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EROPLANE AND A COWBOY GIRL

Little City in Clover was throbbing with excitement and interest the second day of his week when our citizenship witnessed the passing by of Fowler, "the birdman" and Miss Alberta Claire, the "cowboy girl." The man of the air and hour is making a trip in his airship from California to New York and if he keeps up the pace he was going when in view of our people no doubt but that he will get there in schedule time. The time of his passing was announced some bit before his arrival and our schools were dismissed and places of business vacated and all Merkel eyes were turned westward in search of the flying man. He arrived on schedule time and passed over in plain view of our people though traveling 1500 to 2000 feet above our heads. Atmospheric conditions were ideal and flight was very pretty and successful, reaching Abilene at 10 o'clock. Many of our citizens made the trip to our sister city to get a closer view.

The second sensation of the day was Miss Claire. She was a real attraction, a girl of and on the way affording a closer view and with a much more consideration for our little city. She alighted from her pony and wearing typical cowboy togs, even to six-shooters and belt entered the big store of Armstrong & Company and demanded of Virgil Buchstone a Coco Cola. Her request was granted and 'tis said a popular young dispenser at the fountain offered everything else in stock.

The young lady is traveling from Wyoming to New York for a prize of \$1,000 in cash and a good ranch and here's hoping she wins in a good easy fox trot.

A Beautiful Display.

Something very interesting is going on at Behrens-McMillen Furniture store. They have on display a beautiful \$25.00 art square and an elegant \$15.00 rocker which are to be given to the ones holding the lucky numbers on December 22. They will give each person over 12 years of age a free ticket if they will only visit their store. They don't have to buy anything to secure a ticket. It is absolutely free. Only one ticket each day to any one person. We don't remember ever having a contest in Merkel more fair and square than this one. This is an enterprising firm and they will always treat you right. They are now making a special effort to please their customers and it will be to your interest to go see them.

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.

is here. at once.

SPECIAL-MERKEL MAIL-SPECIAL

The Mail is arranging for two special editions of our paper for special purposes and we ask the help of all our friends and customers.

Extra Trade Edition, December 8.

This edition of our paper will be devoted to the trading interests of our merchants and their customers. It is our idea to make the week beginning Dec. 11 the biggest week of the fall business in Merkel and we will have the assistance of most of our people. The idea has met the approval of merchants and customers. The first day of the week will be a regular "Second Monday" at Merkel and all stockmen, horse and mule buyers and traders will be given ample notice. The merchants of Merkel are going to make special bargains for the week in all lines of goods and we hope by their advertising in this edition to show the people living within 25 miles of Merkel that they can save money on anything from a paper of pins to a threshing machine by buying it here that week. There will be special bargains on everything a farmer buys from the necessities to the luxuries of life. There will be a full line of advertising from Santa Claus telling you where to get the most for your money.

Christmas Edition, December 20.

It has been the custom of the Mail for nearly a quarter of a century to issue a special Christmas Edition. In this edition we are going to give our readers and advertisers, our town and our country the very best we can do. It will contain besides the many cheerful cards and stories of our grateful business people a number of special stories which we hope will advertise the resources of our town and country. It is our ambition to make both of these editions worthy of your patronage and of benefit to every individual who has any interest in Merkel or the Merkel country.

An Opportunity.

There will be nearly 1,000 extra copies of these two editions printed and properly distributed and they offer a special opportunity for live business people. There will be no advance in our rates and we simply ask that you give special care to the preparation of your copy and let us have it in ample time. The first who come will be first and best served. No fake advertising will be accepted and every special advertised for the week must be a genuine bargain and just as represented in these columns. If you need our services in preparing your copy we will gladly give you any assistance possible.

Let's make Merkel a bigger and better trading point.

SPECIAL NOTE: All copy for display advertising must be in the office one week before date of issue. Please get busy right now.

THE AIRSHIP AND WYOMING GIRL

For the Merkel Mail:

Trent, Nov. 22.—Yesterday little city was thrown into an excitement by the arrival of two very extraordinary characters, Mr. Fowler of airship fame and Miss Alberta Claire, the Wyoming horse-back rider.

The public school pupils were marched to the T. & P. depot by our worthy county principals and their estimable assistants, Misses Smith and Conner. All business houses were left for awhile to care for themselves and the hotel dinner bell forgot to ring for at least half an hour.

The aeroplane sped on its way regardless of the wishes of intent lookers-on "to come in," but the little Wyoming girl charmingly accepted the hospitality offered by Mr. and Mrs. Leamon of the Trent hotel. They had prepared an unusually good dinner which the Westerner complimented and ate with a relish at the same time she enlivened us with bits of her personal experiences. After a one hour stay she too, left us but took with her the admiration of all our girls and the hearts of our boys.

May she reach her destination all right, and find the \$1,000 and the 3,800 acres of land awaiting her, is the wish of an earnest admirer. "Unknown."

