cent reduction, others from 30 to 50%. "King Cotton" is a high sounding name but unless it brings comfort to our homes, education to our children and wealth to our community, why waste the time and energy necessary to handle it? We who live in West Texas live in the land of opportunities. With our rich soil, our ideal climate and our blue blooded Americanism, why should our community, why waste the we not prosper? The agricul-tural history of the world shows but one way, and that is "Diversification."

> Mrs. Crandali (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

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HOW MUCH COTTON

By W. K. Whipplt, Publicity manager, West Texas Chamber

union of farmers have gone over the country and especially the cotton growing states of the South in an attempt to organicate of the cotton relationship. South in an attempt to organize the cotton planter in order that the cotton planter in order that he may, through his united strength, control to some extent the price of his product. The need of such an organization is unquestioned. Until such is accomplished little can be done towards regulating either price or production. Unity is the key word of success in any form of enterprise, be it farming, manufacturing or civic development and only through such unity shall the farmer come into his word of success in any form of shall the farmer come into his

The cotton planting season is at hand and we are faced with facts that should make the cotton farmer, if he keeps posted hesitate as to his course. Statistics show that we new have tistics show that we now have bales of cotton without a market of any kind to care fot it. By the end of this years ginning season we will have nearer ten million bales. The price has dropped from over thirty five cents to almost nothing. Where a market is to be found it is bringing for present grades around five or six cents. This round five or six cents. This decline is not, as many who are not posted believe, the result of speculation or manipulation of cotton market but solely the result of over production. True it is that there has been some manipulation in the cotton market just as there always has been and will continue to be but
the conditions we fare in the
long run are the results of the
law of supply and demand and
temporary fluctuations have no
bearing on the results.

It is very easy for the average cotton grower to hope for
better prices when he harvests
this years crop. He is not fa-

this years crop. He is not familiar with national and interational conditions which effect lry bale he raises, and if he

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Local southern pine forests are the source of the raw material for these boxes, but the supply is drawn upon also for wooden containers for the products of Florida truck farms. Truck farm products of the state now call for 13,000,000 boxes annually, and this demand also is growing.

Forest Depletion under methods which do not provide for regrowth has reached a point which makes the question where containers are to come from a matter of very practical concern.

HAD HER SUPPLY LAID AWAY

Colored Woman Ready for Any Move the Opponents of Coffee Might Choose to Make.

An estimable colored woman by the name of Dinah is employed by an army officer whom we will call Capt. Jenks.

Mrs. Jenks was telling Dinah one day recently of the various prohibitions which have been effected in the world, and of those which may

come about in the years to come. "They're going to make people stop drinking coffee," Mrs. Jenks smilingly told Dinah. Nothing more was said on the subject.

The next morning Mrs. Jenks noticed that Dinah wore an unusually triumphant smile.

"Why are you so happy this morning, Dinah?" asked the mistress of the house.

"I got enough to last," was the response.

"What?" asked Mrs. Jenks.

Dinah spoke confidentially: "I went and bought me ten pounds of coffee," she whispered, triumphantly .- Washington Star.

HE'LL LEARN.

. He was the owner of a new auto, and, of course, inexperienced in many things. The car had stopped three miles from town. A friendly "old-timer" gave him the information that he was out of gasoline. "That's funny," said the new owner. "The fellow that sold me the car said whenever the gasoline indicator passed that mark (pointing to the emergency of one-half gallon left) to be sure and stop at the next gasoline filling station, and it is three miles before I come to one

PRINTING FACILITIES.

most serious currency problems," exclaimed the Bolshevist financial officer.

his colleague. "Is our money still . The youth who has all the depreciating?"

"Worse than that. The pressmen have gone on a strike."

SOME EXERCISE.

asked the doctor.

reply of the patient. "When?"

through my card index!"

HOW SELFISH.

Mr. Knaggs-I dreamed I bought a new seven-passenger car and we were starting off on a trip, but before you were ready I woke up.

His Wife-If that isn't just like your selfishness! And you had plenty of time to dream till I got into my clothes and made at least a start with you .- Detroit News.

MEAN TRICK.

are placed in the same room with onions for several days they will acquire a decided onion flavor.

on the oranges, though.

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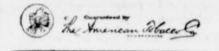
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PAPA'S MONEY

Stamford American: The idle youth who inherits a fortune is in greater danger than he who "We are faced with one of our faces the muzzle of a gun in the hands of an angry opponent. The one may plunge to his soul's destruction, while the other may "What's the trouble?" inquired only be deprived of his life.

money he wants to gratify whatever whims or indulgences he may crave is as surely headed for the scrap pile as that an infant will cut its fingers if hand-"And do you take, exercise?" ed an open razor. There is no more pitiful sight than that of "Of course I do, Doc," was the a callow youth with money-lined pockets surrounded by helpful spenders bent upon showing "When? Say, Doc, you ought to him how they can all have a just see me going through a bureau good time on his cash. The male drawer looking for a shirt, or and the female, they flock to his standard and the poor goof is made to believe that it is his personal popularity that attracts "friends." Such a young fellow is extremely fortunate if his associates do not lead him into acquaintanceship with lawless characters ready to teach him lawlessness. At the best, he is led into associates that set low standards for him. Probably an austere poverty is the very best companion for any truly ambitious and brainy youth. President Harding, himself born Bacon-They say if blood oranges to deprivation, recently called to the attention of the American Educational Association a photographic group of his old Egbert-It's a mean trick to play friends who came together on his front porch last summer. Of

that group of nine, all of whom they succeeded. How many have reached the top rungs of would have succeeded had they the success ladder, not one, as been given all the spending Mr. Harding states, "had an money they wanted and been even start" with most other kept aware that papa's fortune boys of their age. "They knew made it unnecessary for them all the hard ways, the priva- to worry over the future?-The Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. tions," said the President, yet State Press.

Why Mr. N. Windsor (R. I.) Put Up with Rats for Years

"Years ago I got some rat poison, which nearly killed our fine watch dog. We put up with rats until a friend told me about Rat-Snap. It surely kills rats, though house pets won't touch it." Rats dry up and leave no smell. Prices, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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Spring Demands



Spring Time causes us to make a close survey of our premises and see just what needs to be done in order to make our home more attractive and homelike. There is always something --- A piece of Furniture, or a floor that needs Repainting or Varnishing, or perhaps the house is in need of Paint.

Let Us Know Your Wants. We have just the kind of Paint, Varnish, Enamel or Stain that you need for each particular job, and can tell you just what to use on any article you might want to refinish.

The Sherwin-Williams line of Paints and Varnishes is without a doubt the best and cheapest line on the market.

We Also Have some of the off brands of house paint that we are closing out at Reduced Prices. Let us figure your paint bill.

> • Don't forget we have some Pre-War Prices on Furniture. Prices on our entire line of Furniture have been Reduced to meet the present low prices of the furniture market to-day.

Come in and let us show you just how cheap we can sell you. You Will be Surprised.

Barrow Furniture Co.

