

## MERKEL COUNTRY VS. BLACK LAND

It is not our desire to make a comparison to the detriment of any section of our good state. It is all good and we believe land values are not too high anywhere but at the same time we know they are too low in the Merkel country.

We are not going to ask anybody to take our word for it but tell them what we think and what others think and let them do as they please. We believe most of them will do that anyway but we would like for them to give our country consideration.

John Eoff, a good citizen of our country and one whom we all know to be most conservative, has just returned from a visit to Bell county and other black land communities and in speaking of conditions said: "I think one is foolish to leave here to pay the high prices for black land in the east. I improved a place in Bell county in 1878 and it sold the other day for \$115 per acre. It made this year about a quarter of a bale of cotton to the acre and not over ten bushels of corn. I farmed there thirty years and averaged about a third of a bale. It is a sure crop country or almost sure but to average the crops and consider the price of land I think more of our country."

Our lands at \$25 to \$40 per acre will produce almost, if not as much and is worked easier. Come to the Merkel country.

### East Texas Bound.

R. A. Miller, pioneer settler of this section leaves this week for Lindale where he and his good family will make their home in the future, having sold his Merkel home and farm. The good citizen said to our reporter: "I have some good property there which will make me a good home for the rest of my days but I hate to leave my good friends here. I honestly love every man, woman, child, dog, cat and everything else in Merkel but had a chance to sell my property here and it is to my best interests to go and look after my property there." The Mail likes this old man and family; we hate with the rest of our people to let him go and we will visit him every week to take him news of those he leaves now and we wish him the best of everything in his new home.

### Money to Loan on Land.

If you contemplate borrowing money on your land this year, remember that our rate is only eight per cent. You could not expect a cheaper rate than that. Our terms are as reasonable as you would wish. See us at once. E. B. Bynum & Co.

The ladies of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church cleared a nice little sum of \$50.00 as the result of the dinner served show day. They say they could have made more but the eatables ran short.

Mrs. J. B. Bell left Saturday for Dallas to visit her son J. A. Bell and wife and attend the fair.

Mrs. O. F. McMasters and mother Mrs. Pickrel, arrived here Wednesday evening from Goliad and will make their home in the residence formerly owned by Dr. C. M. McCauley. Dr. O. F. McMasters will be here in a few days to take up the dentistry work. We welcome these good people to the City in Clover and we feel confident that they will be well pleased with Merkel for a home.

Pipes Bros. are reducing their prices on syrups for the next ten days.

## CAMPBELL BROS. BIG CIRCUS DAY

Friday, Oct. 13, was show day in Merkel and there was quite a crowd to witness the sights. Campbell Bros. Consolidated Shows gave two performances in East Merkel both of which were well attended and enjoyed by the people of Merkel and the Merkel country. This was one of the best and cleanest shows that has exhibited in Merkel in a number of years and the Messrs. Campbell are to be congratulated for being able to furnish the people such innocent amusement that pleases both old and young.

The \$50,000 herd of educated elephants is worthy of special mention; the acrobatic feats were above the average; the trapeze performances were excellent; their horses were well trained, and to make a long matter short, it was pronounced a first-class circus from start to finish, and we never had the pleasure of meeting a more pleasant and friendly show management than Mr. Campbell and his men, and predict for them a better attendance should they ever visit our town again.

### Notice to Public.

Some strange things will happen.

Though we are taught the foolish things of the world are made to confound the wise and the weaker things the mighty. I was not very greatly surprised in finding a notice in your paper warning anyone against trading for any note or notes given to T. J. Cross and signed by E. W. Perminter.

Now, I beg for the sake of vindicating my reputation and character to make an honest explanation as follows: The notes were executed Aug. 6, 1910, first note for \$53.00 due Dec. 1, 1910, second for \$100 due Dec. 1, 1911, third due Dec. 1, 1912. The above payments promised were dictated by the signer and made payable to T. J. Cross or bearer.

Now, anyone doubting the validity of said notes will do me a special favor by calling at my office and inspecting same at your will.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." T. J. Cross (Adv.)

Don't fail to see Pipes Bros. when you need groceries. Your business with them will be a pleasure. Try them and see.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

## PRIZE CATTLE FOR THE FAIR

C. M. Largent shipped two cars of cattle to the Texas State Fair at Dallas Monday. The cattle were accompanied by Messrs. Will Joe Largent and John West. Mr. Largent has owned several prize winning cattle at different fairs for several years and we believe from the fine condition and looks of his cattle that he will win some good prizes this season. Here's hoping the Merkel ranchman will bring several blue ribbons home with him.

Plenty corn and chops at G. M. Sharp's Grain Store.

### Mrs. Perry Ann Howard

A sweet, rare spirit has gone home. On Tuesday morning, Oct. 17, at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Perry Ann Howard, wife of J. T. Howard, passed from her earthly home into the life eternal.

Mrs. Howard was born in Dardanel, Ark., Jan. 15, 1860. Her parents were Payton and Jane Darwin.

She was married to J. T. Howard Sept. 21, 1884, in Evensville, Tenn. Nine children were born to them, eight of whom survive their dear mother, two sons and six daughters—Dr. Geo. Howard of Dallas, Lytton Howard, Mrs. Margarite Middleton of Stamford, Mrs. Lillian Grifham of Hamlin, Misses Sophia, Ruth, Dixie and Girlie, together with her husband are left to mourn, for just now the home seems dark, but sweet memories of a devoted wife and fond mother will be a radiant life to brighten the coming days. They will miss her dear, familiar face. The remembrance of her life will linger as a loving benediction. Open hearted she sought and found many to cheer. Early in married life she opened her big motherly heart and loving arms to the two orphan nieces of her husband, Lucy and Tiny Bean, the latter the wife of W. R. Walker, who in return gave her their love and devotion and grieve with their uncle in the death of his wife and their foster mother.

Mrs. Howard also leaves a brother J. T. Darwin of Evensville, Tenn., and a sister Mrs. White Goodrich of Chattanooga, Tenn., who made the long trip here in hopes of once more seeing her sister alive but was too late as the loved one had passed away several hours before she arrived.

Mrs. Howard professed faith in Christ early in life and her faith never wavered. Her tastes and habits were domestic, her home was the center of joyous and generous hospitalities, her church meant to her a larger and more satisfying home. She will be missed there.

When it was known early in June that she would go to Dallas for an operation all her friends joined the family in earnest prayer that the operation would remove the cause of her ill health, if it be God's will, that she be restored to her family in perfect health. She realized that death was near but was ready to

meet her God and enter into the sweet beyond that awaits for the ever faithful.

Our hearts go out in sympathy for the bereaved, yet in the midst of their great sorrow we rejoice that she has entered that land where death and suffering are unknown.

'Tis sad to think we'll see her no more,  
This side of eternity's gate;  
But her God whom we all adore,  
Will help us to patiently wait.

We know she's with the angels now,  
That dwells just over death's river;  
One treasure more we have there now,  
Sweet heaven is dearer than ever.

## TRENT FARMER IS KILLED BY TRAIN

J. Crockett Morris, aged about 65 years and a citizen of the Trent community was run down and killed by an eastbound passenger train at a point about two miles west of Trent Monday morning. The victim of the accident was walking along the track when seen by the engineer and it is claimed that he paid no attention to the signals of danger sounded by the enginemen and that it was impossible for them to bring the train to a stop until he was struck. The body was knocked down, run over and horribly mangled by the wheels.

The deceased was a good citizen but is reported to have been suffering from some mental derangement and to this is attributed in part at least the accident. He leaves several children and these have the universal sympathy of our people.

Burial took place at Merkel in the Rose Hill cemetery Tuesday morning, the inquest being held the afternoon before at Trent by Justice N. D. Cobb who rendered a verdict as outlined in the above account of the accident.

### Cox-Hunter.

Roy Cox and Miss Hattie Hunter were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday evening near Nubia. Rev. R. O. Bailey of Trent officiating.