Local Citizen Wins.

J. L. Harris of our little city, better known to the majority of our readers as "Uncle Joe" who has been working for the Texas Oxypathor Company the past year has just recently received an instrument made of gold, bearing the following inscription: "Awarded to J. L. Harris by the Texas Oxypathor Company for first honors in Division contest, June 15 to October 15, 1911." This means that the Merkel citizen sold more instruments than any other agent in the state, and in recognition of his ability and success he has been made district manager for this territory and will maintain headquarters in our little town.

The Paper the People Read.

The following letter was received last week from a young man formerly of our little city who now resides at Houston.

Dear Sir:—It has not been my pleasure but a few times since I left Merkel, about a year and one-half ago, to read a good news paper and that was when I could borrow a "Merkel Mail" from some one for about fifteen minutes.

You will please find P. O. money order for \$1.00 for which send me the Merkel Mail for one year. Yours very truly,

H. A. Clark.

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.

COTTON MAKES A LITTLE ADVANCE

The ginner's report was a little boost for the price of cotton but very little and since it was received there has been much cotton sold by our farmers.

The receipts thus far this week show a notable improvement but much cotton is still being held in our country. The receipts at the two yards to date total 7,425 bales and give assurance that the receipts for the year or season will go above the 10,000 mark. The crop is almost picked but the amount being held and that in the field is believed to be sufficient to make our receipts go above the number stated.

There is a wide range in the prices being paid on our streets, varying according to the grade. At the time of going to press the best cotton was selling for 9:35.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will, commencing Saturday, open a Saturday Market at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. They will have on sale dressed chickens, bread, pies and cakes.

Eat dinner with the Baptist girls in the Star store building Saturday. They will appreciate your favors for a good cause. Lunches from 10c to 25c.

J. E. Paylor and T. H. Christopher returned from Post City last week where they have just finished building some fine residences.

'11 OUR GOOD READERS '12

The Old and The New

In the past few days the Merkel country farmers have been real busy killing hogs, picking cotton and hauling feed but still many have taken time to renew or subscribe for the Mail and News on the special bargain rate for this month. The following have contributed since our last issue:

R. L. Krigbaum, S. P. Foster, F. E. Combs, Mrs. T. M. Pribble, J. B. Walton, M. J. Golightly and Roy Harrell, city and rural routes; H. A. Clark, Houston; Mrs. T. W. Phillips, Eastland; Mrs. L. P. Young, Blair, Okla.; L. G. Gazzaway, Thornton; J. H. Maderra, Nubia; T. B. Owens, Woodruff, S. C.; Thelma Jones, Fort Worth, Texas; A. N. Pike, Merkel, route 2.

A THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICE

Merkel religious people are planning a great union service for morning and evening on Thanksgiving day, to which all are cordially invited. The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church when Rev. R. A. Clements, pastor of the Methodist church will preach. The evening service will be held at 7:15 at the Methodist church in charge of Rev. Joseph Jacobs, pastor of the Baptist church.

There will be special music at each of these services and the public is urged to attend and assist.

The mail carriers F. C. Sanders, O. J. Adcock, Victor Harris and Price Bankhead made a fast trip on their motorcycles to Abilene Tuesday afternoon to get a close view at Fowler's aeroplane. On their return two of them broke down and were pulled in by the other two.

Goggan piano tuner is here. Phone orders to Mail at once.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle Dots.

Nov. 20.—Cotton picking is still on, yet some are almost done now. The weather has been very good so far, we hope it will stay that way until we get all of our cotton gathered.

Miss Hattie Herring was taken to Abilene last week to be operated on and we hope she will soon be able to return.

Miss Allie Glover was out at singing at Mr. Ely's Saturday

of the young people took with Otto Sosbee Sunday. Leave Monday for Anson the institute this week school will start the 28 of month. So bidding his as all goodby, we wish him success in his school.

We had a singing at Ben Wheeler's last Friday night. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

Bro. Tompson preached for us Sunday. We hope he will preach for us again some time. Bro. Horn preached for us Sunday night. We also hope he will preach for us again too.

Mrs. J. S. Seago has bought their old home place back and will move soon. We are glad to have them come back to Noodle.

Mr. Hail was visiting his daughter Mrs. Roundtree Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saddler were out at preaching Sunday.

John Shannon, Miss Emermay Mashburn and Miss Carrie Shannon were up at Noodle Sunday night at preaching from Compere.

Will Horn will leave this week for Abilene to go to school.

There will be preaching at the Horn school house Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Sosbee, O. W. Sosbee, Joe Calloway, Clarence Obb and Fred Deutschman all visited the Cotton Palace at Waco six days last week. All said they never enjoyed a trip like this one before and returned home Saturday night.

Well, as news is scarce this week and sleep is too good, I will ring off until I come again. So tot, tot! Happy Jack.

White Church Items.

Nov. 21.—We are having some pretty weather now and if the weather stays good the farmers will all soon be through picking cotton.