LEFT OUT OF PAPER

The Inter-Mountain Press and Printer says:

"Suppose an editor should, just for once, relieve his mind by printing all the news he happened to know at that minute! Options would be thrown up, citizens arrested, families disrupted, fights fought on every street corner, candidates resigning, ministers leaving for istant part lawyers taking long vacations. business men turning things over to their clerks for a season hired girls hunting new jobs, and so on down a long list of casualties-and the editor would be so mussed up that his corpse couldn't be identified by his own family. A newspaper man does not know everything, but his is such that he hears a lot that com mon sense, common decency and common prudence keep out of the paper."

Readers of the Mail have some times complained at our cautiousness. We've always had more or less gumption.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Our farmers are very busy planting and planning their coming crop this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis click spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Merkel.

A very interesting basket ball game was featured here Friday afternoon when cross roads drove over and played our boys but owing to their short time in practice were defeated the score running four to ten, but look out Cross Roads next Friday.

Miss Loree Massey spent Sun lay afternoon with her brother Wash Maggonagal.

Miss Elsie Richie and Jewell Sargent spent Sunday with the Misses Wright attending Sunday school in the afternoon.

Mr. Elsie Roland, Andrew and Lee Baker and Jessie Bell Sargent were guests of Misses Etta and Zetta Jones Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Logan were called to Tuscola Thursday evening to attend the latter's brother who happened to a very sad accident one day last week when tampering with some cartriges they went off, burning his face and partly putting out his eye sight.

Mrs. Irvin Street is spending this week with home folks.

Our primary teacher, Miss Lucille Cody spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks over on hillside.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sargent visited Mrs. Sargent's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Logan, Saturday night. Quite an enjoyable time was the report of the young folks who attended the party at Mr. Massey's Saturday night.

A large crowd of the Cross Roads young people were visitors at our B.Y.P.U. Sunday night. We extend to them a hearty invitation to come back at the same time promising a more interesting program when our literature arrives and our people get more used to the work

DON'T CALL HIM OLD MAN

He may wear a last year's hat his finger nails may need manicuring; his vest may hang a little loose an his pants may bag at the knees; his face may show signs of a second days' growth; and the tin dinner bucket he carries be full of dents, but don't call him "the old man." He's your father. For years and years he has been rustling around to get things together. Never once has he failed to do the right thing by you. He thinks you the greatest boy on earth, even though you plaster your hair back, wear smart cloth es, and fail to bring home a cent. He is the man who won the love and life partnership of the greatest woman on earth-your mother. Happy wil I you be indeed if memory recalls no word, look, or act of yours toward him bringing untold sorrow to your heart after his hands are folded in his last long sleep.—San Fran cisco Daily News.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M.

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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.

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

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THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Murder and robbery still hold first place as headliners.

Why talk about the other fellow for a certain sin when you yourself are guilty of something as bad only different.

Better pay that dog tax, provided you value the "pup' worth the price. Next week the City Marshal will begin his annual round-up.

Plant it all in cotton and get about five cents for next fall.

become permanent.

Some men are very careful to man generally reaps that which Girls go to school wearing squir- as good citizens ought."

breviated skirts and waists. Too The day of cutting down the many of our people are living Those wanting culled Seed at Shop. earnings of the laborer is begin-far beyond their means. Too \$1.00 per bushel please come get ing. Gone are the good old many have become rich without same Tuesday (the 22) as culler Plenty of Fresh Vegetables teacher in discipline as Miss Mcby a vast majority voted for a country. Men have lost their O. Dial. change. They are getting it.

Why not a general cleanup throughout the city of Merkel. One in which every man, woman and child in the city will be earnestly asked to take part in. This is being done by many towns and cities over the state this week.

Often when the ring leader of a "gang" absents himself from the community and the "gang" shows frustation and like of understanding as to just where t otake hold. A leader is a fine thing for any town or community, provided he leads in the right direction.

Some people howl themselves hoarse over the great crime wave of robbery and stealing. That is a menace to any country, but in our opinion not one bit worse than many immoral acts of some of those talking the loudest about the possibility and fear of having their ill gotten gains taken from them by the midnight thief.

The spring season is at hand and with the coming of the warm weather is also the greater possibility of the spread of contagious disease. Filth and flies create disease germs. A gen eral cleanup would eliminate to a great extent the latter two and minimize the danger of the spread of the former. How about it Mr. Mayor, Mr. City Health officer?

An exchange gives as it's opinion the following as among the principle causes of the lawlessness, crime and immorality sweeping the country at this time: The manner is which so many live.

REAL ART PICTURES

PARAMOUNT PROGRAMS

COZY THEATRE

Special Matinee Saturday Afternoon 2:00 to 5:30

Friday Stuart Holmes

March 18 "Bride 13"

"Love, Honor and ?"

Kaufman Featurette

Monday Irene Castle

March 21 Wm. Duncan

"The Invisable Bond"

"Fighting Fate"

Fox News

Wednesday

March 23 Makaukane's

Kasch Cotton Seed

Saturday March 19

LAST DAY OF THE FORMER ECONOMY

Bankrupt Sale

Our Stock is Pretty Well Assorted

Hawaiian Musical Quintette

Our children ride to school love for work. The jobs are no

Usual Picture Program

NEXT WEEK

One night only

Saturday

Buck Jones

March 19 Sennett Comedians

in

"Firebrand Trevison" "Gee Whiz"

Mutt & Jeff in "Cake walking"

Tuesday March 22

"Parlor, Bedroom and Bath"

A Metro Special, with an all star cast, from the Saturday Evening Post Story

Bobby Ray Comedy Topics of the Day

Thursday

March 24

Wallace Reid

Johnny Hines

"Loves Burglar"

'One too Many''

Bray Comics

William Russell, Doroathy Dalton, Eiline Percy, Mary Miles Minter

FOX ENTERTAINMENTS

rel coats, suede shoes, with ab-

METRO PRODUCTIONS

THE MARKET TODAY

when they should walk; our citi- longer attractive. We are livzens ride in automobiles going ing in an age of specialists, and Eggs 20 cents per dozen, chick E. Scrib had occasion to visit cannot own autos or haven't the for the aged or for women. We pay more than 10 cents per people. means to dress their wives and need missionaries in this coun- dozen and 8 cents per pound for We had the pleasure of meetfor only a few days, creates an too many of them, seek an easy to act. But the repeal of the ways pay the market price. If Carty and Lucile Cody. air of decency and cleanliness way to live. They have for- suspended sentence law will help I don't the other fellow will. Mrs. Verna Street is visiting and Dyers. noticeable by many. May such gotton the injunction to live by and more help will come from Competition is the life of trade. home folks this week. the sweat of the face, they eliminating the technical law- Thanks for your past patronage Miss Laura Click and several would live in their youth as suc- yers and technical trials. But W. F. Hamblett.

