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TRIO OF ACCIDENTS

Two on Texas & Pacific and One on Abilene & Southern Road.

NO ONE REPORTED INJURED

Switch Engine Bumped Into Local Roller, Overturning It. Freight Cars Hauled Over Broken Ties.

Southbound mixed train No. 19, on the Abilene and Southern road, came to grief Monday morning about ten o'clock half a mile from Ovalo. The front trucks of the tender left the rails; there was no damage done. No injuries to passengers or crew related.

The mishap came about on a trestle while the train was running at an average speed. The work of the engineer in applying the air possibly averted a serious wreck. Several ties over the trestle were splintered to some extent.

Superintendent Phillips came out from Abilene in a special engine to investigate, and that locomotive was pressed into service, drawing the train into Ballinger. The accident delayed No. 19 several hours.

A special eastbound Texas and Pacific freight suffered a slight accident at about 4 o'clock this morning, two cars leaving the rails and tearing up the ties for a short distance. The cars are thought to have left the track 4 or 5 miles west of Abilene but Engineer Carter did not apparently notice the mishap until he had crossed the switch at the west end of the local yards. One of the cars, loaded with hay, was soon righted, while the other, a Lemp refrigerator car carrying empty beer kegs, was not straightened until after ten o'clock. Both cars were hauled over the ties for several miles.

A wrecking crew from Baird, under foreman Harry Bruce, took charge of the situation. The first section of westbound passenger No. 5 got by the wreck without trouble, taking the sleeping car switch. There were no injuries.

The third railroad accident in Abilene today occurred shortly after 1:30 when the local switch engine bumped into the city steam roller, knocking it over and doing slight damage to both the roller and the pullman car which struck the engine. Luckily no one was injured.

The roller, driven by Mr. Cox, had just started across the track, being engaged in the work of paving the right of way at this point, when the switch engine pushing two cars one Pullman and one day coach, ran into it. The cars were coming rather rapidly until within a few feet of the roller, Engineer Nunnalley not being able to see it, when he slowed down as much as possible.

The top was knocked off the roller and a few steam fittings broken off, also the front roller twisted slightly. As soon as it can be righted there will be little trouble in putting it in running shape again.

The rear platform of the Pullman car was smashed in, the end and side of the car receiving some bad marks. The total damage, to both roller and Pullman, will amount to very little.—Abilene Reporter, Oct. 24.

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

Merkel is the best small city, supported by the farmers and stockmen of surrounding country, in this part of the state.

It is that and yet we should have a much better and more attractive place. There is a reason for all things and to the recent dry years can be attributed the present low values of both town and country property but there are other factors which play a prominent part.

Our little city has been builded within a very few years. We have many vacant houses now but until a few years ago we did not have houses to supply the demand. Almost any kind of home that would afford a shelter could be rented and at a good rental price. This caused almost everyone with a few hundred dollars to buy a couple of vacant lots in some of the many additions and erect a small house for rental property, which was good and well until the short crops and then our present situation developed.

At this time we are recovering and entering upon an era of permanent development and progress. These properties are falling into the hands of home owners who will improve and develop same into most desirable residences and thus make of an objection an attraction in our city to the eyes of the prospector. No place offers better opportunities for the man of small means who wants to earn a living by labor, live within his income and yet enjoy the best of health and all social and religious advantages.

A city is but the many homes of individuals and we should each do our part to make our home and our town clean, pretty and attractive to the eyes of the world. The judicious expenditure of a few dollars for paint, maybe a few more for improvements and a lot of individual work on our yards will make a wonderful change for the better in looks and the general sanitary condition of our city.

It is but a few years, only tomorrow, when Merkel will be a city of graded and gravel streets, cement sidewalks, shade trees, beautiful shrubbery, pretty and comfortable homes, as well as good schools, churches and people.

It is then when values will be at their best and a normal, healthy and prosperous condition prevail.

COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE CLOSED

The Taylor County Teacher's Institute adjourned its session last Friday after a very interesting week of educational study. There were several resolutions adopted introduced by the committee relating to the summer normal for 1912, the Conference for Education, thanking the State Superintendent, approving of the new country school board law and also approving of the work of the county school board. Many interesting talks were made by different highly educated men. County Judge T. A. Bledsoe made an address on the "Small Salary Paid the Teachers." We presume this subject was greatly interesting to the audience of teachers. More than one hundred teachers from points over the county outside of Abilene attended this institute. The Merkel teachers report a delightful time during the meeting in Abilene and say they enjoyed that week better than any meeting of this kind.

The Farmers State Bank at Trent is this week making loans to their customers at two percent interest, any amount and for any length of time and just to show how good Cashier R. O. Anderson is feeling over the arrival of a very queenly young lady at his house Monday morning. The father was away at Clarendon but is at home now and all are reported well and happy. Our congratulations.

W. A. Hall, wife and daughter Miss Sally have returned from Grand Prairie where they have been visiting relatives. They also attended the Dallas fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale, formerly of Hood and Johnson county have bought the residence property of Jno. A. Cochran. They are both very favorably impressed with our little town and surrounding country and coming highly recommended they will be welcomed among us as most desirable citizens.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12

It's a funny proposition. The blank paper and the ink costs more than the subscription price of our paper and yet that part of our business makes our success. The large amount of advertising would not be in this issue unless this was the paper the people read in the Merkel country and that's the side our bread is buttered on. It's a good thing for our live merchants for they can advertise bargains, do more business and doing a volume of business they can sell cheaper than the man who does not advertise. That is a straight tip and known to every shrewd economical buyer.

The following is our list since our last report: Earl P. Stallings, Houston; Hiram Phillips, Dora; R. A. Miller, Lindale; Claud Miller, Lindale; Bernie Miller, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Jane Moore, Elkins, Ark.; D. F. Daniel, Sealy; L. L. Estes, Lorena; H. T. King, Esq., W. H. Sewell, Esq., J. M. Williams, Abilene; Jim Brown, Stamford; A. H. Terry, Thornton; Guy Boyd, Chandler; Sam Butman, Nubia; Miss Mattie Murphy, H. C. Floyd, Mrs. Mollie Parker, W. T. Curb, J. W. Childers, J. D. Hogg, W. T. Daniel, S. P. Martin, C. R. Roland, J. A. Brown, city and rural routes; Mrs. G. W. Goodrich, Chattanooga, Tenn. and W. P. Browning, city.

FORMER MERKEL CITIZEN IS BUSY

J. M. Williams formerly of this place who now resides in Abilene is keeping very busy in his trade of work according to the following which was read from Wednesday's Reporter:

Contractor J. M. Williams of this city left last night for Post City where he is engaged in erecting several residences. Mr. Williams states that he will be absent from Abilene probably two weeks on this trip. He is now putting on the finishing touches on most of the dwellings but expects to land more contracts there.