The bride is a daughter of A. W. Hunter of Nubia, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Canyon. The bridegroom living in Merkel a number of years but now of Vernon is too well known to his many Merkel friends to spare him more of our space.

The young couple left Monday for Vernon where they will stay a few months and then return to make their future home in the Nubia community.

The Mail joins their many Merkel and Nubia friends in wishing for them a long happy life.

Dr. W. V. Cranford and B. C. Gaither, old friends attended the last ceremonies.

### This May be of Interest to You.

There is much delinquent property in both Merkel and Trent, also country. In reading this notice bear in mind that "nine to one" it is yours, as well as the other fellows, and to your interest to investigate and pay before suit is filed, which I am now preparing to do. Very respt.

W. J. Thompson, 1314 Delinquent Tax Collector.

## GIRL SAVES LIFE OF LITTLE BROTHER

Abilene, Oct. 15.—Margaret, the sixteen year old daughter of John B. Goodnight, yesterday afternoon performed an act of heroism which would have been a credit to one many years older when she saved the life of her younger brother, Edgar, aged six years, who was enveloped in flames from gasoline.

Edgar had started to light a gasoline stove but before the gas had fully generated, again turned on the oil when an explosion occurred, scattering burning gasoline over the room and burning him. Hearing the boy's screams and the explosion Margaret ran to the room where she found her brother. Hastily wrapping him in her clothing and covering his head and face with her hair, which was wet at the time, she having been engaged in washing it when the explosion occurred, she smothered the flames.

Little Edgar was taken at once to the sanitarium where examination showed that he had been burned about the face, head, left arm and knees. Dr. Alexander dressed his injuries and stated that though very painful they would not likely prove serious.

### Miss Polly Rodgers Dead.

Miss Polly, the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rodgers, residing on South First street, died at an early hour Friday morning, and the remains were laid to rest at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from the First Presbyterian church. Dr. J. A. Gray, pastor of this church, conducted the funeral services.

Miss Rodgers had been ill for some time and death was a relief to her.—Abilene Morning News.

The friends of deceased and her parents, who formerly lived here, feel the keenest sympathy for those bereaved.

### Old Pioneer Dead.

J. M. Walker a citizen of Buffalo Gap died Monday afternoon after years of very poor health. Mr. Walker was about eighty five years of age and has resided in Taylor county about thirty years. He is well known to the early settlers of this county.

He is survived by his wife, now in her 83rd year, and three children. A son, Cas Walker of San Angelo and a daughter, Mrs. Killmon of Fort Worth were at his bedside at the time of his death.

The burial took place at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Buffalo Gap cemetery.

### Feed For Sale.

Milo Maize and Kaffir Corn in head or threshed and sacked direct from fields where grown. Car lots only. Inspections allowed. Think all feed will be higher later on. J. T. McHan, Hedley, Texas. 1314

### Notice

I warn all persons not to buy a note or notes given to T. J. Cross by me. E. W. Perminter. 614pd

# OIL AND GAS

We are agents for the Texas Company products and that's enough to say about the oil business. The best quality you get what you order—the lowest price and always prompt and courteous service.

P. S: Always order Crystallite oil for the home.

## Merkel Garage

In our garage we strive to make it a convenience to local and transient motorists and we stay open from 5 a. m. to 12 p. m. We have installed a complete workshop and will do any and all kinds of repair work on automobiles, gasoline engines, motorcycles, bicycles, etc. We guarantee our work and prices always reasonable. Our stock of accessories will be small but we will supply your every want and meet competition anywhere. Let us order your supplies.

## Auto In Service

At the present our service will be limited to cases of accident and emergency but in event of trouble on the road or other emergency we want our customers to command our services any hour, day or night and we will answer your call for the customary rate. It is our ambition to build a big enterprise, needed in our city from our little garage and workshop as the great oak from a little acorn grows. Give us your patronage and we will do the rest

# B-J AUTO CO.

P. S: Use our free air on your flat tires

A. J. Canon was in the city from Stith Saturday and boarded the early morning train for the plains out west on a brief business trip.

George Woodrum is confined to his bed at the home of his mother and is reported to be very ill. We hope for a speedy recovery.



## Good Coffee

At last they are satisfied! This young housewife searched the town high and low for the right kind of coffee.

That coffee with the rich coffee

fragrance, with the delicate tang that makes coffee a joy to drink and sends hubby away in the morning with the feeling that he has had a good breakfast, and all is right with the world.

We sell it. We had your tastes in mind when we bought it. Our blending is perfect. A trial order will make you a constant user. Call in and let us tell you all about it—or phone your trial order at once.

**B. C. GAITHER & SONS**  
The Reliable Grocers



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Last Friday evening a crowd of young people were entertained at the home of Miss Maude Ferguson. The hours were spent in singing. Those present were Misses Isla McDonald, Elma Sheppard, Inez Sharp, Eunice Nisbitt, Ezma Ailday, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Minnie and Maude Ferguson. Messrs. McDonald, Jesse Ferguson, Henry Harris, Carl Evans, Parker Sharp, John Adcock.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society wish to thank the people for the liberal patronage at the dinner given by them and especially do they wish to thank Mr. Noble for the use of his building and all others who assisted them in making the dinner a success. Merkel's people are always ready to help in a good cause.

Attention all members of the XX Century Club. Please take notice the club meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 at Mrs. W. H. Dickson's. Please notice the change in the place of meeting and come promptly.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle is the guest of her daughter Mrs. W. A. Scott after a delightful summer spent visiting her daughter Mrs. Perkins in Houston. Mrs. SoRelle visited in Durant, Okla., the guest of her daughter Mrs. M. E. Mackey.

Mrs. Charley Booth and children of Hawley are visiting the family of J. T. Warren.

Charley Harris and family accompanied by Mrs. Harris father Mr. Mercer left Sunday for Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Sam Bacon and children of Big Springs are visiting Mrs. Bacon's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stallings visited Mesdames Davis and Powell in Anson last week.

Mrs. Asa Sheppard is visiting Abilene friends and relatives this week.

### League Program.

Subject, Intelligent Warfare.  
Leader, Miss Carey.  
Song.  
Prayer—Miss Hawkins.  
Instrumental solo—Miss Pauline Johnson.  
Scripture reading, Prov. xxiv, 5-6; iii, 13-23—By Leader  
Song.  
Knowing is doing—Mrs. Rosa Newberry.  
Nothing quite so effective as mission study—Miss May Derstine.  
It can be done—Miss Mattie Paylor.  
The plan—H. C. Williams.  
Books for the year—Jack Provine.  
How to organize—Miss Jessie Sutphen.  
A few things to be remembered—Ollie Shaffer.  
Quartette—Messrs. Johnson, Black, Harris and Dr. Warnick.  
Miscellaneous.  
Benediction.

When the chest feels on fire and the throat burns, you have indigestion and you need HERBINE to get rid of the disagreeable feeling. It drives out badly digested food, strengthens the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.



### OFFICERS

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CAPITAL AND SURPLUS  
\$50,000.00

## OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Years of successful Banking in this country enables us to give to our customers the very best of service, not only in the cotton season when they all have money, but the entire year through. Money to loan on approved notes. We invite new accounts.

There may be others who think otherwise but "Friday the Thirteenth," is a good omen for M. W. Picklesimer, our groceryman. A fine baby boy on that day and here's hoping for continued good luck.

Manager N. C. Sinclair is to be complimented by local play lovers for his two attractions, "The Girl and Tramp" and "Casey Jones," both played to large and appreciative audiences last week. They were good and worth the money.

Stop coughing! you rack the lungs and worry the body. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP checks irritation, heals the lungs and restores comfortable breathing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

A. W. Hunter one of Nubia's most successful farmers was on the Merkel streets Tuesday. Mr. Hunter has been in this part of the country 25 years, coming from Tennessee. He said he had gathered 45 bales of cotton this season and would get at least 10 more, making an average of over a quarter of a bale to the acre. Mr. Hunter is well satisfied with this section and believes in a man staying with his country.