cessful men are living who have more help, and help that will be see that their own sons and toiled and won their way in life, permanent will come from furn- Do you value your old friends day. daughters live good, clean, moral Tuxedos and swallow-tailed, mon nishing employment for every- of your new acquaintances most Miss Lucile Cody spent the this week, and states that he lives, but continue their own acts key-fitting clothes are sought body at an income sufficient to We have been your friends for week and with home folks. of immortality. But in the end without having been earned. enable the average family to live the past twelve years, and we Miss Grace Cody was a pleasappreciate you, and your clothes- ant visitor at the school Friday. very fine prospects for a good troubles. So please call 180 and There has been several pre- crop this year. let us serve you. Cash Tailor dictions of trouble among the

days of high wages, silk shirts apparent effort on their part— will be at my place that date. every Saturday morning at Brad Carty. and high living. But the people too rich for the welfare of the One half mile west of Nubia. W. shaw & Sublett's. Call early be- Crossroads basket ball team 1tp fore it is all gone.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS

Plant about half that much and about their business when they money our god. There isn't the ens 15 cents per pound if no one this community and can boast you that our work and service you may get eight of 10 cents ought to walk; and those who wholesome reverence for God, buying but me today. Couldn't of a splendid crowd of young will merit your patronage. Call-

The absence of some people children as do the rich, they are try-missionaries who will teach chickens, and expecting a description in the popular and charming Ligon, phone 218, representing from a town or community if envious. The youth of the land the right way to live, to think, cline in tomorrow's market. Al- young teachers Misses Ona Mc- Abilene Steam Laundry Co.

1t others whose names we failed to get motored to Abilene Satur- the Farmers State Bank, visit-

tf boys at school, but we don't fear much trouble with so strong a

tf came over to play us Friday. They beat us but we are not easily discouraged and are ready to play again.

Mr. and Mrs. McGundgells gave a party in honor of their neice Miss Beatrice Massey. Among those present were Miss Lucile Cody, Miss Laura Click, Miss Simpson of Trent, Mr. Dual McClain, Mr. Oran Neal, Mr. Elsie Roland, Mr. Clyde Latimer, Mr. Leland Click, Mr. Lloyd Alexander, Mr. Leo Lillie, Mr. other young folks.

The young folks are expecting slide trombone." Mrs. Smith to give them an entertainment since she has her nice new bungalow.

progress. The members are tak ercise for swingin' a scythe." ing such an interest and we hope to gain more new members. The I.X.L. basket ball team

is coming to play Mt. Pleasant Friday. We cordially invite all to come and see the young team defeat them. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Click visit

ed at the home of their uncle Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Frederickson of Merkel, Sunday.

Baker brothers were again pleasant visitors in our commun-

We wish to mention the beautiful and cozy little home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith. They night? can justly be proud of same.

"I Got Real Mad when I Lost My Setting Hen," writes Mrs. Hanna, N. J.

Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis.

Be sure to call 180 when you both. have anything to be cleaned, Cash Tailor Shop.

we can get to working and growing as we should. Reporter.

PRESSING AND DYING

LAUNDRY, CLEANING

present at our next meeting so

THE ALTHEAN CLASS

MEETING

On Friday afternoon of last

The class opened their meeting by singing the class song.

followed by scripture reading

Roll call was answered by

Minutes of last meeting were

read and approved. The visiting committee reported some

visiting among the sick, and a-

mong friends who should be in

The program committee gave

us some interesting tests which

we all enjoyed very much. Miss

Althea Boden gave us two vocal

Mary Cleo Booth gave two ex-

cellent readings. Grace Cook

gave a piano solo. All were very

much enjoyed and the class join,

ed in a chorous of thanks to the

girls for their assistance in till

Our hostess served delicious

fruit with whipped cream, cocoa

and angel food cake. Of course

we all thought that the greatest

We urge every member to be

each present with a verse from

week the Althean class met with

Mrs. John Cook.

and prayer.

the Bible.

Sunday School.

evening pleasure.

treat of the evening.

selections.

Your laundry work, Cleaning pressing and dying appreciated. Prices within reach of all. Give me a trial and let me convince ed for and delivered. Special price on household linen. L. P. Cleaners and Pressers. Hatters

T. J. Toombs, president of ed his several splendid farms

found farming progressing nice-

PROFIT IN STATE DEPARTMENT.

For the first time in its history the State department is on a paving basis, remarks the Independent, New York. An obscure Texas congressman tacked on to the last appropriation bill an amendment providing a \$10 charge to be made for passports and passport vises, and that no one could enter or leave the country without a passport. So far the State department has taken in from passport fees about \$11,-000,000 and the department wants the provision made permanent.

ART AND INDUSTRY.

"Josh," said Farmer Corntossel, Vance McClain and a host of to his son, "I wish you'd quit practicin' the ukelele and take up the

"What for?"

"I think it's more improvin'. It'll help your lung power for drivin' The B.Y.P.U. is making great cattle an' give your arm a little ex-

BUSINESS.

Motorist (having run down man) -What's your name and address? Victim (weakly)-John Smith. 14 Blank street.

Motorist-Righto, Smith! Can't stop now, but tomorrow I'll drop in on you and try to convince you that you should carry an accident policy in the company I represent.

WHEN HE ENJOYED THEM.

Mrs. Flatbush-Did your husband enjoy the minstrel performance last

Mrs. Bensonhurst-I think not. "How's that?"

"Well, you see, he didn't see the point of the jokes until this morn-

RESOURCEFUL WOMAN.

Wife-John, I must have some

Hub-Sorry, my dear, but the car needs new tires and we can't afford

Wife-Very well, get the tires pressed, repaired or altered. The and we'll spend the winter at Palm tf . Beach.

Come early before the crowd gets here

The Former Economy



COTTON SEED-Have some good Kasch planting seed, will have them culled and sell at one dollar per bushel. 1300 pounds pital fees; the local as well as pound bale last season. W. O. Dial, route 3. 11t2p

LAND FOR RENT-160 acre farm; 110 in cultivation, good all lending a helping hand. improvements. Will rent for We are also glad to report third and fourth. The land is al Mrs. McDaniel stood the operaready prepared. Located three tion well and is expected to remiles from Merkel. For partic-cover rapidly. ulars see G. A. Guthrie or John Sears. 11t2p

Mebane Best Cotton Seed, second year, \$1.00 per bushel. E. 11t2p Barnes.

NOTICE FARMERS

We want your chickens, and Eggs to fill our Old Field orders. We will pay you all the market will stand. W. W. Wood Cash Grocery. Phone 230.

On March the 19th the Presbyterian Ladies have their Ba-

CULL COTTON SEED

I will cull Cotton Seed Tuesdays and Fridays at my place, four miles east of Merkel. J. E. 11t4p Higgins.

The Presbyterian Ladies will give a Bazaar on March 18th., and will appreciate your patron-

FOR SALE-My Merkel home also a highly improved place with five rooms and bath two lots and water worth the money. See H. D. Simpson.

FOR SALE—Smithpremier type writer, No. 2, good condition. P. O. Box 598, Merkel.

FOR SALE OR TRADE-Good Hupmobile. Will trade for Merkel property. W. H. Reese. 11tf

FOR RENT—5 room house, Possession on the 18th. W. H. session on the 18th. W. H. Reese.