P. B. Franks was in Merkel Monday.

Miss Ada Snow spent the day with Miss Frances Hendrix Sunday.

J. L. Tucker and family of Center Point attended preaching at this place Sunday afternoon.

Miss Theresa Watford left Saturday for Oklahoma where she will visit friends for some time.

Luther Franks and sisters Misses Ada and Addie were in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. West transacted business in Merkel Monday.

J. A. Dulin and family visited at Mrs. Dulin's Sunday.

Quite a crowd from Center Point attended preaching at this place Sunday night.

The party at Mr. Pannel's Wednesday night was very much enjoyed by all present.

Zelmer Snow was in Merkel Saturday.

Kiah Spears of Center Point has treated himself to a new buggy and brought it over in our community to try it.

D. D. Coats and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger of Butman attended preaching at this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris of Center Point attended preaching here Sunday evening.

Glen Jones of the Divide was in our midst Sunday.

Zelmer Snow was at Nubia Sunday.

Will Singleton was a pleasant caller at Mrs. Noel's Sunday.

Z. O. Lenoart and Miss Lila

Clark attended preaching here Sunday night.

Luther Franks was a pleasant caller at Mr. Watford's Wednesday.

Hardy Watford was in Merkel Saturday.

Kiah Spears was in our midst Wednesday night.

Arthur Clark was in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bickley and baby spent the day at J. S. Bickley's Sunday.

Oscar Dulin and Miss Ludie Dulin of Merkel spent Sunday at Mrs. Dulin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggins visited on the Divide Sunday.

Brown-eyed Turkey.

Castle Peak News.

Nov. 21.—We are having some nice weather for the farmers to gather their cotton.

W. P. Moore was in Merkel on business Friday.

Walter Hathway and Carl and Ray Baccus were in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Ollie Barnes who is teaching school at Bethel spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

A. H. Barnes, wife and daughter were visiting Mrs. Baccus Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to say Mrs. Baccus is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. W. P. Moore and daughter of Merkel spent Sunday out on the farm.

Walter Hathway and wife attended prayer meeting at Nubia Sunday night.

Eddie Davis was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Baccus Sunday.

Quite a number from our community spent Sunday afternoon on Castle Peak.

Mrs. Ethel Moore visited Mrs. Lillie Hathaway Sunday.

Hayt Horton has rented a farm near Castle Peak and is looking for a house-keeper and we truly hope him much success.

Mrs. Lydie Davis who has been quite sick is improving and we hope she will soon recover.

Little Artie Baccus was visiting at Mrs. Barnes' Monday.

C. C. Barnes is having a happy time in his bachelor home while his wife is off teaching school.

Mr. Cozart was a caller at Mrs. Baccus Sunday morning.

Master Davis and Leo Lilly were visiting Ray and Carl Baccus Sunday.

Henry Patterson and Miss Pearl Baccus attended prayer meeting at Nubia Sunday night.

Ray and Carl Baccus were in Merkel Friday.

Master Alma Barnes attended prayer meeting at Nubia Sunday night.

Well as news is scarce I will ring off. All good wishes to the thanksgiving turkey. Stranger.

Salt Branch News.

Nov. 22.—Sunday school was very well attended Sunday.

W. M. Hays and family were visiting at the home of Will Higgins and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sunday.

Miss Ollie Rogers was visiting Miss Ona May McMurray Sunday.

Ellis Petty and family spent Sunday with W. B. Beavers and family.

Mrs. Will Higgins is on the sick list this week.

Misses Alma and Faye Hays were visiting Mrs. Leatha Petty and baby Saturday evening.

Mrs. McMurray was shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Essie Floyd was the



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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.



Oil Heaters

Heat at Any Time -- anywhere -- small cost

No trouble—no smell—elegant, useful and comfortable.

That describes the oil heaters sold at this store. If you LIKE an oil heater look over our stock. We have the best in quality and price—and only the BEST is cheapest in oil stoves, as in everything else. Other kinds of stoves and heaters are sold by us. Let us know what sort you desire.

Here also is the most extensive and well chosen line of kitchen and general hardware in the county. Call in and look around—you may find what you want.

WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO

7200 CANS

Fruit & Vegetables Just Received

These are the brands which are of the Highest Quality

Rose City California Fruit

Palmetto California Fruit

Van Camp's Sugar Corn

Van Camp's Vestibule Tom.

Van Camp's Hominy

Van Camp's Kraut

FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

We are going to offer these goods at a great sacrifice in case lots. There is nothing in our house that has come from any bankrupt stock. Everything fresh from the factory. "QUALITY" is our motto. Get our prices before you buy your fall bill. We will please you in quality and quantity for your money. Don't fail to come and get our prices.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS

The Reliable Grocers

guest of Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Wesley Hardy and family were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pipes of Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Byers Petty was visiting Willie Teaff Sunday.