Wormy children are unhappy, puny and sickly. They can't be otherwise while worms eat away their strength and vitality. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VEKIMIFUGE performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

## The Original Air-Tight HEATER



You cannot possibly get full heating value from fuel if you do not use the celebrated Wilson Hot Blast Heater. The patent down-draft, which is perfected only in the Wilson, not only lessens consumption of fuel but burns into actual heat all gases generated. This combination of economy and efficiency make the

**WILSON**  
HOT BLAST  
Down-Draft  
HEATER

the most satisfactory heater

When you are in the market for a good heating stove come in and look at ours. We have a good line and will take pleasure in showing you through. We will make it to your interest to see our stock before you buy. So don't forget to come in. Also remember the prices we are making you on cook stoves are less than wholesale prices. And remember it's a Garland—the best made

**WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO**

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

# THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

FOR SEPTEMBER FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$ 93,868.13	Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000.00
U. S. Bonds at Par..... 12,500.00	Profits..... 2,602.82
Banking House and fixtures 14,000.00	Circulation..... 12,500.00
Cash and Exchange..... 75,291.19	Deposits..... 130,556.50
Total.....\$195,659.32	Total.....\$195,659.32

## To the Farmers of The Merkel Country

Your attention is called to the strong financial condition of the Southern National Bank as shown by this statement.

The farmer who deposits his cotton checks in this bank is the one who is entitled to a loan when his cotton money is gone.

We invite you to start an account with us and thereby establish relations that will entitle you to future accommodations. We expect to take care of the legitimate needs of every farmer customer on our books.

Bring us your checks on other banks for deposit or to be cashed. Bring us your valuable papers to be taken care of in a fire-proof vault, free of charge.

Ask favors of us whether you keep an account here or not.

**JOHN SEARS, President. C. L. BARKER, Active Vice-Pres.**  
**T. J. COGGIN, Vice-Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier**

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Fresh chocolates, both bulk and package at the Elite.

A. C. Rose was a Dallas fair visitor this week.

Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers. tf

H. C. Williams met with the county board of trustees at Abilene last week.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

J. E. Burrus of the Canyon left Saturday for Chillicothe to visit relatives.

Paul K. Cranford of the F. & M. National Bank was a Dallas visitor the first of the week.

Old hats made new at Kent St. Tailor Shop. The only Hatter in town. J. E. Martin. tf

Mrs. W. E. Hamner and children of Trent visited relatives here last Friday.

B-J auto barbers; bath, rub, shine and close shave in the price for our work. Phone 202.

Dr. M. Armstrong and L. H. King have each traded for new horses since our last weekly effort.

Light Crust Flour is better. For sale only by Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Tom Patterson arrived here last Friday night from Sparkey, Ill., to visit his cousin R. C. Young.

The schools are in need of 35 cords of wood. Apply to Secretary Dr. J. H. Warnick. 2t

G. D. Harris better known as Monkey Harris left on a business trip the latter part of last week for Memphis, Texas.

The best plaster. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound over the affected parts is superior to a plaster and costs only one tenth as much. For sale by all dealers.

J. F. Shaffer has bought the beautiful home place of R. A. Miller, the deal being negotiated last week by V. B. Walters, one of our local real estate.

Don't trifle with a cold is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in case of a child. There is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds in children. It is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers.

The Merkel Garage has been completed and is now ready to serve local and transient autoists. Manager W. E. Britain received and installed this week a complete set of tools for doing auto and repair work.

Just at the time of going to press we are advised to say that Behrens-McMillen are unloading a car of new furniture and rugs.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

Just received a new supply of convent edging. J. P. Sharp.

C. R. Horton was a passenger to the fair this week.

A toy given with each tablet or pencil purchased at the Elite.

Dr. C. W. Williams was in the city from Noodle Tuesday.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

J. R. Sides left Wednesday for Farmersville to transact business.

C. L. Cash is still in the Tailor business on Front Street. tf

R. A. Rollins has returned from a business trip to San Angelo.

Bring your clothes to Kent St. Tailor Shop, first class work and reasonable prices. J. E. Martin.

Mrs. N. C. Sinclair attended the state fair at Dallas the first of the week.

We carry a nice large line of confectioneries.

Hambiet & Rogers.

Henry Rose was among the business visitors to Abilene the first of this week.

Just received a car load of the famous Juanita flour.

Hambiet & Rogers.

W. L. Harkrider was in Dallas the first of the week attending the fair and looking after business.

Phone 170 for your wants in Dry Goods and Groceries and get better prices and better service. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and children have returned to their home in Trent after a short visit in our city with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson.

Juanita, White Crest and Magnolia all northern flours handled only by us. We have the goods at low prices and want your business.

Hambiet & Rogers.

Mrs. W. R. Bigham, daughter Miss Willie and grandson Ralph Bigham left Tuesday evening for El Paso to visit the former's husband who is shipping cattle from that place.

Neuralgia of the face, shoulder, hands or feet requires a powerful remedy that will penetrate the flesh. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT possesses that power. Rubbed in where the pain is felt is all that is necessary to relieve suffering and restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

#### Kicked By A Mad Horse

Samuel Birch, of Beetown, Wis., had a most narrow escape from losing his leg, as no doctor could heal the frightful sore that developed, but at last Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it completely. It is the greatest healer of ulcers, burns, boils, eczema, scalds, cuts, corns, cold-sores, bruises and piles on earth. Try it. 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

#### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the good people of Comper and surrounding neighborhood for their kindness in being so attentive and good in the illness of our wife, daughter and sister. John Carr, Mrs. N. A. Maxwell, George Maxwell,

#### 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 Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by all dealers.

#### 20 People Injured.

Dalhart, Oct. 13.—Twenty were injured last night in a rush when a moving picture theatre caught fire. The building was saved.

You are not experimenting on yourself when you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a cold as that preparation has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cure of colds, and can always be depended upon. It is equally valuable for adults and children and may be given to young children with implicit confidence as it contains no harmful drug. Sold by all dealers.

Dr. Dingle was in our little city from Trent one day this week and made a call at the Mail office.

Miss Irez Sharp who is teaching in the Campbell school near Trent was at home in Merkel the first of the week and accompanied the Merkel teachers to Abilene to attend the Institute.

Mrs. H. E. Cathey of Dallas who has been visiting Mrs. J. C. Calvert of our little city is spending this week with Will C. Calvert and family of Trent.

Try Pickelsimer & Son for groceries. Second door west of Southern National Bank.

K C. Baking powder, 25c can. 20c  
Best Flour, 100 lbs. \$2.90  
Apple vinegar, per gal. 30c  
Cottolene, 10 lb. pail. \$1.35  
Potatoes per peck. 40c  
Ex. Head Light oil, gal. 10c  
A. & H. Soda, 4 lbs. 25c  
S. L. Matches, doz. boxes. 40c

W. A. Hogue has exchanged his interest in the Hogue-Hamilton Company for the farm of Mr. Rister, a few miles north of our city, the deal being made by C. E. Whitaker and L. H. King.

Miss Lyska Pitzer was in our little city from Sweetwater the latter part of last week in the interest of the Abilene Reporter contest.

Biliousness is due to a disordered condition of the stomach. Chamberlain's Tablets are essentially a stomach medicine, intended especially to act on that organ; to cleanse it, strengthen it, tone and invigorate it, to regulate the liver and to banish biliousness positively and effectually. For sale by all dealers.

Fresh walnuts, almonds, filbert and Brazil nuts at the Elite.

W. T. Sears and family left Monday for their home in White-wright after a very pleasant visit with his brother Frank Sears and other relatives here.