FOR SALE-5 room house, 3 lots. See me at the Gem Confectionary. fectionary.

FOR SALE-Two good Jacks at a bargain. J. H. Grayson, Trent route 2. 11t2p

FOR RENT-Nice bed-rooms, from 50 cents to \$1. Mrs. W. Z. Price, just north of tabernacle.tf

LOST—Between San Angelo, by way of Sweetwater, and John Si Hobbs, 6 miles north of Merkel one Guitar. Please leave same at Merkel Mail office. W .M. 18t2p Stokes.

FARM FOR RENT-100 acre farm, good house, water and plenty of pasture. See Tom Largent.

FOR SALE-Jersey cow with Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. on earth. young calf. See J. P. Hutchins. 18t2pd

LOST-A ladies aligator purse, possibly somewhere between Merkel and Mt. Pleasant. Finder please leave at Farmers State Bank, where owner will call for 1tp same.

FOR SALE-One piano and one Organ. Both at a bargain. See W. P. Duckett.

and Cultivator. See Austin Jobe. Robertson, Route 1, Merkel. 2tp

reliable. Write for full informa- Shop. tion. P. O. Box, Abilene, Texas.

See C. E. Jacobs.

THANKS FRIENDS FOR THEIR KIND ASSISTANCE

Some time ago it became necessary for Mrs. McDaniel, an aged lady residing a short distance north of town to undergo an operation at Abilene, and friends took it upon themselves to raise by popular subscription the funds necessary to pay hosturned out better than 500 the surgeons performing the operation having donated their fees, and the sum of \$05.65 was fees, and the sum of \$105.65 was are asked to extend thanks to

We are also glad to report

For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. Whiteside, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was con-stipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive iver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

Thedford's

For over seventy years this purely vegetable preparation has been found beneficial by thousands of persons sufferpid, or slow-acting liver. Indigestion, biliousness, colic, coated tongue, dizziness, constipation, bitter taste, sleeplessness, lack of energy, pain in back, puffiness under the eyes-any or all of these symptoms often indicate that there is something the matter with your liver. You can't be too careful about the medicine you take. Be sure that the name, "Thedford's Black-Draught," is on the package. At all druggists.

> Accept Only the Genuine.

A Rat That Didn't Smell After Being Dead for Three Months

"I swear it was dead three months," writes Mr. J. Sykes (N. J.). "I saw this rat every day: put some Rat-Snap behind a barrel. Months afterwards, my wife looked behind the barrel. There it was—dead.", Rat-Snap sells in three sizes for 35c, 65c, \$1 25. Sold and guaranteed by

Co. and J. T. Dennis.

PLENTY of COAL

Dawson Fancy Egg Domestic Lump And Swastika Coal

H. M. ROSE & SON

For Sudan, Big German, Mil-

WANTED—Good responsible lo- or your new acquaintances most. beautiful residence. cal AGENT to represent reliable We have been your friends for CORPORATION. Good men can the past twelve years, and we or more. Your ability the only troubles. So please call 180 and lett's. limit. Must be aggressive and let us serve you. Cash Tailor

Cotton Seed—Good Mebane FOR SALE-Six extra grade seed for planting. Will cull and Mail your hemstitching to pany. red and red-baldface yearlings, sell for 75 cents. C. W. Simp-Babb's Store, Abilene. Prompt tf son, Trent, route 2.

CHICKENS

We want to load a car of chickens on

Friday and Saturday

March 25 26

Will guarantee the highest market prices for all kind of chickens.

West Company

LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader— Homer Laney. Prayer Announcements.

Song Service. than does the country.

Special Music by Lorena Frazier, ture as an accompanyment. Discussion: The spiritual aim of Mrs. Jack Dunlap and family and his good wife from our com the debate.

Declamation—Bill Stevens. Prayer; League benediction.

o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. you. Clyde Foster had passed away. Hey Lad join us in our Slogan Deceased had on February 28, "Get the Rabbit." become the mother of a bounc- The Nubia Bronch Riders the trouble.

teemed by all who knew her, and busting skill. lene.

day, we learn that funeral and organization. burial will take place at Abilene Mr. Carl Hughes and wife her sister Mrs. Rapp Greene. Friday.

We join all Merkel and friends bia Sunday night. elsewhere, in extending to the Several of the conversations ters and family Friday. their sad hour.

Ivan for several days last week service. Grasshopper Ben. for a visit with his family here.

Seventeen days of the most West Texas, is the unanimous is a hen.

Base ball goods and fishing ness progress.

Maize gor sale. S. G. Russell, dead past. phone 271.

FOR SALE—Single row planter let, and June Corn seed se A. L. Jones, one of our prominent cot-tunities. 18t2 ton buyers is preparing to build You have no alternative; the

Plenty of feed such as Bran, make from \$200 to \$500 a month appreciate you, and your clothes Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sub-

> Onion sets, both red and white at Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

18t2p Service.

NUBIA SPEAKINGS

Scripture reading Acts 17:16-21 time, am appearing again, with ing that we all have lots of roast the good tidings.

offers greater opportunity for veals the fact that spring time to a hungry person. well rounded christian youth is fast approaching and that Homer Dunn has moved to Phone 189

> who have been visiting relatives munity. here for the last month depart- Kale School played basket ball

MRS. CLYDE FOSTER DEAD There was a goodly crowd at- whirh speaks will for Hebron, as Sad indeed were the people of noticed several of our neighbor- and had not practiced any to Merkel, when the news spread ing community present. Come speak of, and so were not preover the city that at about eight again and bring some one with pared.

ing baby boy and complications were on the job Sunday evening set in, from which she never re- The T. N. B. R.'s have a bad and it still looks like we might covered, although everything customer on the line an report get some more. possible was done to overcome shows a good field for a new member and as there is no fee Deceased, besides a true and of entrance it will not cost you Williams Convalescing. loving wife, was loved and es- anything to try your Broncho Preaching was well attended

her taking away is indeed a blow Please don't forget that there kel singers for their good singto the loving husband and infant are vacancies in the B.Y.P.U. for ing come again. baby, as well as her parents, Mr. memberships and if the solicitand Mrs. H. T. Hodge, of Abi- ing committee has not seen you, make it a point to look for them Brown and family. As we go to press, this Thurs- and become a member of this

were among the visitors at Nu-

bereaved husband and other rel- of the day, are based on those atives deepest sympathy in this good old fish fries and some of lene were at the singing Sunday the parties are planning a fish- afternoon. ing trip in the near future.

have anything to be cleaned, Sunday night was a success impressed or altered. Cash Tailor mediately after the program, Shelby Howell's Saturday night. Represent Pocahuntas Lease and tf singing continued for those, who Every one is invited. cared to stay. Those who stay-Dr. J. N. Smith was up from ed reported a splendid singing ly as has been reported by the

YOU'RE NOT A HEN

beautiful Merch weather ever ex The only institution that can perienced by the oldest settler in sit still and produce real results

opinion of the citizenship of this No firm, store or individual greatest and grandest country who looks to the general buying public for patronage can imitate the hen and make any busi-

tackles at the Merkel Drug Com- There may have been a time tf when the buyer hunted out the people of Merkel an surrounding Still have some good bright wanted—but that was in the sewing and dressmaking parlor

18t2 To-day if you do not advertise Bankhead, located first door Hours 9 to 5 Just received a fresh car of ness to serve the public, the publand will be glad to have your Kimbell's Extra High Patent lic will not know you. You must fancy sewing, such as Dress-Flour. Bradshaw & Sublett tf attract the buyer—the most pat making, Beading, Embroidering

on the site of his present home, hen has a monopoly. I f you Do you value your old friends on Oak Street, a modern and want to be a successful mer- the popular grocery firm, Bradchant you must advertise.-Sharples News.