"Post City is about the liveliest little town you ever saw," remarked Mr. Williams. "There is something new going on there every minute and you would be surprised at the way those people hustle. I believe that little town will make its mark yet."

League Program.

Subject, Abstinence and Prosperity.
Leader, Miss Leila Nisbett.
Song, hymn 420.
Read, hymn 380.
Prayer.
Scripture reading, Jer. xxxv, 1-11.
Talk by leader.
Song, hymn 697.
Discussions: 1. The nature of intoxicants—Leslie McNees. 2. Alcohol: What it is not—Eunice Nisbett. 3. Alcohol: What it is—Tennie Brown. 4. Nicotine—Noel Moore.
Quartet—Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings, Dora Lee Potter and Roxie Moon.
Miscellaneous.
League benediction.
Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

OUR COTTON MARKET

Local Buyers Make City in Clover Strong and Active Market.

LOCAL RECEIPTS 5,501 BALES

Cotton Selling on Streets Thursday Morning From 8:50 to 9:20; Seed Bring Up to \$18.00 Per Ton.

The activity and competition of the local buyers continue to keep Merkel in the limelight as a market for cotton and the receipts up to 11:10 o'clock yesterday morning totaled 5,501 bales.

There is some bad cotton, damaged in the field being marketed which is selling for less than nine cents but good cotton is bringing that figure and much above, a fair and conservative estimate of the range being from 8:50 to 9:20, our local reporter seeing five bales bring 9:7½ at the time of our rounds for the information in this report.

This competition is not confined to the market for the staple for there are several buyers here after the seed and they are selling now for \$18.00 per ton.

Bring your cotton and seed to Merkel and we know you will get the very highest market price.

Mrs. A. M. Thornton Dead.

A telephone message yesterday morning from A. H. Thornton who was recently called to the bedside of his step-mother Mrs. A. M. Thornton, brought the sad information of her death at Olustee, Oklahoma.

The deceased was the widow of Lon Thornton and they were among the pioneers of Merkel. He was the first lumber and hardware dealer in our town and our little city has been blessed with much work and many kind acts by them.

It is impossible for us to get many of the particulars at this writing but it is our information that the remains will be laid to rest beside the grave of her husband in Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon.

The Mail joins in the sorrow and sympathy universally felt by our people.

Dan Overstreet Dead.

Word from Hawley brings to us the sad news of the death of Dan Overstreet a citizen of that place. The deceased was a brother to Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw of our town who has been at his bedside for some time. He has been down with the dreaded typhoid fever for about five weeks which finally brought his life to an end Wednesday morning. R. L. Bradshaw, brother-in-law of deceased and Rev. J. W. Saffie left for Hawley Wednesday and the latter conducted the funeral services there yesterday after which the body was laid to rest in the Hawley cemetery.

The Mail and the many Merkel friends of Mrs. Bradshaw sympathize with her in the deprivation of her brother.

S. S. Scheidler was attending to business in Fort Worth the latter part of last week and said that he would probably spend a day at the Dallas fair before returning.

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

D. R. Chancey of route 4 was in the city Tuesday and said he thought the heavy frost the other morning would be an advantage by helping the cotton to open.

Rexall Rubbing Oil is the best liniment for sprains, stiff joints, and allays all pains. Read our guarantee on page three. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis Dead.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis passed away last Saturday morning at 5:30 o'clock, after a serious illness covering a period of over two years. Part of this time he was able to get out and attend church and mingle with his friends on the streets of our town, but was rarely free from pain.

He was seventy years old.

He was converted in 1873 and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He entered the ministry of this church in 1876 and joined the Northwest Texas Conference and continued a member of this conference until his death. He filled a number of the best churches in the conference, and was presiding elder of three of the districts, but for several years before his death he had been a superannuate.

He was a fine preacher and a good pastor.

He was one of the strong leaders of his conference when in the active work.

He leaves a wife, four sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Besides these are many with whom he has mingled and many who were converted under his ministry that will miss him so much. But he longed to go, realizing it would be gain to him, and we should not mourn as those who have no hope.

We know where to find him. He is just away—lifted from the weary toils of earth to the rapturous plains of paradise. Though over us hang clouds of sorrow and bereavement, around him are bursting in floods of celestial glory, the supernal light of the saints inheritance.

He said to the writer, in the last conscious hours of his earthly life that he was anxious to depart and to be with the Lord.

We thank God it was our privilege to know him and to be his pastor the last year of his life. Our association with him was a blessing to us.

Servant of God well done

Rest from thy loved employ,

Thou hast the battle fought and the victory won,

And thou hast entered the master's joy.

A. M. Martin.

Baptists Elect Pastor.

The congregation of the Missionary Baptist church met in conference last Sunday morning after services and elected Rev. G. B. Airhart, of Grapevine, pastor for the ensuing year. Should he accept he will reside in Roscoe and preach here two Sundays each month. He will preach the remaining two Sundays at Lorraine. Bro. Airhart was in Roscoe last Sunday and filled the pulpit at this church, preaching both morning and evening.

The above article appeared in the Roscoe Times last week. Rev. Airhart was pastor of the First Baptist church of this place a few years ago and has quite a number of friends in Merkel who are very glad to hear of him being elected pastor of the Roscoe church and our best wishes follow him and his good family to the western city.

Every few days we are receiving more new Ladies "Tailor-made" Suits and Long Coats. Also children's and Misses Long Coats and we shall like very much to show you through this department and make you prices which will agreeably surprise you. W. L. Harkrider.

Rexall Rheumatic remedy relieves rheumatism. Read our guarantee, page 3. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.



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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.

Rev. S. A. Barnes Will Preach.

Next Sunday will be the closing Sunday of the Conference year at the Methodist church. Rev. S. A. Barnes will preach at 11 a. m. and the pastor at night. We trust every member of the church will make an effort to be present, not only at preaching, but Sunday school also.

Let's have a great League service Sunday evening 6:30. Every reader cordially invited to worship with us on that day.

A. M. Martin, pastor.

Rexall Cherry Bark Cough Syrup relieves the cough, cold, and make you feel like yourself. Read our guarantee on page 3. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Fruit Cake.

Under the existing circumstances, low price of cotton etc. I will make fruit cakes this year for 25c per lb. guaranteed first class in every respect or money refunded. Leave your order early so I will know how much to make as all ladies know fruit cakes are made in November to give best results. Also fine home made candies of all kinds.

Thanking the ladies of Merkel for their past orders I will endeavor to more than please them in price and quality.

Yours for business,
Rodgers Bakery.

New hats for men and boys right in style and price. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

From the Field, to your Kitchen



As you bake your bread and pies does it ever occur to you where all that flour comes from—and how it comes.