A new lot of American Beauty corsets at J. P. Sharp's.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

#### Never Out of Work.

The busiest little things ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globe of health that changes weakness into strength, languor into energy, brain-fog into mental power; curing constipation, headache, chills, dyspepsia, malaria. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

#### 8 Per Cent Loans on Land.

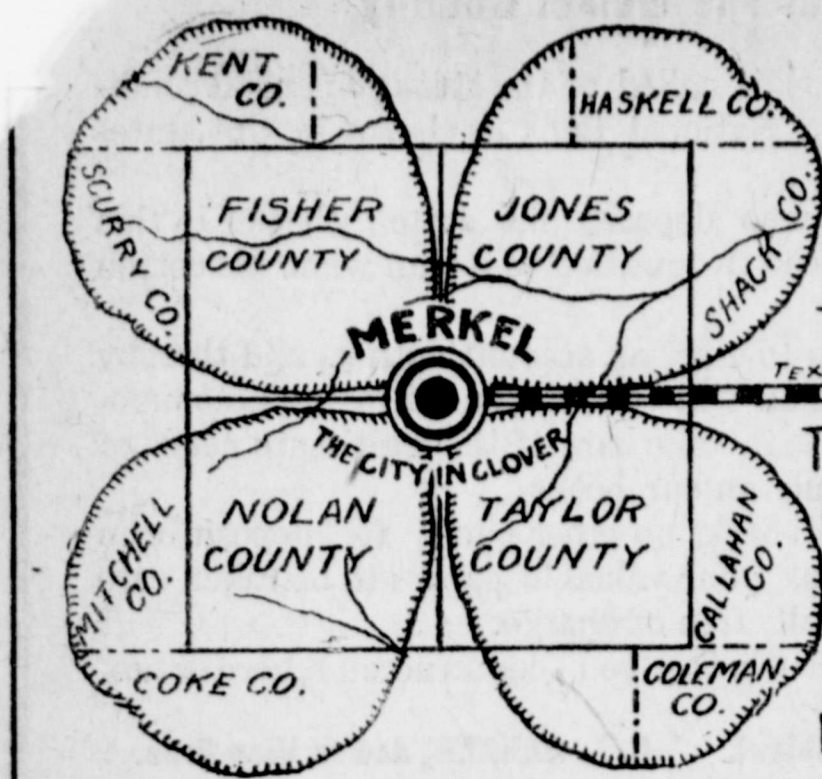
Do you want to borrow on your land this season? If so, see us at once. Our rate and terms are the same that they have been during the eight or ten years we have been lending. We advise you to apply early and avoid the rush. E. B. Bynum & Co.

Tom Patterson who has been here visiting his cousins W. C. Ayers and R. C. Young left the first of the week for Weatherford to visit before returning to his home in Sparkey, Ill.

#### Midnight in the Ozarks

and yet sleepless Hiram Scrauton of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate, and started home. Hearing of Dr. King's New Discoverer he began to use it. "I believe it saved my life," he writes, "for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again." For all lung diseases, coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, whooping cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or quinsy it's the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

The firm of Browning & Miller of Trent is reported in bankruptcy and this is bad news for the Mail and friends of our little neighbor to the west. They were live merchants and helped to make their market.



## MERKEL

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

TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAIL ROAD

THE MERKEL COUNTRY,  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG MAN,  
GOOD HEALTH FOR THE OLD MAN,  
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE POOR MAN,  
INVESTMENTS FOR THE RICH MAN  
PROSPERITY FOR ALL.

## The MERKEL MAIL

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

Reports from the eighteen counties of the state that are undertaking farm-demonstration work are gratifying and show that the communities in which these demonstrations are being conducted are manifesting much interest in the outcome. Results from those farms which have been in operation long enough for production indicate that scientific farming is no longer theoretical but practical. Farmers who have witnessed the demonstration work from its inception are enthusiastic over the possibilities of scientific farming and plans for future and greater appropriations for demonstration on a more extensive scale are meeting with their approval. Finances for carrying on the work of the demonstration farms are supplied equally by appropriations from the county and by donations from the United States Department of Agriculture. Attention is given to the production of different crops according to the adaptability of climate and soil. In some sections corn is made a specialty while in others, cane, milo maize, wheat, barley, cotton, etc., are given special attention.

The interest that is being shown in the various counties of the state in farm-demonstration work indicates that the Texas farmer is broad minded enough to realize there are things about the cultivation of the soil that he does not know that will benefit him. These demonstrations are conducted by a practical farmer who has made a study of plant production along scientific lines. He has not only made a study but a practice of this work and has not only theories but results to show. He is an expert who gets all there is out of a farm without deterioration of the soil. Quite a number of Texas counties have made appropriations to finance these demonstrations and a similar amount has been donated in each instance by the national government.

The Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association is issuing a series of platted matter entitled "Texas Needs Great Men," which is appearing in the daily and weekly papers of the state. The articles point out the ability and genius of the people of Texas, the need of more great men in directing the affairs of state and also for the necessity of constructive statesmanship. In the affairs of government, many there are who would guide the Ship of State, but few are competent to steer the vessel into the channel of progress. We need more builders who can look ahead and who can hear the call of progress.

The work of building up a city means the expansion of every individual interest in the city, and is not merely a matter of civic pride or public spiritedness, but a practical business proposition that should appeal to every progressive man in the community. As a city develops, business possibilities increase, property values expand, opportunities for enjoying life multiply and every human interest is advanced.

### TRADE WITH MEXICO GROWING.

Reports from Brownsville indicate that the trade with Mexico, since the restoration of peace in that Republic, is increasing by leaps and bounds and that the traffic of freight and passengers to and from that city is so heavy that extra forces are necessarily employed by the railroads practically all the time. Mexico is a heavy importer of Texas products and a large per cent of the produce shipped into Mexico goes through the city of Brownsville. Reports from other towns along the border show that trade between the two countries has resumed its former proportions and that no evidence of the recent revolution is in evidence on either side of the river.

The Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has received an invitation from the Texas Land Exposition, which is to be held in Houston in January 1912, to have a Special Day at the Exposition. The Exposition is making a feature of the Special Day, a number of towns in the state having also been invited to participate in this arrangement. Mr. J. A. Arnold, secretary-manager of the Association, has been invited to deliver the responding address on behalf of the Association. The Association's Special Day has not yet been determined on.

Awakened civic consciousness brings with it new and higher and more perfect ideals of community life. It brings ideals which aim to provide better conditions and fuller opportunity for all, not merely for certain individuals or certain classes. It promotes the circulation of ideas, a most important element in civic life. Ideas take on new vitality and power when shared by many people in common. The exchange of ideas is most essential to progress.

"Time is money" is an adage that is recognized by every business man as being truthful as well as terse. The farmer is just as much of a business man as the banker or merchant and time is as reducible to a money value to him as to them. Good roads mean faster transportation for him and his goods and therefore means time saved and money made.

There are 61,908 persons employed every day during the year by the Texas railroads, according to a statement given out by Attorney Hiram Glass of the Texas Railway Association. Figuring an average of five to the family, there are 309,540 persons supported by the different railroads of the state.

No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Some bridges along the same road are weaker than others, therefore only loads can be transported over such road as the weakest bridge will uphold. What we need is a uniform bridge law for this state. Ohio has such a law.

Forty-three steamships are lying in the harbor at Galveston to be loaded principally with cotton. Of these thirty-seven are classed as foreign vessels and are destined to the leading ports of the world. Liverpool is in the lead as a point of destination with eleven ships bound for that port. Bremen is next with nine, the others being for Havre, Rotterdam, Italian and Norwegian cities. It is estimated that the value of cotton to be transported by all the ships now in the harbor will approximate \$20,000,000. Many of the skippers of the various vessels have been interviewed and they report great activity along cotton lines in their respective countries and the consensus of opinion is that cotton prices will go higher in European markets.

## REAL ESTATE

"The man who goes out of this world without leaving his family a bit of earth to stand on does not die, he absconds"  
Rev. DeWitt Talmage.

The above, from the pen of a noted divine is a good text for a long sermon on matters of material progress. I have not the time, space nor money, to say nothing of brains, to write the sermon but we pass it up to you for your own consideration.