Misses Dewie Floyd and Annie Petty were visiting Miss Nina Beavers Sunday evening.

Grandma Allen is on the puny list this week.

Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers were shopping in Merkel Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Hurst was visiting Mrs. Allen Sunday afternoon.

Grandma and Alma Golightly were shopping in Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. Harrel was in Merkel Tuesday.

Mrs. Robertson and daughter Mrs. Maud Lyles were in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Beavers called on Mrs. Hattie Hardy Monday morning.

In our last week's items we reported Miss Olive Teaff entering school at Merkel. Since then we learn that she has decided to go here at this place.

Mrs. Hardy was visiting Mrs. Turner Sunday.

Success to the Mail.

Blue-eyed Girl.

For Rent.

160 acres well improved land 2 1/2 miles west of Nubia. 125 acres in cultivation. I want a man with two teams, tools and feed to run himself next year. B. M. Brown will show the place. Address L. E. Kerr, Dallas Texas, 1612 S. Ervay St. J

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 no

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

W. J. Behrens of Abilene was in our city the first of the week.

Marshmallow cakes for thanksgiving. Rodgers Bakery.

W. B. Farmer was an Abilene visitor this week.

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

Fruit cakes to order, 25c per pound. Rodgers Bakery.

John Collins sold 15 yearlings to E. K. SoRelle of Esecta Tuesday.

a Benjamin. None betw. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

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

W. R. Costephens of Roseo pent Sunday here with home olks.

Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage tf

Miss Jessie Sutphen left Sunday for Nubia where she will teach this winter.

We give personal guarantee on Dr. Hess' Stock and Poultry Food. Armstrong Drug Co.

Miss Cleo Bowler was the guest of Abilene relatives and friends this week.

Light Crust flour is better. You can get it at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

I. Pipes of Dublin came in Saturday to visit the families of his sons L. B. and W. D. Pipes.

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

Miss Claire Tate was up from Abilene the first of the week in the interest of her art class.

We have a fresh line of Jacobs fine chocolates just out of the cooking vessels. Armstrong Drug Company.

Banker J. T. Warren, Jno. W. Wheeler and Carl Evans composed an auto party that went to Roby last week looking after business.

We have the largest stock of men's clothing and at the cheapest prices to be found in Merkel. Give us a look and see. Merkel Goods & Grocery Co.

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

LET US REMIND YOU

You were one of the many perhaps who left the selection of Christmas gifts to the last day of the last week in 1910. And you were tired and hurried and disappointed and vowed "never again."



Let us remind you. Let us invite you to make selections now. Never before perhaps was our stock quite so varied and complete, and we would like for you to see it while it is still unbroken quietly, comfortable at your leisure. Any article put aside until you want it, on payment of a small deposit.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

High-Grade Tailor ALTERATIONS

Ladies Coats Altered as Desired for Only **50c and 75c**

MEN'S OVERCOATS SPECIAL ATTENTION
 Have Your Old Clothes Cleaned & Pressed

C. L. CASH, The Tailor

In Rose & Jones Barber Shop on Front Street

Nubia News.

Nov. 21.—The farmers are making good use of this pretty weather picking cotton.

Our school opened at this place Monday, Miss Jessie Sutphen teacher.

Miss Sallie Toombs visited Miss Fanny Blair Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Hogan visited Mrs. Jim Moore Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Bailey filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

Chalma Reid of Polar, Texas is visiting his aunt Mrs. Walker this week.

J. R. Toombs, wife and daughter Willie visited John Deavenport and family Sunday.

J. H. Tillinghast and family left Monday for east Texas to make their future home.

Bro. Sibley will fill his regular appointment at Riney Sunday evening.

Jim Blackburn and wife visited their son John Sunday.

There will be preaching here Sunday.

Real estate dealer Jno. G. Jackson of Merkel was in our community last Friday with a bunch of Collin county prospectors. On account of a disabled car Jno. G. Jackson, E. M. Britain, Geo. Ferrier and C. J. Roberts of Nugent remained over night putting up at Hotel "De Boyde." Janet.

Those S. C. Rhode Island Red cockerels that G. W. Long at the Telegram office is offering for sale at \$1 and \$2 are big fine red fellows. If you need a large red bird to head your flock don't let this opportunity pass. tf

Wait for that new buggy. We will have them in the next few days, direct from the great Studebaker factory. Anchor Hardware Co.



YOURS

Yours for uniformity.

Yours for greatest leavening power.

Yours for never failing results.

Yours for purity.

Yours for economy.

Yours for everything that goes to make up a strictly high grade, ever-dependable baking powder.

That is Calumet. Try it once and note the improvement in your baking. See how much more economical over the high-priced trust brands, how much better than the cheap and big-can kinds.

Calumet is highest in quality—moderate in cost.

Received Highest Award—World's Pure Food Exposition.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas. Free air for tires. Merkel Garage. tf

Sam Howell was in town Monday and left to attend the Baptist convention at Waco.