Think first of a waving wheat field in the yellow fall-time, of the whirr of the reaper, the sultry heat of the Autumn sun and the frenzied work of the harvesters to gather the grain at its best; trace it through the hands of the white coated millers, through the big sweet-clean warehouses, till finally comes from this store—a clean wholesome product of nature. That is flour—Our flour.

The flour we sell you is all that nature made it—properly milled. It is the best—makes that sweet, sound bread and light flaky pastry you see so much in neighbors' houses. A sample sack will make you a constant user—send or phone for one today.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS
The Reliable Grocers

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 makes the

WILSON
HOT BLAST
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HEATER

the most satisfactory heater sold

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

Fresh chocolates, both bulk and package at the Elite.

W. L. Gibson was a business visitor to Baird last Friday.

Let J. A. Brown on Kent Street repair your shoes. tf

T. H. Largent is in Dallas taking in the fair.

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Parmelly of Caps are visiting Mrs. Parmelly's sisters this week.

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

E. J. Evans of El Paso was here looking after business matters last week.

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

Mrs. Claud Bigham spent Saturday and Sunday in Eskota the guest of her mother, Mrs. F. E. Allyn.

Peace-Maker Flour awarded 17 first premiums at State and World fairs. For sale by Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Dr. Geo. Howard who was here to attend the funeral of his mother Mrs. J. T. Howard, has returned to his home in Dallas.

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

Mrs. T. S. Dennis of Abilene who spent a part of last week here visiting relatives returned to her home Saturday.

W. T. Daniel of route 3 was among the visitors to the Mail office last week and is still enjoying the Merkel country life on the farm.

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.

Just received a new supply of convent edging. J. P. Sharp. Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

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 right again. For sale by all dealers

Rexall Remedies

ONE FOR EVERY HUMAN ILL

Here's The Guarantee

The United Drug Company, the manufacturers, and the Rust & McCauley Drug Company, who are our exclusive selling agents for Merkel, guarantee the Rexall Remedies to give satisfaction. If they do not, go back to Rust & McCauley Drug Co. and get your money, IT BELONGS TO YOU and we want you to have it.

Midnight in the Ozarks

and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton 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 Discovery 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 its the best known remedy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by B. C. Burroughs.

S. P. Martin one of our old timers who lives southeast of town was in the city the latter part of last week and was a pleasant caller at the Mail office renewing his subscription to the Mail. He wishes to extend thanks to his many friends and neighbors for their assistance during the illness of his wife and children who have been down with the typhoid fever. He says they are all able to be up except his good wife who is rapidly improving.

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.

Mesdames G. T. Logsdon of Andrews and Sam Bacon of Big Springs have returned to their respective homes after a pleasant visit in our city with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Miller.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

EVER WATCHFUL.

A Little Care will Save Many Merkel Readers Further Trouble.

Watch the kidney secretion. 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.

Hear and see our solo orchestra, demon scenes and spectacular effects. Mary in the heavenly realms and many other scenes that go to form the greatest production of this grand old historic play. Ejler's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" here next Tuesday under canvas.

Mrs. B. T. Miller and children of Roscoe who have been visiting relatives at Clyde stopped over in Merkel last week visiting Mrs. F. A. Sanders while on her way home.

Rexall Bamboo Briar Blood Builder is the best Blood Tonic made. Read our guarantee on page three. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Dota Garoutte was with the Merkel teachers attending the Institute at Abilene last week

Never Out of Work.

The busiest little things ever made are Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated globule of health that changes weakness into strength, languor into energy, brain-fag 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.

McD. High, Sheriff T. C. Weir and others composed an auto party here from Abilene last week. The two parties named are both former Merkel citizens and every time they make their appearance in the City in Clover they meet quite a number of old friends who greet them with a hearty handshake.

Ladies see those new shoes in white kid and canvas, velvets, tan, black gun calf and patent leather. They contain snap and style at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Rev. G. L. Hamilton of Waxahachie has been elected pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place and will begin his work of the new appointment next Sunday, preaching at the regular hours in the forenoon and evening.

Rev. W. E. Green of Tye, pastor evangelist of the Presbyterian church, spent Friday night in Merkel with W. L. Diltz while enroute to Loraine.

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

J. S. Robertson was attending to business at Tye Saturday.

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

Mrs. Deavenport Gaither returned home from Dallas Monday

The new shoemaker is located on Kent Street. tf

T. C. Casey was in town Saturday and boarded the train for Trent.

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

Mrs. J. C. Neal was in our city from Trent Saturday visiting friends and shopping.

Miss Lelia Parmelly of Cape was a recent visitor in Merkel, visiting Miss Jessie Sutphen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel and daughter, Miss Annie T., are in Dallas this week visiting friends and attending the fair.

New shipment of Ladies Coats, some of the prettiest things ever shown from \$7.50 to \$20.00 each. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Gertrude Thornton who attended the fair the early part of last week has returned home.

Fields to Pasture—For limited number of stock. Tom Largent. 1tpd.

Mesdames E. M. Rust and W. V. Cranford were visiting in Abilene the latter part of last week.

S. G. Tipton of route 3 was in town last Friday and boarded the train that night for Calvert to visit relatives and attend to business matters.

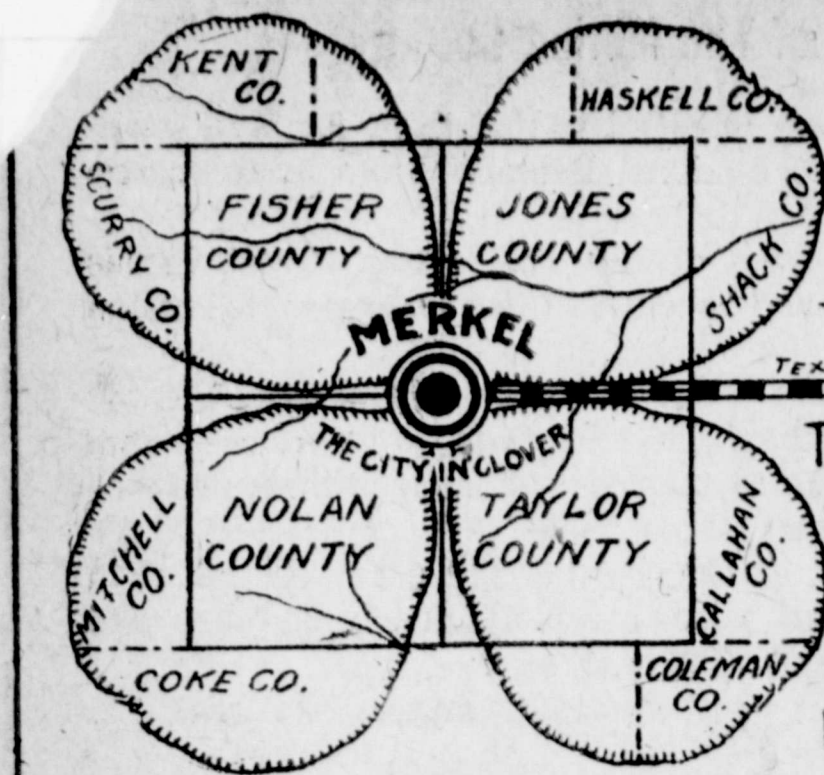
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton and little son Delma, left Friday for Dallas where they will visit friends and attend the fair.

Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum spent Friday in Abilene where she attended the closing session of the Teacher's Institute which was held in that city last week.

J. S. McCullah of Snyder spent a part of last week in our city the guest of L. Brown, leaving Friday for Abilene to attend to business before returning home.

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. Its 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.



MERKEL

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

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

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TELEPHONE No. 61

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY GONE.

A few more days, then the fair at Dallas will be over and methinks another golden opportunity for the Merkel country gone.

The Dallas State Fair is one of the greatest enterprises of our empire state and does as much or more to advertise our resources and opportunities. Thousands and thousands of people from other states and sections go to the fair to see what Texas is doing, what other counties are doing and to select a new home. In all of the agricultural exhibits the visitor will see nothing from the Merkel country and yet we could have had one of the best exhibits on the grounds.

Our only drawing card and advertisement at this as well as recent fairs is the famous Largent herd of Herefords which well represents the live stock industry that far for he is one of the largest winners of individual exhibitors but nothing to give a faint idea of the fertility and productiveness of our soil. We have some of the best farming country in the state and it is to be regretted that we lose a single opportunity to let the world know what we have out Merkel way.

So much for the opportunity which is gone and we trust that some movement will be started before the next fair which will put the Merkel county in the limelight where it properly belongs.

The clean and sanitary condition of Merkel as a little city has always elicited compliments from our visitors and every citizen should give his individual support to the special efforts of our city marshal and officers in this direction. Let's clean up and then stay just as nice as possible. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" and living in Merkel is almost the delightful reality. We have plenty of good water and a high healthy altitude as a gift from nature and then we have good homes, schools, churches and people. Come to Merkel.

How often do we condemn others for faults from which we ourselves are in no wise free? How often do we criticize and censure when we ourselves would have done even worse had we been placed in similar circumstances? How often do we look with severity upon the errors of others when we expect the mantle of charity to be thrown around our own? Truly we are an inconsistent race.—Anson Western-Enterprise.

The farmer living ten miles south of Merkel could pay the upkeep expenses of an automobile with the saving good gravel roads would make for him in comparison with our present thoroughfares and yet we have the best natural roads of any country.

A store or business building with a new modern awning and front is a drawing card for the proprietor within and is a good investment. It would make your business better and our town more attractive.

This is just the beginning of the era of permanent improvement and progress for Merkel and the Merkel country. The days of wild-cat speculation are over and all investments now are made in good faith on a bona fide value basis. The buyers will improve their properties and then values are going to go up just as sure as they are now down. It's best to invest when values are down and now is the time to buy a home in the Merkel country.

If just one good quarter section farm of the Merkel country could have been sawed out and exhibited at the state fair there would have been an immigration to this country that would have made the gold fever rush to California look like thirty cents of boll weevil money. No boll weevils here and land selling for \$25 to \$40 per acre produces as much as \$100 to \$200 land farther east. Moral: Move west.

The cotton market may go up and down and act mighty curious but a man can make money growing the fleecy staple in the Merkel country and sell on any kind of a market. A one-handed one-team man can cultivate 100 acres here and make forty bales of cotton easier than his brother can handle forty acres and make fourteen bales in other and older sections. That is another established fact.

Good roads and big red barns in the country, more graveled streets, painted houses, cement sidewalks and shade trees in town would make us look lots better to the eyes of the prospector and then it would enhance the values of all our properties. We know this to be a fact and we don't care whether you believe it or not because we know you are going to realize it sooner or later.

In the death of Rev. J. T. L. Annis the world loses a good man, the Methodist church a most consistent and consecrated member, our state a most exemplary citizen, our people a good neighbor and friend. He was a power for good in all social, educational and religious matters. He was a reader, student, thinker and worker and we mourn his loss.

All that we ask is that you just give our local merchants a fair deal and if they cannot save and make you money send your orders to Sores, Rare Back and Co. or anybody else. Read the advertising and price lists in this paper and trade at home because you can do better here.

We had rather have our money in Merkel country dirt at present values than in the vaults of the Bank of England drawing forty per cent but these are just our sentiments and we are broke. Pay up your subscription early.

The Merkel country farmer with his debts paid, money in the bank and cotton all over the front yard is about the independentest and happiest fellow we know. Come to Merkel.

A good little frost the other night will make the top crop open and when this is gathered our doctors and newspaper will begin to prosper. Subscribe now.

The Merkel country farmer when ready to move to town to send his children to school considers no other place but our little city for he knows we have the best schools in this part of the state.

The MERKEL MAIL and the FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, daily and Sunday, for \$3.75.

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: 320 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

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PART 2

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

White Church Items.

Oct. 24.—Cotton picking and cutting feed is still the order of the day in our community and will be for some time.

Mrs. Costephens and children of Merkel visited in our community last week.

Mr. Hutchins and family transacted business in Merkel Monday. P. B. Franks transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Joe Dulin visited in the Butman community Saturday and Sunday.

L. H. Burrus and son Miley, transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Kiah Spears was in our midst Sunday.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Sherrell is on the sick list this week, but we hope and trust that she will soon be well again.

Dent Cozart was a pleasant caller at Mr. Watford's Saturday night.

C. L. Tucker and H. E. Farmer attended the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Nubia Saturday night.

Luther Franks and Miss Theresa Watford attended preaching at Nubia Sunday afternoon.

W. M. Snow was at Blair Saturday.

Zelmer Snow and Miley Burrus attended preaching at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. Riggins transacted business in Nubia Saturday.

J. S. Bickley transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Zelmer Snow transacted business at Blair Monday.

Miley Burrus was a pleasant caller at Mr. Stanley's Sunday afternoon.

Several of the young folks played 42 at Mr. Watford's Wednesday night.

C. L. Tucker and children were in Blair Saturday.

Jerry King visited B. L. Dulin Sunday.

G. A. Watford returned home Tuesday from the Plains.

Mary Riggins was on the sick list last week.

Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theresa, transacted business in Blair Tuesday.

The singing at Mrs. Nall's Sunday afternoon was very much enjoyed by all who were present.

Luther Franks, Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theresa, visited at Mr. Pannell's Tuesday night.

Clifton Pettit was a pleasant caller at Mr. Brown's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickley and daughter Annie, visited at Clifton Bickley's Saturday.