In the following propositions I know that I am right and please take what I have to tell you for 100 cents on the \$1.00 for when you come out to look I will show you and deliver the goods just like I promise to do here.

### Good Farms at Bargains.

**SNAP FOR QUICK MONEY:** 400 acres 10 miles southeast of Merkel, 3 miles of View City; 100 in cultivation, 100 more good tillable land, balance all good grass; no mountain or bad breaks; one good 3-room house and two good 2-room rent houses, well of water and surface tank, fenced and cross-fenced; R. F. D. service and one-half mile to school. Price, \$5,250; \$2,650 cash and terms on balance, if bought before Oct. 15, 1912.

**SECTION NORTH OF MERKEL:** 640 acres, improved, 12 miles north of Merkel, 2 miles west of Noodle; about 300 in cultivation; all but 40 acres first-class farming land; three sets of improvements, two wells and windmills; 400 acres of this land lies in a beautiful cove and when properly improved will make one of the prettiest and most profitable valley farms along Noodle creek. This is offered by a bank for just the amount of notes against it. Price \$22.50 per acre; \$5,000 cash and terms on balance.

**LAMAR VALLEY FARM:** 325 acres of land 2 1/2 miles southwest of Merkel, 230 acres in cultivation, balance except 10 acres good; good house of 7 rooms, 2 halls, 2 porches, 9 gables; well in yard and cistern in back hall; barn, buggy house, chicken house, sheds, lots, etc.; 2 good orchards, good tank, public road on north and west; telephone and rural mail service. The most of this is valley land and has produced good crops every year. It is one of the best farms in West Texas. Write to any farmer in this country about this place for I have it to sell exclusively and it is one of best bargains on my list. Price \$40.00 per acre; one-half cash and balance 1 to 10 years, 8 per cent interest.

**1128 ACRES NORTH OF MERKEL:** A tract of land in the Clear Fork valley, Noodle creek through place and the most of land richest level valley soil; 400 acres in cultivation and would make an ideal stock farm. There are three or four tenant houses on the tract and it is offered at a bargain figure simply to enable three joint owners to divide their interests. Price, \$30,000; \$10,000 cash and terms on balance.

**GOOD FARM NEAR MERKEL:** 160 acres 2 1/2 miles southeast of Merkel; 80 acres in cultivation, all good except small branch through place, 6-room house, two galleries; well and windmill; cistern; on public road, dark mesquite loam; good little orchard. Price \$4,000; one-half cash balance 1 to 5 years, 8 per cent. This is a rare bargain.

**200 ACRES CHEAP:** 6 1/2 miles south of Merkel, 1-2 mile west of Mt. Pleasant; 150 acres in cultivation; 25 of balance good; 4-room house, good water; two good tanks, on public road, R. F. D. and telephone service; red and gray sandy loam. Owner has two places and this is for sale at \$25.00 per acre; \$2,000 cash and balance on terms.

**AN IDEAL HOME:** 125 acres 2 miles north of Merkel on Pike road; 85 acres in cultivation, all first-class land; new \$1,000 house, well and windmill; barn and storm house; R. F. D. and telephone, close to Merkel northside school building; a most desirable place. Owner has two farms and one must be sold. Price, \$37.50 per acre; \$1,500 cash and terms on balance.

**160 ACRES NEAR TRENT:** 2 miles west of Trent; all good except creek through land; 70 acres in cultivation and 30 more ready for plow; 3-room house and inexhaustible supply of good water; well and windmill; orchard and good garden; hog pasture; barn, lots, etc. R. F. D. and telephone. Refused \$35.00 per acre for this land 3 years ago and now offers it for \$20.00 per acre; \$1,000 cash and terms on balance. There is no better bargain in Texas.

**125 ACRES AT SACRIFICE:** 10 miles northeast of Merkel, right at Comper school and church; 60 acres in cultivation, 20 more tillable; 3-room house, shed, barn; not such a good looker but best little farm in community; good well of water; sold for \$31.00 per acre two years ago. Price now, if sold by Oct. 1, \$18.00 per acre; \$1,500 cash and balance 5 or 10 years. This is a little snap for somebody.

## J.G. JACKSON

Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel

# FOR THIRTY DAYS

A Special Sale on Graphophones And Records

"No one thing will give so much pleasure, to so many people, for so long a time, at so little cost, as a Columbia Graphophone."

Buy your Graphophones now and get your records free.



## THE ELITE CONFECTIONERY

### CALUMET BAKING POWDER

The wonder of baking powders—Calumet. Wonderful in its raising powers—its uniformity, its never failing results, its purity.

Wonderful in its economy. It costs less than the high-price trust brands, but it is worth as much. It costs a trifle more than the cheap and big can kinds—it is worth more. But proves its real economy in the baking.

Use CALUMET—the Modern Baking Powder. At all Grocers.

Received Highest Award World's Pure Food Exposition

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOUND**—In Anchor Hardware Co's store some money. Owner by describing and paying for this notice may receive same.

**SEED WHEAT**—400 bushels for sale. Sam. Butman, Nubia, Texas. 2t.

### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel	9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4	12:04 p.m.
Train No. 6	12:22 a.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel	4:18 a.m.
Train No. 7	4:41 p.m.
Train No. 3	6:01 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

### The Texas Dollar.

The Texas born dollar, taken from the soil and from the bowels of the earth, is the most honest dollar in circulation and has more prosperity in it than any other form of legal tender. It spends the week days at the markets and goes to church on Sunday and has few bad habits. It builds our homes, churches and school houses and when these tasks are completed its love for the fireside leads it to prefer doing chores for the family rather than embark in the gigantic enterprises of the 20th century civilization.

It takes special delight in buying the baby a new dress; providing ease and comfort for the home and taking the family on a summer vacation. It is timid and clannish. It will shy at a railroad or a factory like a young colt at a locomotive. As a rule it avoids foreign company and seeks select companions; it travels only in well trodden paths and when it wanders in new fields it soon becomes frightened at the strange sights and goes scampering to the land of its birth.

Along with the noble traits of character, it has inherited some of the frailties of human nature, and one of the most pronounced is idleness. We have \$279,000,000 on deposit in our banks, some of our specie hides in tin cans buried in the back yards and occasionally a roll of bills is snugly tucked away in the hosiery of the family; the idle dollar seldom moves except to run from the tax assessor. Then we have dollars which are inclined to wander; probably \$100,000 per day leaves the State seeking foreign investments, but like the prodigal son, they usually return after having sown their wild oats and they come home to us broken in spirit, subdued in courage and other evidences of a misspent life and in some instances bring with them a severe case of book worm. In any event they are too cautious to step outside the bank vault. Many a dollar is now chained to foreign investments that is sadly singing home, sweet home.

The Texas dollar can never develop Texas. The volume is entirely too small and it lacks courage. But with all its faults we love it still and the Texas dollar is a welcomed guest wherever and whenever it appears.

### Free.

Two gold fish in a glass bowl given away with every 50 cent cash purchase provided you buy a 10 cent package of fish food. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. W. N. Hall who represented the Eastern Star at the Grand Chapter held in Houston this week, is at home with a complete report of the business transacted. This report will be given at the regular meeting of the chapter in November. A number of courtesies were extended to the delegates. Friday an excursion was put on by the Southern Pacific to Galveston in honor of the visitors, giving them an opportunity to see the great sea wall.

When in need of either a classy dress shoe or a serviceable shoe for everyday wear, come in and make a selection from our complete stock, "Star Brand Shoes are better." J. P. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Badley of Water Valley, Miss., are in the city visiting their daughter Mrs. E. L. Rogers. They will also visit in Childress before returning to their home.

Mrs. Doc Thompson has returned to her home near Noodle after visiting her daughter at Whitney who has been very sick.

Mrs. C. B. Scarborough has returned to her home in Abilene after a pleasant visit in our city with Mrs. T. J. Coggin. She was accompanied home by Miss Zora Coggin.