> tf will find it at the Merkel Drug Lodge of Odd Fellows, which con Company.

tackles at the Merkel Drug Com- will find it at the Merkel Drug

1tp The Mail \$1.50 year in advance Read the Merkel Mail everyday M. Sharp's

HEBRON NEWS

This community was blessed with a shower last Friday and

parts received good rains. The congregation was small at Hebron last Sunday at 11 am. on account of the threatening weather. But brother Markham sermon was enjoyed by all pres- Over Woodroof-Bragg Company ent. A good crowd attended the evening services.

Let's not forget the singing at Hebron next Sunday night, all are invited to attend.

Bro. O. B. Tatum was a welcome visitor at W. M. Carey's home last Sunday night. He at- Over Woodroof-Bragg's Store. tended church at Hebron both morning and night, shaking hands with friends.

Oliver Carey and Clinton Gazzaway spent Sunday afternoon Reai Estate, Fire, Accident and with Chas. Hodges.

Mrs. B. C. Hodges returned home Saturday, after spending Office over Crown Hardware Co. the week with her daughter, Mrs. Will Mattingly near Com-

W. M. Carey has been taking the school census this week.

Mrs. Lillie Whorton has been on the sick list the last few days Merkel Office in rear Farmers W. M. Carey has been selling State Bank.

Having rested for the period seed corn to the neighbors of of a week keeping silent all that this community and here's hoping ears next summer which Debate: Resolved that the city The booking of the reports re looks better than cheap cotton

> splendid feature of the tempera- Mrs. Rose's place near Trent. We are sorry to loose Homer

ed Sunday by automobile to with Hebron last Friday aftertheir home near Vernon, Texas. noon, Kale beating by only four, Phones 105-163 tended services Sunday, having our boys were taken by surprise

SHILOH DOTS

We have had some more rain-

Grandma Hunsurker is very low at this writing and Clara

Sunday and we thank the Mer-

Mr. Sinclair Phillips and family spent Sunday with Bud

Edith Hudspeth of Golan spent Sunday and Saturday with

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters were the guests of Marion Win-

John Winters and wife of Abi-

There will be prayermeeting Be sure to call 180 when you The regular program for last at the church Sunday night. There is to be a party at

visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell were the guests of the later's mother, Mrs. Greene, Sunday.

We have'nt much news this week as farmers have been busy putting up their land and some trying to finish picking. Kandy- Funeral designs

SEWING & DRESSMAKING

We wish to anounce to the Repaired. Glasses fitted on 30 store that sold the article he country that we have opened a at the home of Mrs. Chas. C. the fact that you are in the busi- north of the Christian church, ronage goes to the store that tell Hemstitching and Pecoing. Miss We understand that J. G. the people of its buying oppor- Minnie Ferguson and Mrs. Chas. C. Bankhead.

> R. L. Bradshaw, member of shaw & Sublett, is preparing to Plans Drawn and Estirepart Sunday for Waco, where mates made on short he goes as a delegate to the notice. If it's Drugs you want you State Meeting of the Grand tf venes in that city next week.

Base ball goods and fishing If it's Drugs you want you Martin's. None better. tf Company.

PROFESSIONAL

DR. GAMBILL -D-e-n-t-i-s-t-Sunday morning, while other Office Hours 8—12 a.m.;1—5 pm Over Woodroof-Bragg Co. Office Phone 116

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Corn and Corn Chops,

Palace of the Escurial in Shain Used Now Chiefly as Place of Sepul ture for Monarcha

One of the great buildings of the world is the Escurial of Spain. which stands in a lonely place about 30 miles northwest of Madrid. It is 744 feet long and 580 feet wide, and is divided by a series of long interior courts to give it the form of a gridiron. It was erected in honor of St. Lawrence, who was roasted on a gridiron, and who confounded his executioners by his coolness in the midst of the flames when he suggested that they ought to turn him, as he was getting overdone on his under side. The Escurial was designed more for the admission of people than for letting in the light, for while it has 11,000 windows, it has 14,000 doors. In spite of that, it is seldom thronged by a multitude of people, and the intervals of window-washing are

Its most popular use is as a burial place for the kings of Spain and the mothers of kings. The building contains a library of 30,000 books and 4,300 manuscripts, which are never read, and occasional appropriations of public money are made to prevent the building from falling into a state of lonely ruin.

THE PHILANTHROPIST



"I have called, sir, to see if you will renew your subscription to our Society for Converting the Heathen -last year you gave a quarter."

"What-aren't they converted

TRAVELING BIRDS.

At this season, it is common to find many dead birds in the morning about the base of any powerful light. It is not unusual to catch a glimpse of some strange bird on a tree or bush which is never seen at any other time of the year. This indicates the immense number of birds which are flying above our heads at great altitude on their way southward. The first birds to migrate are the insect-eating birds which fly when the leaves fall; next in turn are the seed-eating birds. The birds as a rule fly at night and come to earth in the daytime for food and to rest. During a frost recently over one million sparrows were killed in one section of the West, which suggests the enormous number of birds which are passing above us. The year to year travel of many of these birds exceeds 5,000 miles,-Boys' Life.

HELP NEEDY STUDENTS.

Loans for needy students at Melbourne university are provided by a bill proposed by the government of Victoria, Australia. By this bill an initial fund of \$100,000 is to be created, to be supplemented by an-· nual endowments, from which students are to receive loans sufficient to carry them through their course.

PERHAPS SHE WAS A TY COBB.

Jimmy was on third base in an exciting ball game. His mother sent Jimmy:

"Jimmy, your mother wants you She sez you ought to be home long

"Aw, let her come and try it." replied Jimmy .- New York Sun.

SUSPICION.

"I understand the prohibition agents have their eyes on Smith." "How did he come under suspi-

"He told a corking story."-Baltimore American.

ACCORDING TO HABIT.

"Three balls!" yelled the umpire. "Now's your chance to soak it," couted the excited pawnbroker's to the batsman.—Boston fore it is all gone,

Radient in their Brightest Colors



Soft and Crisp in Fabric as your taste may select

Color in Keeping With the new demands

Silks that Betray Care and thoughtfulness

Organdies that Make your Shopping a Happy Event

Tissues and Zephyrs of all kinds and prices

SEE OUR PRE-EASTER SHOWING

Of Popular Priced Hats in a Variety of Colors. The youthful face, or that of the more sedate matron, will find a suitable Hat in our shipment just received.