B. L. Dulin and lady attended prayer meeting at this place Sunday night.

Ernest Pettit and Will Singleton were pleasant callers at Mr. Pannell's Saturday.

L. H. Burrus transacted business in Merkel Thursday.

Ernest and Elgin Costephens visited in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. West transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Hardy Watford was a pleasant caller at B. L. Dulin's Saturday night.

Mr. Hicks was in Merkel one day last week.

Mr. Ford and family have re-

CHAT WITH OUR CORRESPONDENTS

The country page of the Merkel Mail last week was the best of any weekly newspaper in the state. We had a letter from almost every community in the Merkel country and they were all good. One correspondent reported two farmers sowing wheat, three new babies and a dozen other good local items.

It was a good page, the kind we want every week and we felt so good but this week we are disappointed. We are not going to fuss at you for we know these are very busy times but we do want to insist that you get us a letter every week. We want to make the Mail a paper of interest to every citizen of our country and to do this we must give all of the news and this is impossible without your regular assistance.

In writing your letters do not confine your items to personals but give us everything of a local interest. Our readers want to know what the most progressive farmers of your community are doing and how they are doing it. They want to know who made the best cotton crops, how many bales, the best feed crops and how much per acre, and in fact try to get for us experiences and interviews with farmers every week, stories of olden days from the old timers and anything calculated to interest our readers in town and the country and the several hundred in the east and other states who are taking our paper to learn what kind of a country we have and what our people are doing.

Now, do not disappoint us again for local pride should make you careful to see that your community is represented in our columns every week. When out of stationery and stamps advise us and we will send you a new supply promptly.

Let's get to real hard work and make this a better paper for it will help us to make this a better town and a better community.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

John King spent several days in Dallas last week.

\$15.00 trunks for \$11.50 at Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Lester Ellis was among the fair visitors the first of the week.

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

Jno. M. Rice was an Abilene visitor Monday.

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

Lewis H. King was transacting business in Abilene Saturday.

Fine dress gingham 10c per yard. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Miss Laura Winters of Hodges was in our little city Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

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

With you soon Eiler's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" under canvas next Tuesday.

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

While in conversation with our dry goods merchant W. L. Harkrider Monday he said he regretted very much his inability to wait on all of his customers last Saturday and would take this opportunity to offer his apologies to one and all who had to go away without being waited on. He said: "We sold more goods on that day than we had on one day for three years. Our goods and prices must be all right."

It makes no difference what your affliction is, there's a Rexall remedy for it. Do not experiment at your own expense, but buy a Rexall remedy and we will see that you do not lose. Read our guarantee on page three. Sold only by Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

A. C. Roberts and wife of Temple who have been visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. Roberts of this place left Sunday night to visit Mrs. Robert's parents Mr. and Mrs. Kerley at Haskell before returning home.

If a man loves a woman, that's his business.

If a woman loves a man, that's her business.

If they want to get married, that's their business.

If they want drugs and jewelry, that's McClain's business.

A play which has everywhere proven a sensation unparalleled in the history of drama. Eiler's "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" here next Tuesday.

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

S. B. Hodge who has been visiting here left the first of the week for his home at Bradshaw. Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

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. 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. Werminter. 614pd

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

Oct. 25.—Sunday school was very well attended Sunday considering the cool weather.

Miss Ollie Rogers is on the sick list this week.

Miss Gardie Higgins was the guest of Miss Oma Taylor Sunday.

Will and Arch Teaff of Tye were visiting at J. W. Teaff's Sunday.

Miss Lula Higgins was visiting Miss Cora Hays Sunday.

Burley Taylor took dinner with Austin and Houston Robertson Sunday.

W. Z. Harris and wife were visiting at S. W. Taylor's Sunday.

R. D. Allen and wife were visiting relatives at Caps Sunday.

Misses Onamay and Rubylee McMurray and little sisters were visiting Miss Nina Beavers Sunday.

Miss Annie Petty was visiting Miss Laura Taylor Sunday.

Wesley Hardy and family were visiting at J. W. Hardy's Sunday. There was a singing at J. W. Teaff's Saturday night. All report a jolly cool time.

Oscar Harris and wife have been on a visit to their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Harris.

W. B. Beavers cut feed for H. C. Floyd Monday.

Eyers Petty took dinner with Owen Taylor Sunday.

W. B. Beavers cut feed for W. Z. Harris Thursday.

Wesley Hardy is hauling feed for Emory Petty.

Success to the Mail.

Blue-Eyed Girl.

Nubia News.

Oct. 24.—We are having some very cool weather.

K. Blackburn wife and daughter Lola visited Mr. Sherrell Sunday.

Miss Montie Whetsel is very sick with slow fever.

Miss Sallie Blackburn visited the Misses Reynolds Sunday.

Mrs. Veneta Vancil of south Texas is visiting her mother Mrs. Blackburn.

Henry Walker and Miss Lola Clark attended prayer meeting here Sunday.

J. W. Dowdy and family visited their daughter Mrs. P. B. Deavenport Sunday.

John Deavenport and family visited John Hughes Sunday.

Miss Mary Clark visited her sister Mrs. F. F. Stanley Saturday and Sunday.

John Smiley, John Tooms and Misses Cora and Fanny Campbell attended church here Sunday night.

There will be preaching here Saturday night and Sunday.

Lost Dog.

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 five" 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 resp.
W. J. Thompson, 1314 Delinquent Tax Collector

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The value of Texas manufactured products in 1910 was \$367,613,000.

Bowie county will soon vote on issuance of \$500,000 bonds for road construction purposes.

The Pecos Commercial Club has secured signatures calling for a \$200,000 good roads bond issue in Reeves county.

Goliad commissioners are planning to launch a road bond campaign calling for \$250,000 of bonds.

Farm demonstration work is being conducted at Haskell by A. M. Latham of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Lame back is one of the most common forms of muscular rheumatism. A few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment will give relief. For sale by all dealers.

The Mineral Wells Commercial Club is fostering a plan to call an election to vote an issuance of \$100,000 road bonds.

McLennan county road district No. 1, improvement bonds to the amount of \$100,000 have been approved by the Attorney General.

A million dollar bond issue will be voted on at Dallas in the early part of 1912, half to be used for street paving purposes and the remainder for a city hall.

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.

A proposition to build an interurban line between Temple and Marlin is being submitted to citizens of those cities.

The Balmorhea Commercial Association is at the head of a movement for the issuance of bonds for building good roads. A petition asking for an election will be presented the next session of the Commissioners court.

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.

Due to the efforts of the Marlin Commercial Club Falls county is to have a first-class gravel and clay road from the McLennan county line to Marlin.

At the next meeting of the City Council of Pecos an election will be called to vote on issuance of \$30,000 of sewer bonds.