If you want the latest "dope" in ties see J. P. Sharp's new line of bats and four-in-hands.

Mrs. S. I. Ayers of Tye who has been visiting her son W. C. Ayers and family of this place returned home Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Ayres and children.

Two gold fish, bowl and package of fish food for 25c or buy 50c worth of anything in the store and a 10c package of fish food and receive the fish and bowl free. J. P. Sharp.

Misses Cecile Haley and Grace Sandefer of Simmons College were the guests of the former's sister Mrs. W. E. Britain of this place the latter part of last week.

How about that new fall suit? If you want one absolutely different see J. P. Sharp's line.

The following attended the 101 show at Sweetwater Tuesday night: Wesley Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, Misses May Derstine, Lizzie May Freeman, Laura Jennings and Mrs. J. M. Pate.

Rev. Joseph Jacobs of Abilene will preach at the Baptist church at the usual hours Sunday morning and night.

We are still paying the spot cash for chickens and eggs. Kent St. Grain & Gro. Co.

Lum Day who has been laboring near Stith has returned to his home at Hermleigh.

Before buying you should see those classy HAND BAGS in both velvet and satin at J. P. Sharp's.

Mrs. John Bowlier returned to Abilene yesterday after a very pleasant visit with Mrs. W. T. Berry.

We are still paying the spot cash for chickens and eggs. J. P. Sharp.

Rev. A. L. Jobe returned from Spur yesterday where he has been visiting relatives.

Plenty of chops in stock. G. M. Sharp.

R. A. Rollins was a Trent visitor yesterday.

Pure corn meal at G. M. Sharp's.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Telephone 202 for oil and gas. Watch the show window at McClain's Drug Store.

Mrs. W. E. Britain spent Wednesday in Abilene visiting friends. 96 pairs \$4.50 to \$5.50 shoes going at \$3.75 at J. P. Sharp's.

Jesse Ellis who has been working at Noodle returned to his home at Ovalo Wednesday.

See Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company for better prices on Dry Goods and Millinery.

J. H. Kent who has been here visiting his mother Mrs. M. D. Kent returned to his home in Abilene Wednesday.

Try a sack of American Lady flour at Pipes Bros. You will be delighted. Every sack is sold with a positive guarantee.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis is reported very low again although the doctors seem to have hopes that he will recover.

After a pleasant visit in our city with her son J. R. Lamar, Mrs. A. Lamar of Strawn has returned to her home.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Rufus Grisham of Hamlin came in Tuesday night to attend the burial services of his mother-in-law Mrs. J. T. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Black who have been here visiting their son Jim left Tuesday for their home at Ballinger.

Mrs. W. A. Scott spent Saturday in Abilene where she went to have dental work done.

Miss Pauline Adams was in our city Monday from Abilene in the interest of the Abilene Reporter's contest.

Miss Pearl Rawlings and little daughter Blanche have returned from Trent where they visited the former's brother, Dan Rawlings.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Miss Gertrude Thornton who is employed by the West Texas Hardware Company left Sunday to attend the Dallas fair.

There was a big crowd here to see Campbell Bros., show last Friday and our local business people all report a good business.

Miss Lena Lofton who has been here visiting friends left Saturday for Abilene where she will visit before returning to her home in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carpenter of Goldthwaithe who have been here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd returned to their home Wednesday.

Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want day or night at the Merkel Garage? Give us a trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Brown who have been here visiting the family of S. L. Owens left Monday for Trent where they will visit before returning to their home at Spur.

Mrs. G. W. Goodrich of Chattanooga, Tennessee arrived in Merkel Tuesday evening to attend the funeral of her sister Mrs. J. T. Howard. She was trying to reach here before the death but on account of disconnections she was about a day too late.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

## WANTED—A RIDER AGENT

IN EACH TOWN and district to ride and exhibit a sample Latest Model "Ranger" bicycle furnished by us. Our agents everywhere are making money fast. Write for full particulars and special offer at once. NO MONEY REQUIRED until you receive and approve of your bicycle. We ship to anyone anywhere in the U. S. without a cent deposit in advance, freight, and allow TEN DAYS' FREE TRIAL during which time you may ride the bicycle and put it to any test you wish. If you are then not perfectly satisfied or do not wish to keep the bicycle ship it back to us at our expense and you will not be out one cent. FACTORY PRICES We furnish the highest grade bicycles at the actual factory cost. You save \$10 to \$25 middlemen's profits by buying direct of us and have the manufacturer's guarantee behind your bicycle. DO NOT BUY a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone at any price until you receive our catalogues and learn our unheard of factory prices and remarkable special offers to rider agents. Study our beautiful catalogue and study our superb models at the wonderful low prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$100 profit above factory cost. YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED when you receive our beautiful catalogue. Fully list prices we can make you this year. We sell the highest grade bicycles for less money than any other factory. We are satisfied with \$100 profit above factory cost. BICYCLE DEALERS, you can sell our bicycles under your own name at double our prices. Orders filled the day received. We do not regularly handle second hand bicycles, but usually have a number on hand taken in trade by our Chicago retail stores. These we clear out promptly at prices ranging from \$2 to \$5 or \$10. Descriptive bargain lists mailed free. A TER-BRAKES, single wheel, equipped roller chains and pedals, parts, repairs and equipment of all kinds at half the regular retail prices.

## 10.00 Hedgethorn Puncture-Proof \$4.80 Self-healing Tires A SAMPLE PAIR TO INTRODUCE, ONLY

The regular retail price of these tires is \$10.00 per pair, but to introduce and sell you a sample pair for \$4.80 (cash with order \$4.50). MORE TROUBLE FROM PUNCTURES. ALLS, Tacks, or Glass will not let the air out. Over a hundred thousand pairs sold last year. DESCRIPTION: Made in all sizes. It is very durable and lined inside with special quality of rubber, which never becomes porous and which closes up small punctures without allowing the air to escape. Have hundreds of letters from satisfied customers stating that their tires have only been pumped up once in a whole season. They weigh no more than ordinary tires, the puncture-resisting qualities being on by several layers of thin, specially prepared rubber on the tread. The regular price of these tires \$10.00 per pair, but for advertising purposes we are offering a special factory price to the rider of only \$4.80 per pair. All orders shipped same letter is received. We ship C. O. D. on approval. You do not pay a cent until you examine and found them strictly as represented. We allow a cash discount of 5 per cent (thereby making the price \$4.55 per pair) if you send FULL CASH in order and enclose this advertisement. You run no risk in sending us an order as the tires may be used at OUR expense if for any reason they are not satisfactory on examination. We are perfectly reliable money sent to us in advance in a bank. If you order a pair of these tires, you will find that they will ride better, run faster, wear longer and look finer than any tire you have ever used or seen at any price. Know that you will be well pleased that when you want a bicycle you will give us your order. We want to send you a trial order at once, hence this remarkable tire offer.

YOU NEED TIRES. Puncture-Proof tires on approval and trial at the special introductory price quoted above; or write for our big Tire and Sundry Catalogue which describes and quotes all makes and prices of tires at about half the usual prices.

DO NOT WAIT but write us a postal today. DO NOT THINK OF BUYING a bicycle or a pair of tires from anyone until you know the new and wonderful offers we are making. It costs a postal to learn everything. It costs nothing to order.

## L. MEAD CYCLE COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILL.

Unusual and Joyous Event. The recent dinner given by Confederate veterans at Gastonia, N. C., 10 former slaves was an unusual event, and one also which cannot take place at all after the passing of a few more years, says the Springfield Republican. It was a joyous occasion according to the reports—the dinner taking the form of a reunion of old-time bondmen, their former masters and mistresses, and the children of the slave-owners. In view of the way in which the races have seemed to grow apart, the event inspires the hope of more sympathetic relations in the future.