New Suits, New Dresses and New Blouses arrived This Week Let us show you

WOODROOF-BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY

Place Most People Trade

New York Boys' New Game.

a throne in boyville. Any New York side street where there's enough room between bluecoats and automobile traffic to play, will show you that a new game has taken its place.

"Sidewalk checkers," the boys call 't. The new game really has the eleboard. Checker men are used-red black, blue-the color makes no dif ference. A ring is drawn with chalk and the object is to flip your checker man with enough force to knock your contenders out of the ring.

"Hully gee!" said a future Ponzi as he gathered up his winnings on Reade street near Broadway, "ain't I got enough lumber here to start me a paper mill?"-New York Sun.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bbladder troub les, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bbladder. If not sold by your druggest, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonals to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

SEE THE RIO GRAND VALLEY

If you want to know anything about the Rio Grande Valley country see some one who has been there. If you want to go down and look at the country, see H. D. Simpson, who goes about every two weeks, and who a chum for him, and he yelled at will be glad to make reservation

> Safety and Service are the watch words of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank 4% interest paid on our savings deposits. Start an account to-

PORTUGAL TO IMPROVE PORTS.

The parbor board of Lisbon has in hand a scheme for the building of new docks and wharves there. A project is also reported to be on foot for the construction of a new port on the River Tagus at Montijo.

Plenty of Fresh Vegetables every Saturday morning at Brad shaw & Sublett's. Call early be-

- IS ON -

Get your share of Rakes, Chopping Hoes, Water Hose, Lawn Sprays, Poultry Netting, Screen Wire, Fishing Poles, Fishing Tackle of all kind

Full line of Shelf and Builders Hardware, Bath Tubs, Kitchen Sinks Pipe and Plumbing Supplies.

Mr. Bill Planters and Joy Rider Cultivators .

We try to make satisfied customers out of every person that makes a purchase from us, whether large or small. We want you to be one of them.

Liberty Hardware Company

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Fire Station in the town of Merkel within the Merkel Independent School District, on the second day of April, 1921 to determine whether the bonds of said district shall be issued to the amount of \$2,500.00 payable 10 years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, for the purpose of constructing a sanitary toilet system of metallic or concrete material in the school building of said district and equiping said school building, and whether there shall be annually levied, assessed and collected on all taxable property in said district for the current year and annually thereafter while such bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state

of Texas. No person shall vote in said election unless he be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws this state, and a taxpayer in said Merkel Independent school District.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots "For the Bonds and the Tax" and those against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write de print on their ballots "Against the Bonds and the Tax."

Said election was ordered by the board of trustees of said Merkel Independent School District by order passed on the 2nd day of March, 1921, and this notice is issued pursuant to said order. Dated this 2nd day of March, 1921. R. O. Anderson, President of Board of Trustees of said District and J. M. Dry, Secretary of the Board of Trus-

SCHOOL CENSUS

All school children living in the Merkel Independent School district any time during the month of March, and who will be seven or over, and under eighteen on next September 1st should be enumerated in the cen sus in Merkel. If you know of any children not enumerated, please notify J. M. Dry at the Racket Store or Roger A. Burgess at the school building where blanks may be secured for the purpose. Important. At tend to this at once.

TOMATO PLANTS

Leading varieties, 100 for 35c 250 for 75¢, 500 for \$1.25, Sweet potatoes, Porto Rico and Nancy Hall, 250 for \$1.50, 500 for \$2, 1,000 for \$3. Sweet pepper, 100 for 75¢, 250 for \$2 prepaid. Carey Deavers, route 2, box 75, Merkel, Texas.

Fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries at W. W. Wood's Cash Grocery. Prompt service, Quali ty, and price will be found right. Give us a trial order, if you are not already on our list of coustomers, and let us prove to you that we are doing business on a fair and square base to all. W. W. Wood Cash Groctry, phone number 230.

On Saturday, March 19 call at the Presbyterian Ladies Bazaar and see the many nice things they have to offer. 11t2

Better Than Traps For Rate

They say: "RAT-SNAP is doing the work and the rat undertakers are as busy as pop corn on a hot stove." Try it on your rats.

Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis.

Save the pieces-Lenses match ed. Frames repaired, Glasses fitted on 30 days free trial. E. L. Wilson, The Jeweler.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Rosie Laney)

The report cards were handed out last Monday and quite a number of the students were disappointed. On a few of the pupils lips were these words: "I'm passing", on those of the majority "I'm failing in one or more subjects." In spite of the fact that some are failing, these few remaining weeks of school are being spent in some hard study on the part of the student body. Every one seems to think where there is life there is hope.

Last Tuesday the Junior girls entertained the Junior boys and the Faculty with a most sumptu ous dinner at 1:30 o'clock. Miss Deal took the entire class to Warren's Lake where the afternoon was spent in boating, fishing, swimming and eating. This was the end of another perfect day.

Wednesday morning the Senior and Junior classes with one Sophomore accompanied by Miss Smith and Mr. Burgess went to hear Bishop McMurray. The Students that failed to hear him certainly missed a rare treat.

Mr. Burgess and Bill Stevens took the Junior boys' basket ball team to Trent Thursday afternoon. The Merkel team returned defeated.

The girls basket ball team of Abilene met the Merkel girls team on the M. H. S. grounds, Friday afternoon. Our girls lost but they took defeat like good sports. The score was 12 to 8.

The Grammar school and the primaries had a soda pop sale last Friday; the money goes for more playground equipment.

The Rev. Watts, of Lockney, who is condu ting the meeting at the Methodist church, gave us a different and helpful talk Monday morning in chapel.

The declamation try out at Trent was held Monday night; some of the Merkel teachers and pupils heard these declaimers. The Merkel declamation try out will be held Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. The students entering are: Senior girls-Hat. tie Proctor. Senior- boys Bill Stevens, Lews Giles and L. T. Foombs. Junior girls— Mary Francis Anderson, Vena Mays Jackson, Leoel Merritt and have a base ball team. They are Jessie Maye Stevens. Junior sure learning to pitch, bat and Boys-Ray Garrett and T. J. run. They expect to make a Beidleman. We are expecting fine showing some time. this to be immensely interesting

Students obey these Rules Note book in by next Friday. Do not walk across the base ball grounds after a rain. Remember the girls basket ball game. John A. move back here by me. Do not leave your seat without permission.

A Huge Joke Miss Carlisle's age.

Miss Smith's keen eyes. Miss Deal's Curls. Miss Whorton's demerit book. Mr. Miller's nose.

Mr. Burgess's blush. Spices of Life

bits.

Miss Carlisle-"John A. will you be quiet for a bit?" John A .- "I'll do it for two

Mary Cleo-"When did you first know youloved me?"

Jerome-"When I began to get mad when people said you were brainless and unattractive" Bill-"Did you send her presents back when she broke the

mgagement?" Wade-"Of course not. Did you send back the silver cup you

had won when you resigned from the basket ball club?" Mr. Miller-"What no supper

ready? This is the limit! I'm going to a restaurant."