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.

New main and branch canals near Mercedes have just been completed to the extent of thirty miles, watering six thousand acres of new land.

The Marlin Commercial Club and Business men make a trade excursion every Friday night to some school house in the county and give a free moving picture show. They show pictures and make speeches in regard to Marlin's good points as a trading center.

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.

Wunderhose

CHATTANOOGA KNITTING MILLS



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 dye. Wunder yarns 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—no single ones whatever—are used in Wunderhose. The heels, toes and knees are reinforced, and remember the strength of re-inforcing 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

The estimated true wealth of Texas increased from \$2,322,200,000 in 1900 to \$3,680,000,000 in 1910.

An interurban line is being surveyed from Greenville to Sherman and work will begin in the near future.

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.

\$143,000 of bonds have been sold for completion of a 25-foot channel from Orange to the Gulf.

The present forest area of Texas is about 30,000,000 acres and the estimated merchantable timber is about 27,000,000.

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.

A dam and reservoir on the Nueces river will be built for irrigation purposes and will impound enough water to irrigate 12,000 acres of land.

The Palacios, San Antonio & Pecos Valley railroad has surveyed a line from Palacios to Yoakum.

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 OREAM VERMIFUGE performs a marvelous transformation. Cheerfulness, strength and the rosy bloom of health speedily return. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

There are thirty-seven foreign vessels in the Galveston harbor to be loaded with cotton for European and Asiatic ports.

Kansas City capitalists have bought lands in Pecos, Brewster and Jeff Davis counties and will begin at once the construction of a dam by means of which 23,000 acres of land may be converted into a lake for irrigation purposes.

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 Celina Commercial Club is conducting a campaign urging the issue of bonds for the installation of a sewerage system and for macadamizing the streets in that city.

DANDRUFF AND ITCHING SCALP YIELD TO ZEMO TREATMENT

Why should you continue to experiment with salves, greasy lotions and fancy hair dressings trying to rid your scalp of germ life. They can't do it because they cannot penetrate to the seat of the trouble and draw the germ life to the surface of the scalp and destroy it.

Why not try a PROVEN REMEDY? One that will do this. We have a remedy that will rid the scalp of germ life and in this way will cure DANDRUFF AND ITCHING SCALP.

This remedy is ZEMO, a clean, refined, penetrating scalp tonic that goes right to the seat of the trouble and drives the germ life to the surface and destroys it.

A shampoo with ZEMO (ANTISEPTIC) SOAP and one application of ZEMO will entirely rid the scalp of dandruff and scurf. Do not hesitate, but get a bottle of ZEMO today. It acts on a new principle and will do exactly what we claim.

Sold and endorsed by the Rust & McCauley Drug Store.

A good roads bond issue of \$150,000 in precinct number one was carried in a special election recently held at Wichita Falls. Three special commissioners were elected to act with the County Judge and the commissioners. The result of this election is attributed mainly to the work of the Chamber of Commerce, which organization has been enthusiastic for the issuance of the bonds.

Through the efforts of the Bryan Commercial Club that city is building a municipal light and water plant.

One hundred miles of macadam is being built in Williamson county.

About \$50,000 is being spent in creosoting and paving San Angelo's main street.

THE PACIFIC MONTHLY.

Special Rates on the Leading Magazine of the West.

The Pacific Monthly of Portland, Oregon, is publishing a series of splendid articles about the various industries in the West. The September number contained an article on Success with Cherries. The October number had a beautifully illustrated article on success in growing Apples. Other articles shortly to be published are Success with Live Stock, Success in Growing Walnuts, Success with Fodder Crops. These articles are written by experts; and are not only authoritative but very interesting.

In addition to the above, The Pacific Monthly each month publishes a large number of clean, wholesome, readable stories and strong independent articles on the questions of the day.

The price of The Pacific Monthly is \$1.50 a year. To introduce it to new readers, it will be sent for six months for \$1.00 if this paper is mentioned.

Address: Pacific Monthly, Portland, Oregon.

Production and Consumption.

The Federal Census reports enables us to estimate with reasonable accuracy our annual production which approximates as follows:

Agriculture	\$561,231,000
Manufacturing	150,000,000
Mining	20,000,000

Total \$731,231,000

The item of consumption is far more difficult to estimate, although reliable data on the cost of living per capita is of record. The following table represents property consumed and destroyed by the natural and artificial processes of civilization. Three classifications are used, "The People" which includes cost of living and burial expenses, "The Animals" which includes the keep of live stock and loss by natural and accidental deaths, "The Property" which includes destruction by fire, decay, wear, etc., as well as destruction of seed by processes of germination.

The People	\$330,000,000
The Animals	200,000,000
The Property	120,000,000

Total \$650,000,000

By deducting consumption from production, we have \$81,131,000 per annum left, which is equal to 11 per cent of gross production and is approximately correct. This volume of money is entirely too small to make much headway in development. We need Ten Billion dollars to open up new farms, build cities, construct railroads and public highways and we must get money from outside the state for our large development enterprises.

Sun Never Sets on Texas Press

The Texas press circulates in every state in the Union and some of our papers cross the ocean. It can be truly said that the sun never sets on the Texas press.

With a quarter of a million copies of Texas newspapers singing the praises of Texas in every clime and country, we are able to account for the marvelous influx of men and money into our state. There is no more effective way of advertising Texas than for our citizens to subscribe for the local paper and have it mailed to persons outside the state and no better service can be rendered our friends in other states than by giving them an opportunity of learning about Texas through the columns of our local papers.

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.

The Advertised Article

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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H. M. WARREN, Agent

Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

Electric Bitters

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.

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

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FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

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GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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5. How do we see that the stubbornness of fortune, under which these denizens of the forest suffer, is really only a dramatic subterfuge and not the actual intent of the play?
6. How is Jaques introduced? Show the difference between the ordinary meaning of the word melancholy and Shakespear's use denoting a melancholic disposition.
7. What sympathy with animal life is shown in scene 1?
8. How does Shakespeare show contrast between beasts of prey and beasts preyed upon by man?
9. Where is scene II laid?
10. What characters are here introduced?
11. How is the Duke affected by the absence of his daughter and niece?
12. In whose company are they thought to be?
13. Where is scene III laid?
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15. Show how scenes II and III are transition scenes in the action. What contrast is there between the two dramatic methods?

16. What humorous commingling of masculine and feminine touches do we observe in scene IV presenting Rosilind in male attire?

17. In what humor do we find Rosilind?

18. Show how graduation as a dramatic effect is employed by the early introduction of the love affair of Silvins and Phoebe.

19. Is Silvins rather a poetic abstraction, showing love untouched by social convention than a rustic in love?

20. Who was Touchstone?

21. What aspect of love passion does Touchstone represent and what episode of the play is foreshadowed in his comments on love?