Making Meeting Equal. One day a distinguished notary breakfasted with a friend at a Paris indulged in some stinging comments on the public acts of Marshal Marmont. Sudden another gentleman, dining at another table, rose and approached them, his moustache bristling with anger. "Sir," cried he tragically, "you shall give me satisfaction!" Are you Marshal Marmont?" quickly asked the notary. "I have not that honor," was the indignant reply, "but I am his chief aide-de-camp." "Give me your card then, sir," said the notary. "I will send you my head clerk."

Do YOU Know About OUR Prices ?

We are anxious to have you find out about them

They will interest you when you're in need of printing

Mrs. W. P. Browning was in Abilene yesterday visiting her niece Mrs. Reese Harris.

See J. P. Sharp for bargains in ladies and children's cloaks.

A. C. Sosebee was a visitor in the City in Clover Wednesday.

Mrs. L. B. Pipes is reported on the sick list this week.



# WOULD YOU LIKE A PEEK AT THE NEW FALL FASHIONS

**W**E have just about finished opening our new goods for the fall trade. In these new arrivals you will find a clean stock of dependable merchandise. You can not afford to miss seeing our showing of Dress Goods, Ladies, Misses and Children's Coats, Men's Suits, Shoes, Hats and Furnishings. You can depend on the goods we offer and prices on same to be absolutely right.

**LADIES COATS**---We have a line of Ladies Coats, all new for we did not carry one over from last year, at prices from \$5.00 to \$20.00 each.

**SHOES**---When it comes to Shoes, we have them in anything you may need, and of the best makes that are to be found. Shoes that have a reputation.

**CLOTHING, HATS, ETC.**---We have new clothing, hats, etc., for men, correct in style and right in price. Come and let us show them to you.

**GROCERIES**---We carry a full stock of groceries at competitive prices. We handle the Peacemaker Flour, which has stood at the top for more than a quarter of a century, been awarded more medals for superiority than any other flour milled in Texas today.

We will appreciate your trade, will treat you right and give you goods that will satisfy.

## HOGUE - HAMILTON COMPANY

**\$15 TO \$20**

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**O**ur Buyer has just returned from market and bought the finest line of Tailor-made suits we have ever had. Cost to order \$22.50 to \$40.00 and are made by Lamm & Co., Royal Tailors, M. Born & Co., Rose & Co., and other leading tailors. We are going to sell choice \$15.00 to \$20.00. Come in and buy you a fine suit.

**\$6.95**

We have selected out about 200 Tailor-Made Suits, all-wool, mostly from our \$15.00 line, we are going to give you choice of these for only \$6.95.

Stetson Hats, Shoes, Gent's Furnishing. We have everything a man wears, prices right.

**Misfit Clothing Co.**

"We Fit The Hard to Fit."

J. K. Ward, Manager,

Ablene, Texas

### TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

A hotel to cost \$450,000 is to be built in the near future at El Paso.

The Young Men's Business League of Palestine will erect a bungalow club in the near future.

Hardin county has voted a bond issue of \$160,000 for building good roads in that county.

The Rice Institute at Houston will make improvements of that institution in the near future costing \$190,000.

The College of Industrial Arts at Denton is planning improvements for that school that will cost approximately \$75,000.

Grayson county is considering a \$300,000 bond issue for road construction. The election will probably be held October 30.

Considerable track improvements will be made by the Gould lines in Texas, including the laying of new and heavier steel.

It is reported from Fort Davis, Texas that the Southern Pacific is planning to build a branch line from Marfa through that city to Pecos.

The commercial Club of El Campo is endeavoring to establish a peanut factory at that place and now have from eight hundred to one thousand acres of peanuts promised by local farmers, in case the mill is erected.

When your food does not digest well and you feel "blue," tired and discouraged, you should use a little HERBINE at bedtime. It opens the bowels, purifies the system and restores a fine feeling of health and energy. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

The San Antonio, Rockport & Mexican Railway Company has been chartered to build a railroad between San Antonio and the Mexican border, with a branch extending from some point on the line to Harbor Island on the Gulf Coast. The road will have a total length of 350 miles and will extend through the counties of Bexar, Atascosa, McMullen, Live Oak, Bee, San Patricio, Refugio, Aransas, Duval, Brooks, Starr and Hidalgo.

### EVER WATCHFUL.

A Little Care will Save Many Merkel Readers Further Trouble.

Watch the kidney secretions. See that they have the amber hue of health; the discharges not excessive or infrequent; contain no "brick-dust like" sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills will do this for you. They watch the kidneys and cure them when they're sick.

G. W. Cox, farmer, Merkel, Texas, says: "For twenty-five years I was a constant sufferer from a dull, grinding ache in my back which often became so bad that I was laid up for several days. Spells of dizziness came over me and at such times I could hardly see. The secretions from my kidneys were also irregular in passage and caused much annoyance. Nothing did me any good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Rust & McCauley's Drug Store. They relieved me promptly and my back has not bothered me in over two months."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.

Some Women Are Hard to Please. "A New York woman is suing for divorce because her husband reads his poems to her."

"Yes, and I'll bet she would be madder than a bernet if he read them to some other woman."

### HERE IS A REMEDY

THAT WILL CURE SKIN AND SCALP AFFECTIONS

And We Can Prove It.

The Rust & McCauley Drug Store says to every person be it man, woman or child who has an irritated, tender, inflamed, itching SKIN or SCALP, you need not suffer another day. "We have a refined skin preparation that acts instantly and will bring you swift and sure result."

One warm bath with ZEMO SOAP one application of ZEMO and you will not suffer another moment and you will soon see a cure in sight.

REMO and ZEMO SOAP are proven cures for every form of skin or scalp affection. They are sold by one leading druggist in every city or town in America and in Merkel by Rust & McCauley Drug Store.

A proclamation has been issued by the Governor calling a Good Roads Congress to be held at Dallas October 26th. A permanent organization will be formed.

### Saved His Mother's Life.

"Four doctors had given me up to die," writes Mrs. Laura Gaines of Avoca, Ia., "and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good. I will always praise them." Electric Bitters is a priceless blessing to women troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, backache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney disorders. Use them and gain new health, strength and vigor. They're guaranteed to satisfy or money refunded. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

During 1910 321,000 bales of cotton went through Texas City to foreign ports. The increase of traffic has been from \$998,428 in 1904 to \$47,213,753 in 1910.

INGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS PILES get immediate relief from  
have indigestion and stomach troubles. Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

## WULD NOT SEE THE FUTURE

Probably Good Public Official, But Henry W. Ellsworth Surely Was a Mighty Poor Prophet.

In one week recently the United States patent office issued 778 patents. The total number issued up to date was 994,104—in sight of the million mark.

In view of these figures the following excerpt from the report of the commissioner of patents for the year 1843 is of interest as showing how widely a man, even a commissioner of patents, can miss his guess:

The whole number of patents issued by the United States up to January, 1844, was 13,523. The patents granted for the past year (1843) were 531 in number, exceeding those of the previous year by 24.

The advancement of the arts, from year to year, taxes our credulity and seems to presage the early arrival of that period when human improvement must end.

HENRY W. ELLSWORTH,  
Commissioner of Patents.

In 1844 there were no telegraphs, telephones, automobiles, electric lights, or motors, phonographs or airships. Antiseptic surgery was still in the dim future, and doctors were swathing typhoid fever patients in blankets and immuring them in unventilated rooms, while people still walked ten miles to see a railroad train!

### The Borrowed Dollar.

Debt has been pictured by many writers as a hard taskmaster and the borrowed dollar is the most abused of currency, but it is nevertheless a development dollar, as it possesses volume and activity, two of the most important factors in our progress to a greater degree than any other form of legal tender. When in the hands of operators not familiar with its purposes and habits, it sometimes creates havoc and ruin, but it has rescued many a sinking enterprise, has performed deeds of industrial heroism and it has been the burden bearer of industry.