Be sure to attend the big grocery sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company Saturday and next week.

Misses Lizzie Calvert, Ina Jobe and Dink Sublett were in Abilene Sunday at the bedside of Miss Effie Hutson who is reported rapidly improving.

Think this over. Is the merchant who will not buy your farm products at any price entitled to any of your business? Buy your goods from the merchant who helps make a market for your products. Hereby helping you, your town and country. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Get your school supplies at Armstrong Drug Co.

Matinee opera house Sat. 3:30.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Miss Zora West visited her cousins in Abilene last week.

Fresh macaroons and kisses at Rodgers' Bakery.

J. W. Teaff was transacting business in Abilene Tuesday.

George Weir of Midland was here on business Monday.

The new shoemaker is located on Kent Street. tf

Mrs. E. M. Rust was visiting friends in Abilene Monday.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

W. S. Telford of Des Moines, N. M., is here visiting his daughter Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

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

You will find an up-to-date line of toilet articles at Armstrong Drug Co.

Miss Mattie Murphy visited friends and relatives in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

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

Special prices on all groceries at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company Saturday and next week.

Forest Adams was here the first of the week from Texarkana visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams.

Most every one now uses Light Crust Flour because Light Crust flour is better. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. T. W. Highsmith of Aransas Pass is here visiting friends and relatives.

Ask us about window glass and putty. Armstrong Drug Company.

R. J. Adcock who has been confined to his home for two or three weeks with the grip is able to be out among his friends again.

Buy your goods from the merchant who buys your products. Some merchants will not buy your products at any price but will ask you to buy their goods. The Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company will buy the farmers produce and will sell you goods as cheap as any store in Texas.

All kinds of stationery at Armstrong Drug Company.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.



And you will always be thankful. You will want to be dressed in the best for that Thanksgiving Function and there's no suit that has the style, snap, fit and workmanship of a Benjamin. We will make some special inducements for Thanksgiving selling. With each suit sold amounting to \$15.00 or more we will give a Fancy Vest Free. This with our special price inducement for Thanksgiving makes this the best offer of the season.

\$25.00 Benjamin Suits and Fancy Vest.....	\$22.50
22.50 Benjamin Suits and Fancy Vest.....	18.50
20.00 Benjamin Suits and Fancy Vest.....	16.50
17.50 Benjamin Suits and Fancy Vest.....	15.00
15.00 Benjamin Suits and Fancy Vest.....	13.50
12.50 Leitchfield Suits and Fancy Vest.....	10.00
10.00 Leitchfield Suits and Fancy Vest.....	8.50
8.50 Boys Knickerbocker Suits.....	6.50
7.50 Boys Knickerbocker Suits.....	6.00
6.50 Boys Knickerbocker Suits.....	5.00
5.00 Boys Knickerbocker Suits.....	4.00
6.00 Men's Odd Pants.....	5.00
5.00 Men's Odd Pants.....	4.00
4.00 Men's Odd Pants.....	3.00
3.50 Men's Odd Pants.....	2.95
2.50 Men's Odd Pants.....	2.10

We will make special prices on all Men's Furnishing Saturday and next week. Take advantage of this opportunity to buy new dependable Clothing and Furnishings at such remarkable low prices.

Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company

Nice, Fat Porkers.

You can not beat the Merkel country for growing fat porkers, and the country has no monopoly on the hog business. S. C. Keith and Chas. Beard living on Bettes Heights in the suburbs of our little city have two ready for killing which have excited the interest and jealousy of R. H. Colline, a neighbor. The latter said: "Honestly I believe each of them (the hogs) will weigh 500 pounds and about one year old." Come to Merkel.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church will serve lunches first door north of the Star store Saturday from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m.

Presbyterian Church.

The following are the announcements of the Presbyterian church for Sunday: Sunday 10 o'clock a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

See the new Pope Motorcycle for \$175.00 at the Western Cycle & Supply Co. Largest Bicycle and gun house in West Texas. All kinds of repairing. Crawford & Watson, Abilene, Texas.

W. A. Thompson and family who have been living at Stith for the past three years left Monday for Dallas to make their future home.

Saturday night is always big at the Opera House.

Letter from C. W. Harris.

The following letter comes from a former Merkel citizen who recently moved to the Pacific coast. Letters of this kind are greatly appreciated. Mr. Harris and his good family whom we regretted very much to lose from our little city are well known by the people of Merkel and surrounding territory who will be glad to read this letter.

Santa Anna, Cal., Nov. 15.
Editor Merkel Mail.

Dear Sir:—Please change the address of my paper from 830 E. 2nd St. to 1082 West 3rd St. We have moved and are now very comfortably situated. We are very well pleased with California, if we only had the Merkel people for neighbors, as we think they are the best people in the world. This is a beautiful country. The oranges and lemons are just beginning to get ripe and make a very beautiful sight. The crop is very large this year. They are just finishing gathering the English Walnut crop which was the largest ever known in this country. Flowers are all in full bloom and they say remain so most all winter as there is seldom frost enough to kill vegetation.