22. Show how scene V is of the nature of lyric interlude?

23. What do you know of Jaques past life?

24. How is Jaques affected by music? For an illuminating comment on his kind and on his liking for music see the Merchant of Venice, V. I. 83 et. seq.

25. What report does he make of his encounter with Touchstone.

26. Who gives the cue for Jaques' speech. All the world's a stage, etc?

27. Where was the forest of Arden? Tell of another Arden.

28. What is the duration of action? Mrs. Otho Williams, Leader.

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This store has outlined the greatest cut-price event ever inaugurated in Abilene. Not a cut-price event for a few days on a few articles, but a sweeping price reduction on thousands of items throughout our three big sales rooms that will continue in force until the clock strikes 9:30 Xmas Eve. Business building is our object—we are never satisfied with achievements of the past, with laurels won—but are constantly reaching out for greater things, a little higher up, a little further on. We have marked this season for a period of expansion and business building. We spent weeks hammering the prices down, buying in the largest and best markets the best and biggest stock we have ever shown. We are going to hammer the prices down in Abilene during this event in a manner that will further emphasize this store as the logical shopping center of this section.

The Index Finger of Economy Points You Straight to This Store to Do Your Shopping

During this price lowering event, where your dollar does almost double duty. Price pounding during this event will mean thousands of dollars saved to the people of Abilene and surrounding country on their Fall purchases at a time when the high cost of living is pressing hard on every purse. It will also mean that this store will be known and appreciated by every economical family in this section, which is the object of the sale.

HAMMERING PRICES DOWN ON LADIES SILK AND WOOL DRESSES

The prettiest and most complete stock of fashionable dresses ever shown in the west is here made of the fine woolens, silks and chiffon. A dress for every occasion and a perfect fit for every customer is assured through our thoroughly equipped alteration department. We are reaching out after new business and greater volume. Here are the prices we are offering:

\$12.50 Dresses special	\$9.95
13.50 Dresses special	11.25
15.00 Dresses special	12.35
20.00 Dresses special	16.65
22.50 Dresses special	18.00
25.00 Dresses special	20.25
30.00 Dresses special	24.75
35.00 Dresses special	28.95

Kimono and house dresses will go in this sale at very attractive prices.

Ladies' Long Coats

Sturdy warm coats at splendid saving prices.

\$4.50 long coats special	\$3.75
5.00 long coats special	4.25
7.50 long coats special	6.30
10.00 long coats special	8.00
12.50 long coats special	9.95
15.00 long coats special	12.35
20.00 long coats special	16.65
25.00 long coats special	20.25
30.00 long coats special	24.75
35.00 long coats special	28.95

HAMMERING PRICES DOWN ON LADIES HAND-TAILORED SUITS

Ladies suits made of the handsomest of the new materials on a matchless range of the smartest new fall fashions are here in every size. The heavy business in this department already indicates that our values are beyond the ordinary. These prices bring these handsome suits down to you at less than you would pay for the material in them. They are business booming prices. Come in and see the suits.

All \$13.00 suits special	\$11.50
\$15.00 and \$16.50 suits	13.50
18.50 and 20.00 suits	16.75
22.50 and 25.00 suits	18.75
27.50 and 30.00 suits	24.00
35.00 Suits Special	29.50
40.00 Suits Special	35.50

The above suits are made by experienced man tailors by the famous Wooltex people and other high grade suit people.

Extra Special Suits

We have a lot of suits we have grouped into two lots, as follows. Lot 1 is about two dozen colored and black suits made of high grade worsteds sizes slightly broken. They are only...

Lot 2 is about 2½ dozen suits made of all wool serges and fancy mixtures, values to \$12.50 Special..... \$9.90

Hammering Prices Down IN THE STAPLE DEPARTMENT

50 pieces outing in dress colors, plaids, checks and stripes. Values up to 7 1-2c Special campaign price..... 4½c

100 pieces best quality outing in dark colors and white, 10c and 12 1-2c grade Special campaign price..... 9c

60 pieces book fold Red Seal Gingham, all new fall patterns, the best 12 1-2c gingham on the market. Our campaign price The yard..... 10c

100 sheets, full bleached, size 72x90. Our campaign price only..... 49c

Hammering Prices Down ON CLOTHING

Here you can save two to five dollars on your new fall suit and have the largest and best stock in the west from which to make a satisfactory selection. Here are the prices

All \$11.50 Suits, special price	\$ 9.00
All 13.50 Suits, special price	11.25
All 16.50 Suits, special price	13.50
All 18.50 Suits, special price	15.75
All 20.00 Suits, special price	16.75
All 22.50 Suits, special price	18.00
All 25.00 Suits, special price	20.25
All 27.50 Suits, special price	22.50
All 30.00 Suits, special price	24.75

Handsome line of overcoats and a strong line of boys' suits, all go at the same proportionate reduction. Come in early and select your suits and effect a saving while the stock is at its best. Fit and satisfaction guaranteed.

Hammering Prices Down On Fine Dress Goods and Silks

A splendid line of plaid and checked skirtings and suitings, values 50c and 60c per yard, while they last our campaign price will be, the yard..... 35c

Line of all wool serges, all colors, values up to 60c yard, special..... 45c

10 pieces of fancy serges and Jacquard weaves in all wool suitings, 42 to 44 inches wide, \$1.00 to \$1.25 grades. Price..... 85c

Full line of colors in 27 in. taffeta silk, best \$1.00 grades, special campaign price..... 70c

Silk Marquessette in colors and black, very pretty and stylish. Campaign price..... 35c

Full line of colors in Venus silk tissues, a very popular fabric made to sell at 50c. Our campaign price..... 35c

A pretty line of Venus tissues bought to sell at 35c. Campaign price only..... 22½c

NOTICE Out-of-Town Customers

We will pay railroad fare to Abilene and return if you purchase amount to \$25.00 or over, from Ballinger, Stamford, Sweetwater, Baird and points between the above mentioned places and Abilene. This is your opportunity to select your fall wearables from the best stock in the west and at cut prices without extra expense to you.

Hammering Prices Down ON MEN'S FALL UNDERWEAR

50 dozen heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, all sizes and best qualities. Our campaign price only per garment..... 40c

50 dozen heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, 50 to 60c values. Campaign price..... 45c

25 dozen mixed wool shirts and drawers, a splendid \$1.00 garment, heavy ribbed..... 70c

25 dozen Cooper's spring needle cotton underwear, \$1.00 quality the world over. Our campaign price only..... 90c

Hammering Prices Down On Ladies Waists and Skirts

Choose from most stylish waists of the season at these prices, made of fancy chiffon net and silk.