No man or animal possesses the active instincts of the borrowed dollar. When in bad hands it quickly returns to its owner or moves rapidly on through the channels of trade until it finds a competent hand to guide it where it can glorify its creator without being railed at by incompetent owners or incapable directors. It has fought our battles, built our cities and developed the industry and commerce of the country. During times of prosperity efforts have been made to drive it from circulation but during adversity, we send emissaries to plead for its return and it is sought after by every important enterprise in the country.

Idle dollars, like idle men, are no good to a community but the charge of vagrancy can never be made against the borrowed dollar. No one will borrow money and let it lie idle. Idleness is its mortal foe and is certain destruction. The borrowed dollar must move rapidly on its journey and return heavily laden with the fruits of its toil or it will perish. No other form of currency possesses such compelling forces of activity as the borrowed dollar.

We are already heavy borrowers. No accurate figures are available, but estimates furnished by county clerks, bankers and other reliable sources, justify the following estimate:

Farm Property	\$200,000,000
City Property	100,000,000
Public Service and Utility Corporations	400,000,000
Public Debts	100,000,000
Miscellaneous	300,000,000
	\$1,100,000,000

An effort to separate the borrowed dollar as between home and foreign proved futile, altho it is important information in this discussion.

The borrowed foreign dollar is the most constructive dollar on the financial horizon, as it combines activity and volume and brings new money into the state.

#### Not Absolutely Sure.

"I don't altogether like the hens I'm keeping this year," the suburbanite said; "do you know anything about chicken raising?"

"Not from my own experience," the city visitor answered, "but I have a cousin in Wyandot county who has made a great success in raising tufted Cumberlands—or else he lives in Cumberland county and raises tufted Wyandots. I always get that mixed up, somehow."

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

# Wunderhose

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Solves the School-Day wear problem

## School Days Bring Many Problems

You owe it to your children to see that they are well dressed and comfortable. How can it be done on the least money? Stockings have been the greatest trouble. You know the kind that look well until the first recess. If your boy is the right kind of boy, he plays so fast he forgets all about his stockings. To grow he must play that way. Give him the kind of stockings that take care of themselves—

# Wunderhose

Leap-frog, hop-scotch, foot ball, and many other games need have no terrors for the mother who has bought her son Wunderhose. Let him scuffle, slide, jump all over the play ground—no strain, no holes, no ravel. These wonderful stockings are made from Wunder yarn, dyed with Wunder Wunderyarns are spun from the largest and toughest cotton fibre known. They are twisted and combed until they have the strength of rope, with the "feel" of silk. Only double threads of Wunder yarn—single ones whatever—are used in Wunderhose. The heels, toes and knees are reinforced, and remember the strength of reinforcing yarns does not depend on the thickness. That is one of the reasons why the heels and toes of Wunderhose are so soft and pliable and yet so strong. In Wunderhose families the mother helps her children with their books when other mothers are slaving with the darning needles.

# PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

## PUBLIC STILL LIKES TO BE HUMBUGGED

CONTRIBUTED.

People nowadays are no different than they were 25 years ago when P. T. Barnum, the world-famous circus owner, said: "The Public Likes to be Humbugged."

One of the favorite methods nowadays for people to get humbugged is to try to drive a bargain with some distant mail-order concern. In their eagerness to get something for nothing (goods at half price), they make themselves ten times as much trouble and considerably more expense than if they had done business with their local dealers. They seem to forget that these mail-order houses are out to get the money and all they can.

If one of our local dealers would make the extravagant statements that the mail-order house does, he would immediately be set down as an outrageous exaggerator. People would not trade with him, because they would know they could never rely upon the accuracy of his statements. A mail-order house will advertise a stove on "30 days' free trial," but when you ask to try the stove they ask you to send them the money first. Is that a free trial? Let some of our readers who have ordered goods on a "free trial" basis and tried to return them tell you how "free" it is. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to make the average mail order concern return the money on such a deal.

Another wild claim made by mail-order houses is that they sell goods at half the retail dealer's price. The idea is simply ridiculous and anybody who stops to think will see it. Suppose they could sell articles of equal quality at one-half the dealer's price. They wouldn't do it, for the very good reason that they wouldn't need to. A one-fourth reduction would be sufficient to get the business (if their goods were of good quality) and they could pocket the other fourth. Talk about legitimate profits! The average mail order article brings the seller an enormous profit. These concerns have grown rich, just because there are, and probably always will be, a certain class of people who hope to get something for nothing.

Fortunately, a big movement is on foot which is fast putting a stop to the rank misrepresentations of mail-order concerns.

Uncle Sam is taking a hand in the affair, too. So many complaints are being turned in to the government postoffice authorities regarding fraudulent use of the

mails by mail-order concerns that a rigid system of inspection must be maintained. Unfortunately, most mail-order concerns employ clever attorneys and by some legal technicality they get around most any difficulty that arises.

We do not ask the people of our country to trade with our home merchants simply to be patronizing home institutions, although that is a good reason why they should. We ask everybody to trade at home because it will pay them to do it. They will save money, in the end, by sticking to our local merchants and they'll save a lot of trouble, grief and inconvenience.

Think this over and if you have a neighbor who is inclined to foot with mail-order concerns, show him this article and tell him to call at our office if he wants to know some more interesting facts about mail-order misrepresentations.

### NOT A SUBJECT FOR PITY

Little Boss of the School Made Careful Inquiry and Then Acted Promptly.

A suburban youngster who has long been the boss of his neighborhood has been attending temporarily a school connected with an orphanage. Very nearly all the pupils are dependents.

The school has a dozen bright red chairs which are greatly fancied by the boys, and there is either a general scramble for them or else the boys who live in the asylums are in them first.

This particular outsider was not to be denied when all the chairs were filled, and with his superior strength and courage would dump one of the occupants before the teacher arrived. Her attention was called to this and the small bully was told that he should have a feeling of pity for the unfortunate.

The next day he found all the chairs filled, one by a new pupil. He went to him and said:

"Have you a home?"  
"Yes."  
"A good home?"  
"Yes."  
"Father and mother?"  
"Yes."  
"Have you always had a father and mother?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, get out of my chair, and the intruder was buried against the wall.—Chicago Evening Post.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys 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.

### Texas Productions.

The Federal Agricultural Department gives us a complete estimate on most items of farm production except live stock. While our live stock is valued at \$378,762,400, production per annum is not of record and the live stock figures shown in the following table may, therefore, be considered only a rough estimate.

The table follows:

Cotton	\$219,656,000
Corn	114,206,000
Wheat	18,404,000
Oats	11,433,000
Hay	8,532,000
Dairy Products	23,500,000
Fruit and Vegetable	24,000,000
Poultry and Eggs	25,500,000
Miscellaneous	10,000,000
Live Stock	100,000,000
Timber	6,000,000

Total .....\$561,231,000

Timber is added to the list in order to complete surface production.

This stupendous total on its face points to a magnificent prosperity, but deducting consumption from production, we find the bulk of our money quickly melting away and when we build our homes and churches and school houses we have little left to invest in large industrial enterprises.

### A Billion Dollars for Factories.

Texas needs a billion dollars for factories. The amount seems large but it would require an immediate investment of that amount to manufacture the raw material now being shipped out of the state and we have only one-fifth of our land under cultivation and our minerals are practically untouched.

A good way to encourage factory investments in Texas is to patronize home industries. Home patronage would result in flooding our present plants with orders and would require additional factories to take care of the business.

Texas is today the most inviting field on the globe for capital and when our opportunities are understood and our citizenship ready to welcome factory investments by patronizing the products, we will experience no difficulty in securing factories.

### For Chapped Hands.

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

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is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never shopworn.



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Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.  
**FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE**  
It is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

### Mixed History.

A university student who was being examined in history wrote "Queen Elizabeth rode a white horse from Kenilworth through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offer her his cloak." Another wrote: "The gods of the Indians are chiefly Mammed and Buddha, and in the spare time they do lots of carving."

**RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLET**  
Relieve Indigestion and Stomach Trouble