We went over last Sunday to Long Beach to see Rodgers finish his flight across the continent. There was near one hundred thousand people there looking every moment for him to dip down in the ocean. He was to leave Pasadena at 3:30 and dip the wings of his machine in the ocean at 4 o'clock. We waited until 5 o'clock and decided he had a break down and left for home and sure enough he had. He got within seven miles of his destination when his machine went down. Came very near killing him and wrecked his machine but the machine will be repaired and he will try it again as soon as he recovers sufficiently to fly.

Come over and we will go fishing. Finest fishing place about eight miles from here you ever saw. They say it is 8,000 miles across it. Was down there a few days ago and they were seining it with horses and they were catching them too. But I don't think they got them all.

C. W. Harris.

Farmers Need It.

The progressive farmer is regarded as the TYPE of independence. He lives well, has practically everything he wants, and has money in the bank. Do you know what made the successful farmer? Why, it was simply the application of business methods to agriculture. If you are a farmer and haven't a business education, you are simply making old Mother Earth give you a bare living, when she ought to yield you a surplus. Apply business principles—book-keeping, etc.—to your farming operations, and you will be astonished to see how much can be done by a little figuring than by a lot of sweating. For catalogue address Draughon's Practical Business College, Fort Worth, Abilene Amarillo or El Paso.

G. L. Baker of route 1 was in our office one day last week and brought with him three large persimmons, each measuring about 7½ inches in circumference and were grown in touch with each other on a very small limb. Mr. Baker said these came off a small tree which had about 36 on it this being its first year to bear fruit.

Just received this week a big shipment of gingham, outings, notions, aviation caps, head scarfs, etc. Hogan-Hamilton Co

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR TRADE

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A HOME IN THE MERKEL COUNTRY

In my seven years' experience in the newspaper business at Abilene and Merkel I have had an opportunity to learn the resources of this section and the real value of our lands. I have always been in close touch with every condition which affected the progress or prosperity of our people. I have enjoyed the confidence of the bankers, merchants, farmers and citizens and know their stories of fortune and misfortune. My study was not prejudiced and the present low values of first-class lands made the opportunity for me in the real estate business. I knew at the beginning, as now, many first-class farms which could be bought at prices almost irresistible for the man looking for a home. My idea was simply to find the man looking for a home and although a new man at the business I have been doing my share of the business. I have sold approximately \$150,000 worth of land; every deal a bargain and never a dissatisfied customer. I have dealt fairly and honestly with buyer and seller and will give you a fair and square deal. If you are looking for a home I ask that you come to see me and let me show you our country and what I have on my list. My idea is just to find what you want and see that you get your money's worth when you buy. I can make my services worth the small commission to the buyer as well as seller.

IMPROVED FARMS

In the past two weeks I have sold several good improved farms for less than \$25.00 per acre and I have a number on my list at about that figure which will make good investments for anybody. I have sold two places to men who came here in the last two or three years and started life in our country as renters. They bought at a bargain price and on terms they can easily meet. If I did not know so I would not sell them. I want to help the man who wants to help himself and the man who rents from year to year and moves from pillar to post is not trying to do very much for himself or his family. Some of the biggest land owners today were renters a few years ago but they had the hustling qualities, the nerve to take hold and the bulldog tenacity to make them stick. I like to help a man get started and can sell average renter who has enough to make the first payment a farm on terms he can pay easily as rent. This may seem like idle advertising talk to you but I can deliver the goods.

SPECIALS

SMALL FARMS: In improved places of 80 to 200 acres I believe that I have what you want, in other words, a place to suit your taste and at a price to comply with your conditions. If you are in the market for a small farm I want to show you what I have on my list, give you the price and then let you try to beat it here or anywhere else. One bank listed this week with me eight improved places and at bargain prices to "sell to any good man on any reasonable terms." Another bank has a small place it is willing to sacrifice for a quick sale. I have several small places owned by farmers who are willing to make equally as good prices and terms. If you will tell me what you want I will show you better than I can tell you what I have on my list.

STOCK FARM: Over 1,000 acres, about 400 in cultivation and 75 to 80 per cent richest valley land to sell in the next thirty days at \$25.00 per acre and on liberal terms.

400 ACRES: No better tract of land here nor anywhere else; 225 in cultivation, every foot tillable and richest soil; best bargain in the west at \$25.00 per acre on liberal terms, 6 per cent interest. You will have to get busy if this suits you.

LAND FOR EXCHANGE

400 ACRES: In the Leuders country in northeast part of Jones county, 7 miles from Leuders; all raw and 150 acres good agricultural land, balance first class grass land; good tank, fencing and on public road. This land is clear and owner will take small improved place near Merkel and give long and easy terms on the balance.