\$3.50 Waists only	\$3.15
5.00 Waists only	4.25
7.50 Waists only	5.75
8.50 Waists only	7.95
10.00 Waists only	8.95

Beautiful line of skirts, fancy manish mixtures and plain colors made in new pannel back. Priced:

\$4.00 Skirts special	\$3.15
5.00 Skirts special	4.05
6.50 Skirts special	5.40
7.50 Skirts special	6.30
10.00 Skirts special	8.10
12.50 Skirts special	10.25

Fashionable Millinery

The new fall hats are the prettiest and most becoming shapes dame fashion has ever authorized. We are showing a most complete line of all the good styles at prices that are equally attractive. Note cut prices: Prices range \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10 up to \$15.00.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

The High School Literary Society will meet in the chapel of the Southside school building this afternoon at 2:30 and the patrons and friends of the schools are cordially invited to be present.

Miss Edna Roberts who has been here visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Powell left Wednesday for her home in Weatherford. The young people of Merkel regret seeing her leave and hope she will soon visit here again.

A. L. Clemons and family are moving to Lamesa this week. We regret losing this good family from our little city but hope they will return in the near future to make this place their permanent home.

Mrs. J. P. Sublett received a message from Copperas Cove Wednesday morning stating her half brother J. N. Gilmore was in a dying condition. Mrs. Sublett left yesterday morning on the Santa Fe for his bedside.

Mrs. Mattie Davis of Winters returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church out on route two.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson, children and Miss Clara Keeton left Wednesday morning for Dallas to attend the fair.

Mrs. H. E. Cathey of Dallas who has been visiting her niece Mrs. R. A. Martin here for about two months has returned home.

Miss Amanea Curtis is visiting friends in Fort Worth and Dallas and attending the fair this week.

Mrs. J. D. Gaither has returned from Mexia where she has been visiting her mother.

G. A. Shelton was in town Wednesday and boarded the train for Dallas.

R. L. Bradshaw received the sad news of the death of his wife's step-father Mr. Sadler of Talbert the first of the week stating the death occurred Monday. The Mail joins in sympathy with the many friends of Mrs. Bradshaw.

Will Bradshaw and Jim Livingston who live on the Divide were in Merkel Wednesday while enroute to Hawley to attend the funeral services of Dan Overstreet which occurred yesterday.

J. A. Brown of Sweetwater was in our office Monday and stated that he was moving here and would open a shoe shop here this week. Mr. Brown is more than welcome to the City in Clover.

Mrs. R. E. Boles left Monday for Fort Worth to visit relatives and will also attend the fair at Dallas before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitts are moving into the Cochran place their new home.

R. F. Mosely of Waco was here the first of the week looking after the interests of his farming property east of town.

Wait for Eiler's big scenic and mechanical production of "Ten nights in a Bar Room" next Tuesday.

After a short visit with his brother W. W. Jones of our city, J. B. Jones has returned to his home in Erath county.

G. E. Comegys one of our enterprising merchants was among the Trent visitors the first of the week.

Miss Nola Cully of Alto stopped off here to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Couch while enroute to Lamesa where she has been re-elected teacher for this term.

W. R. Bond, the apple man, placed us under many and lasting obligations for a lot of the prettiest big red apples we ever saw. Mr. Bond is a man after our own heart, for he knows how to make the printers feel good. He has a car of these fine apples at the depot for the Merkel people and if you like apples you had better go see him before it is too late.

"The Wolf" is the title, and the Hudson Bay Country the scene of a great play that will be presented here this season. It is a drama of the Canadian woods, written by Mr. Eugene Walter, a young author who came to the front with his first success, "Paid in Full." At the Opera House Monday, Oct. 30.

Mesdames H. K. Adams of Abilene and R. A. Munn of South McAlister were the guests of their brother W. L. Harkrider and family this week.

The total cotton ginner's report on the 18th was 7,740,000 versus 5,520,970 at the same date in 1910.

A. H. Terry of Thornton was among the prospectors here this week and bought property in our little city.

Mrs. Phebe Foy who has been here visiting Mrs. Elliott left Wednesday to visit her sister at Clyde.

Mrs. M. F. Scott of Sagerton came in this week to visit her sister Mrs. W. W. Simpson of Stith.

Mrs. B. C. Gaither has returned from Abilene where she has been visiting relatives for a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel and daughter Miss Annie T. returned from the fair yesterday.

R. C. Young returned from a business trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and Arlington Wednesday.

W. A. Scott and Lee Moore were among the Dallas visitors this week.

Emmit Boring is visiting relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas and attending the fair.

Roy Cornet of near Grand View was here Tuesday visiting S. J. Roberts and family.

Mrs. J. W. Jennings and daughter Miss Laura were fair visitors this week.

F. R. Alvord of Baird was looking after business in the City in Clover this week.

Mrs. W. R. Bigham and daughter Miss Willie have returned from El Paso.

Rev. E. W. McDonald was in Abilene a few days this week looking after business affairs.

Misses Jesse O'Brian and Lulu Thornton were Dallas fair visitors this week.

Bob Hampton left Wednesday evening on a business trip to Big Springs.

Fletcher Allen of Winfield is visiting his uncle R. D. Allen on route four this week.

Mrs. G. J. Robbins left yesterday for Clyde to visit her mother Mrs. W. J. McCullum.

S. Gafford of Sulphur Springs was here on business this week.

For Sale.

We have six family hacks to trade for horses, mules and cattle. Anchor Hardware Co. 1t

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The Wolf.

Alan Dale, the critic of the New York American, in his review of Eugene Walter's second successful play, "The Wolf," said:

"Success is a dreadful tyrant. It sits up and snarls, shows its ugly teeth, and dares the dazzled playwright to encroach upon its territory. It holds its position jealously, and refuses to be budged. Success, in fact, is a frightful old-man-of-the-sea. Mr. Eugene Walter, the happiest dramatic find of the year, must have felt this Saturday night at the Lyric Theatre when his second play, 'The Wolf' was offered—right on the heels, as it were, of his 'Paid in Full.' And there we all sat—asking ourselves just that; was 'The Wolf' as good as 'Paid in Full?' Would it be as much of a success? Were we right when we announced that Mr. Walter was a 'find?' His second play is a melodrama, vivid, but primitive, and vital; his

first was in a lighter vein. Broadway is not particularly addicted to melodrama. But 'The Wolf' is direct, capably written, sincere, and free from conventional flapping. With 'Paid in Full' staring it in the face and grinning a double-sacre to duplica. its success, 'The Wolf' hit the first nighters in spite of all. This was achievement! It was a feat. It proved beyond peradventure of a doubt that young Mr. Eugene Walter is made of the right dramatic stuff."

Theatre goers of Merkel will have an opportunity to view this great dramatic success at the Opera House Monday, Oct. 30.

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.

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