Mrs. Miller-"Wait just five minutes." Mr. Miller-"Will it be ready then?" Mrs. Miller-"No. but I'll go with you." Wonder Why

many of the eighth grade failing. Faye Richie writes o'clock.

J. Russel likes to sit by has a sore eye. Iva, Lucille McDonald, phone 72. e, Hazel, Evelyn and Wade to memorize the "Gettysddress."

but not least the teach- Company.

Bank With a Strong Bank

- I Strong banks have never proved of more crucial worth to America than during the past few months. Among the very strongest Country Banks, as revealed by the last call of the Comptroller of Currency under date of February 21, is the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.
- This sound condition is due to abundant reserves, exceeding the maximum demands of law or the rerequirements of merely ordinary banking standards. Owing to adequate reserves there has never been a time in its history of sixteen years when the Farmers & Merchants National has not been in a position to fulfill the three cardinal duties of a bank:

FIRST-To return to every depositor his full deposit on demand. SECOND-To use the bank's funds and credit in serving the legitimate financial needs of the community by means of well secured loans and conservative investments. THIRD-To yield a reasonable profit to the stockholders.

- The last-named function, at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, has always been entirely subordinate to the first two. The most elemental text book on banking teaches that the greater the reserve the smaller the profits.
- Prevailing economic conditions impart emphasis to the importance of these brief facts concerning The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel. They merit your thoughtful consideration in seeking a bank where your money will be ABSOLUTELY SAFE.
- We submit them to you because we want your patronage. You can start a checking account here with any reasonable sum. You can open a savings account with ONE DOLLAR.

CONDENSED STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants National Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business February 21st, 1921.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans, Time and Demand \$298,075.84	Capital Stock \$50,000.00
U. S. Securities 16,120.94	
Other Bonds and Warrants 8,501.37	Undivided Profits 11,269,38
	Circulation Acct. 5,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co 500.00	BORROWED MONEY NONE
	REDISCOUNTS NONE
Other Real Estate 3,000.00	BILLS PAYABLE NONE
Five per cent Red. Fund 316.16	OTHER LIABILITIES NONE
CASH & SIGHT EX 196,292.03	DEPOSITS 447.036,9
Total \$529,256.34	Total\$529,256.3

J. T. WARREN, President

L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

DIRECTORS J. T. Warren, Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Booth Warren, Henry James

lers and the High School girls



BANISH BLUE BUGS

And all blood sucking insects simply by feeding "Martin's Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Absolutely guaranteed by Sanders Drug Store. 17 June

Plenty of feed such as Bran, Chops etc. at Bradshaw & Sub-

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better.



Merkel Drug Co., Liberty Hdw. Co. and J. T. Dennis.

Safety and Service are the such history. Hattie Proc- watch words of the Farmers & and Johnnie Sears are al- Merchants National Bank 4% exempt. Myrtle McDon- interest paid on our savings as to stay from 3:20 until deposits. Start an account to-

Proctor. Miss Smith gives | Service Car, any where any ich long lessons. Miss Whor- time. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H.

> Seed Potatoes, both red and white at Bob Martin Groctry

Since The Great Drop!

- Since the drop in prices last fall it has been the policy of many to buy something cheap, regardless of its lasting qualities, and which will apply to the Automobile Tire. "The Good Year" is not the cheapest in price, but in the long run it will prove the cheapest in quality and value, because it is Service and Satisfaction you want and the Good Year Assures Both.
- We handle the best grade of Oil that we can get, and the best is none too good to go in any motor, so be sure to get that. The Texico Products stand at the head of Oils: We have it in barrels, one and one half gallon cans.
- We buy and sell New and Second Hand Fords, and have on hand one used Coupe, one 1920 Touring Car, one 1917 Touring Car, one 1919 Dodge, all at a bargain.
- If you are in need of any Mechanical work we are more than glad to furnish two of the best Mechanics in the west. You know them, Len Sublett and Joe Reidenbach, who are equal to any job.
- We handle Gas, Oils, Light Globes, Accessories, etc., and Mr. C. B. Barnes will gladly serve you at all hours, day or night.

 We are also headquarters for the celebrated J. I. Case Tractor and Thresher.
 - When in town make our place your headqearters.

THE MERKEL GARAGE

ROSS FERRIER

H. L. PROPST

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. Webb Hannan who has been in a serious condition for some time was taken to Sweetwater by Johnnie Ray last Friday, and we are glad to learn he is improving.

J. M. Reeves and family motor ed over to Sweetwater Sunday Jim Campbell and H. H. Tittle to the same place.

Johnnie Ray and wife drove over to Abilene Sunday for din-

Blair is improving and the chickens are on the hum. Johnnie Ray bought 39 cases during the week.

Road graders in Blair, so if you ran't get to this city just

Everybody get their name on the list to help gravel the road to Merkel. List at Blair Post office. This is something that all should help in.

Well Mr. Editor, come out, fried chicken still on the bill of fare. Slim Jim.

Editor's Note-Look for us any time, just before breakfast dinner or supper. This is our first invitation to dine out, and we certainly do not propose to let it pass. For there may never come another.

Hot weather is here, refresh yourself at the Merkel Drug Co. Fountain. Everything strictly sanitary.

Safety and Service are the watch words of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank 4% interest paid on our savings deposits. Start an account to-

Service Car, any where any time. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H. McDonald, phone 72.

Read the advertisements in this paper. They may prove of benefit to you in many ways. Every interprising firm in the city presents to you the reasons why you should patronize them. You can judge for yourself where it will pay you to do business,

Safety and Service are the vatch words of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank 4% interest paid on our savings deposits. Start an account to-

Just received a fresh car of Kimbell's Extra High Patent Flour. Bradshaw & Sublett tf

Service Car, any where any time. Call W. E. Lowe or G. H. McDonald, phone 72.

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

DOG TAX NOW DUE

As it is now time for the paying of annual dog tax dues notice is hereby given that all people residing within the city limits of the city of Merkel who have dogs and wish to keep them to call on the undersigned at once and pay said tax. P. H. Wicher, City Marshal.

We are glad to see Uncle Joe (J. L. Harris) up and about the city today, after several days of confinement to his room account of a slight illness.

Hot weather is here, refresh yourself at the Merkel Drug Co. Fountain. Everything strictly sanitary.

Seed Potatoes, both red and white at Bob Martin Groctry Company.

All kinds of Garden and Flower Seed at Bob Martin Grocery Company.

CASH NOTICE

Beginning March 1 we put our coal business on a cash basis, and will ask all to be prepared to pay for coal when delivered. Have plenty coal on hand.

H. M. ROSE & SON

PRE-EASTER SALE

Begins Saturday March 19th Ends Saturday March 26th

A Regular Spring Opening of the Season's Most Desirable Merchandise

To induce early buying we are offering our entire stock at reduced prices---prices that cannot be maintained when the season advances. We have searched all the markets carefully and untiringly and have used our very best skill in selecting our spring stock. This great sale marks a new dawn for the American Dollar; its buying power is greatly increased.