FARMS FOR MERCHANDISE: One client owns a half dozen improved places which he will price at \$20.00 to \$25.00 per acre and trade for good merchandise, dry goods, clothing or groceries. I can match any deal, \$2,500 to \$25,000.00

In answer to my advertising I have received descriptions of a number of black land farms in central Texas to exchange for Merkel country land and if you are looking for this kind of a deal come to see me.

In conclusion let me ask that you come in and talk with me and let me know your wants. I will promise you that I will do my best to serve you and in the event I can not do you any good I will certainly do you no harm. If you have anything to sell let me know. Yours for business.

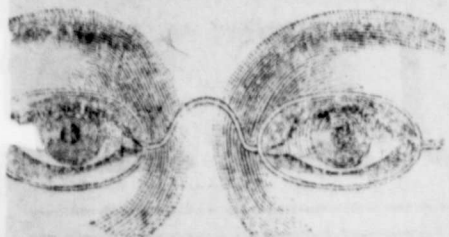
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Office Next to Postoffice at Merkel

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ectly Fitted. All Work Guaranteed.

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Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado

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Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident

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Respectfully Solicit Your Business

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W. H. LANEY, THE BUTCHER

Fresh meats of all kinds.

Always pay top prices on

fat, cattle and hogs.

ne 77—Front street, Merkel, Texas

Abilene Steam Laundry

H. M. WARREN, Agent

Baskets shipped Monday, Tues-
day, 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

Merkel Poultry Show.

The chicken fanciers of our lit-
tle city and country this week
made hurried arrangements for a
poultry exhibit to be held in the
Thornton building Dec. 6th. Mr.
Howard Sledd of the Southern
Poultry Journal will attend, judge
the poultry exhibited and give a
free lecture. It is not known at
this writing that any premiums
will be given as the show was
gotten up more to arouse interest
and for the purpose of effecting
an organization. All are invited
to exhibit their fine fowls and
attend.

Good Crowds at Opera House.

Merkel is getting to be a lively
little city in the social circle hav-
ing two or three places of amuse-
ment every night. There are
two shows combined at the opera
house this week and are having
a large attendance the price be-
ing very low and the shows being
exceptionally good. The black-
and-white comedians cause much
laughter and the moving pictures
which are new every night are
very interesting and are accom-
panied with splendid music.

For Sale.

Fantail and Homer pigeons for
sale, the entire flock cheap.
Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Merkel, Tex.

Underhose



**Mother, you
MUST admit
these are
an improvement
Grandmother would
Appreciate Underhose**

Grandmother
made good home-
made hosiery in
her day. It wasn't
very stylish, but it
wore. It's one re-
deeming quality
was length of days.

But Underhose
have left no place
for grandmother's
home-made

hosiery. Underhose wear four months
and the style and fit and finish are even
more marked than the wearing qualities.

The makers have gone to extreme
pains to make Underhose the neatest and
most durable hosiery that money can buy.

Especially look at our feather weights.

Underhose come in a beautiful
assortment of colors and in every size to fit
men, women, misses and boys. Come
in and let the clerk explain the many
points of superiority over any hosiery
offered at the price. Four pairs in a box.
One dollar Four month's guarantee of
satisfactory wear.

**FOUR
PAIRS
IN A
BOX
FULLY
GUARANTEED**

Parten Dry Goods Co.

To our Friends and Customers.

We have two hundred and
sixty regular customers that we
have pulled through for the past
three years and want twice that
number this winter. We have
the goods and bought before the
advance. We carry the largest
stock in Merkel. Our brands of
flour are White Crest, White Bil-
lows, Magnolia, Nature's Best
and Jaunita, Handled by us
only. Quality and weight guar-
anteed. Come to see us before
you buy and get a guess at the
\$25.00 set of Rogers cutlery.

Hamblet & Rogers.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—Missions East of the

Mississippi River

Leader—Charlie Lofton.

Song.

Scripture reading, Psa. 105-1:

11.

Lord's prayer in concert.

Paper—The general character

of the work.—Ethel Roberts.

Talk—The kind of work being

done—Ruth Merritt.

Song.

Talk—Some examples of work

—Lytton Howard.

Prayer.

Instrumental solo—Mary Gunn.

Offertory.

Roll call.

Dismission.

Dental Notice.

Having bought the McCauley
home and dental office, I have
come to make Merkel my home,
and respectfully solicit your
dental practice. 3td
O. F. McMaster, Dentist.

E. Moore of Cisco was in our
little city this week and has pur-
chased some property here and
contemplates buying more. He
is well pleased with the Merkel
country and thinks Merkel a de-
lightful place for a home and we
believe he will move here in the
near future.

Big night every night at the
Opera House.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Something new in the toy line
at the Elite.

Meet me at the matinee Satur-
day afternoon at 3:30.

H. W. Derstine left Wednesday
to visit his son Wesley, at Fort
Stockton.

Goggan piano tuner is here.
Phone orders to Mail at once.