This will be a regular

Avalanche Sale of Newest == Spring Goods ===

Don't Miss This Wonderful Opportunity

This circular gives you a faint idea of what we have in store for you in our great sale. Come and see. We never inflate prices in order to mark them down. We start at the bottom and dig in. Also remember our business is on a strictly CASH basis (no goods charged to any one) therefore you do not have to pay for other fellow's bad accounts when trading with us.

Our Big Millinery Department



This department is the outgrowth of many years of pleasing service to our customers. We strive each season to make our offerings more pleasing. Before buying our stocks our Milliner spends much time in the wholesale houses studying the new styles, and this season was no exception. It is with pride we offer our Spring Greeting by the way of this Pre-Easter Sale

- There is a riot of color-bright, snappy colors-and most any color is good. Special favor seems to be givthose colors formed between red, yellow and brown and called Henna, Pheasant and Tomato. Also the Harding Blues are very good and should not be overlooked mentioning by any means. The shapes are inclined to be small, though some of the larger are good.
- An early inspection will insure a satisfactory selection. To delay may mean a disappointment.
- We are also prepared to make special orders, and our trimmer, Miss Clark, will take great pains in trying to suit your individual tastes.

PRE-EASTER SALE PRICES PREVAIL IN THIS DEPARTMENT

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

Quite a large shipment has just been received from New York Imports and at greatly reduced prices.

EXTRA SPECIAL

200 Pairs	Ladies	pumps	and	oxfords.	values u	p to \$7.50
This sale	only					\$1.98
					1.	

Ladies \$2.50 silk hose, brown, black, white, special \$1.95 Ladies \$1.50 silk hose in brown and black, special __98c Ladies 75c lisle hose, black and brown, special 49c Good grade lisle hose in black and brown, special 29c

Big Values in Summer Underwear for Men

Regular \$2.50 values \$2.00	Regular \$1.50 val \$1.25
Regular 2.00 values 1.50	Regular 1.25 val 98c
SPECIAL-Mens 2-piece balori	iggan underwear, regular
\$1 values now	49c
Best grade grey work sox	13e
Good heavy grade tan sox, fo	rmer price 35c now19c

BIG CLOTHING SPECIALS

All \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65 mens serge & chevoit suits	\$32.50
All \$37.50, \$40 and \$45 mens suits now	\$25.00
All \$35 & \$40 tropical worsted & cool cloth suits	\$25.00
All \$25 mens mohair and palm beach suits now	\$15.95
One special lot mens cool cloth suits now	\$13.95

MEN'S SHIRTS

partment at greatly reduced
xtra reduction in silk shirts.
es and colors. Former values
\$6.75
\$4.00 and \$4.50 now \$3.00
\$3.50 and \$3 now \$2.49
\$2.50 now: \$1.75
\$2.00 now\$1.49

MENS HATS-While there has been practically no decline in hats we were fortunate to make some real bargain purchases in hats and now offer them as follows: \$15.00 values now .. \$8.95 \$7.50 values now ... \$5.95 12.50 values now. 7.89 One lot 7.50 val. now. 4.95 10.00 values now 6.98 One lot 5.00 val. now 3.49

MENS BLUE SERGE AND CHEVIOT PANTS AT CREATLY DENIICEN BRICES

REDUCED PRICES	
All \$16 and \$15 blue serge pants now\$	11.95
All 12.50 blue serge pants now	9.95
All 10.00 blue serge and cheviot pants now	7.49
1 Lot mens odd pants, values up to \$12.50 now	4.95
1 Lot mens odd pants, values up to \$6.50 now	3.49
1 Lot mens odd pants, values up to \$3 now	1.69
Best grade overall in blue and stripe	1.39
Jumpers to match	1.39
Boys overalls, large sizes 98c Small sizes	.83c
Best grade McDonald work shirts	.89c

BIC SHOE SPECIALS—All high-grade lines go in this sale such as Florsheim, Marshal and Beacon, from \$16,50, \$17.50, \$18.50 values in Florsheim high shoes and oxfords now\$11.95 Former \$15 values in Florsheim high shoes and oxfords now Former \$16.50 and \$17.50 values in Marshal high shoes now \$10.95 Former \$12.50, 13.50 and 15.00 values in Marshal high shoes now......\$9.98 One lot shoes in calfskin, kids and kangaroos, values from \$12.50, 13.50 and up to \$15.00 now \$7.98 One special table mens high grade shoes, values up to \$8.50 and 10.00 now\$4.95 One special officers army shoes, val. \$10 & 12.50...6.95

TOWEL SPECIALS 300 Pair bath towels, all sizes, cut just One Half Size 20x46 Turkish bath towels, reg. \$1.75 val.now.. 88c Regular \$1.25 Turkish bath towels, now...........63c

Regular \$1.00 Turkish towels now 50c

EXTRA EASTER SPECIALS



Special 20 percent discount on everything in our Readyto-Wear Department.

Ladies \$85 all-wool Reids Tricotine suits, navy only. Easter Special \$70.00

suits, Easter special ... \$52.00 Ladies \$60 all-wool tricotine

suits, Easter special ... \$48.00

Ladies \$50 all-wool tricotine and serge suits, navy and tan. Easter special\$40.00

Ladies \$45 all-wool tricotine and serge suits, navy and tan. Easter special\$36.00

Big Blouse Specials For Easter

BIG EASTER REDUCTION IN LADIES WOOLEN, COTTON AND SHE DRESS COORS

AND SILK DRESS GOODS
\$6.00 Silk tricolette, in navy, black, tomato and sapphire
now \$1.98
Best grade 40-in, crepe de chine, all colors, special \$1.79
Best grade 40-in. georgette crepe, all col. special \$1,79
\$2.50 and \$3 taffetas, all colors Easter special 1.98
1.50 Silk poplins, all colors, Easter Special 98c
2.50 and \$3 silk and crepe de chine shirtings 1.98
1 Lot silk stripe sh!rtings, val.up to \$1.50, special. 69c

WASH COODS-Time is near at hand. Ginghams and white goods are inseparable. Lawns, dimity, longcloth, flaxons, organdies, linens, etc. Prices on these goods have reached bottom. Some of them started upward. Organdies that sold for \$1.50 now \$1.00 Linens that sold for \$1 50 now.................. 1.00

Big Easter Specials in Our Staple Department

and another opposition in our output aspentiment
Full width 9-4 brown sheeting now
Good grade 36-in. bleached dom. free from starch. 15c
Good grade 36-in. brown Sea Island domestic now. 13c
Good grade 36-in brown domestic now 8c
\$1.25 Ladies knit summer underwear special 98c
1.00 Ladies knit summer underwear special 79c
20 per cent Discount on all Lacamille Corsets

Best grade 8-oz. ACA feather tick, Easter special... 29c Good grade cotton mattress tick 16c

The Merkel Dry Goods Company MERKEL'S BIG CASH STORE