Buy your oil and gas from the
Merkel Garage.

Mrs. G. M. Williams has re-
turned from Bell and Falls coun-
ty where she has been visiting.

Just received 7200 cans of
fruit and vegetables. B. C.
Gaither & Sons.

Miss Herring who was operated
upon last week in Abilene re-
turned to her home near Noodle
Wednesday.

If you are going to buy a disc
plow wait and get the Standard,
the best made. Anchor Hard-
ware Company.

Albert Elliott of Sweetwater
returned home Wednesday after
a pleasant visit with Mrs. Emma
Lofton and family.

Try a sack of Peacemaker
flour. There is positively none
better. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. T. S. Dennis returned to
Abilene the first of the week af-
ter visiting relatives here.

We invite you to see our stock
of jewelry. It is all new and
guaranteed. Burroughs Drug
Store.

D. B. Jennings came in yester-
day from Hurley, New Mexico, to
visit homefolks and friends.

Best pictures obtainable at the
Opera House.

John Ayers of Duncan, Okla-
homa, was in Merkel this week
visiting his brother W. C. Ayers.

We have just received a ship-
ment of automobile accessories
and will appreciate your patron-
age. Merkel Garage

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and
children of Trent were in our
city the first of the week visiting
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutcheson.

For the next thirty days we are
offering our can goods at a sac-
rifice. Just received a large
supply. Nothing in the house
from bankrupt stock. All fresh
from the factory. B. C. Gaither
& Sons.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—A good second-hand wind-
mill outfit with wooden wheel, cheap.
B. M. Black, Merkel, Texas. 17tdpd

REPAIR WORK—Automobiles, gas-
olene engines, motor cycles, bicycles
or any machinery. All work at rea-
sonable prices and guaranteed. Mer-
kel Garage. tf

ZERO TEX—Made by Texas Co.,
best lubricating oil on market. Merkel
Garage. tf

KEROSENE—Order Familylite or
Crystallite oil of your grocer and you
get the best. Merkel Garage. tf

GASOLENE—One auto owner who
uses Texas Company oil and gas has
traveled 4500 miles and never had a
dirty spark plug. It's best and we
meet any competition as to prices.
Merkel Garage. tf

FOR SALE—Red seed oats, clear of
Johnson grass. John Hester. 2tpd

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND

Train No. 8, leaves Merkel... 9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " " " " 11:42 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " " 12:19 a.m.

WEST BOUND

Train No. 5, leaves Merkel... 4:28 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " " " 4:10 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " " " 4:48 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Goggan piano tuner is here.
Phone orders to Mail at once.

Don't fail to get B. C. Gaither
& Sons prices on groceries.

J. W. Daniel returned from
Dallas Thursday.

Every night best. Opera
House.

W. E. Adams was an Abilene
visitor Wednesday.

Goggan piano tuner is here
Phone orders to Mail at once.

A full line of fresh can go-
at B. C. Gaither & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sta-
were visitors in Abilene Tu-

Try the delicious hot drin-
Burroughs Drug Store.

G. L. Anderson and Dan L.
Boyd of Nubia were in Abilene
Wednesday.

We meet competition, quality
considered. B. C. Gaither &
Sons.

Change everynight at Opera
House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young were
visiting friends in Abilene the
first of the week.

Behrens-McMillen will give
you a ticket every day if you will
only visit their store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall of
Sherman are the guests of Mr.
and Mrs. John Sears.

A very large line of holiday
goods will be on display in due
time. Burroughs Drug Store.

Sam Butman Jr., went to Abi-
lene on a business trip one day
this week.

Window glass and putty.
Armstrong Drug Company.

For clean and up-to-date tail-
oring try C. L. Cash.

Mrs. W. B. Farmer left Tues-
day for Baird where she goes to
visit her sons.

Remember our hot chocolate.
Burroughs Drug Store.

If you want to see the largest
and best line of holiday goods in
town go to the Elite.

Sy Dennis of Dora was in our
city Tuesday leaving on No. 8
for Meridian on a business trip.

The only stock of jewelry that
is all new. Fully guaranteed.
Burroughs Drug Store.

Mrs. J. O. Wright of Weather-
ford after visiting her father A.
George has returned home.

A free ticket given to each
visitor every day at Behrens-
McMillen.

Rev. Joseph Jacobs, B. H.
Moore and Jno W. Wheeler are
attending the Baptist convention
at Waco this week.

For canned fruits and vege-
tables and in fact anything fresh
in the grocery line phone No. 80.

Mrs. N. E. Norris and Mrs. J.
M. Norris and children of Abi-
lene came in Wednesday to visit
friends and relatives.

Expecting a car of Standard
and John Deere plow goods in a
short time. Anchor Hardware
Company.

Be sure to attend the B. Y. P.
U. Social at the residence of
Mrs. E. Hall Friday night Nov.
24 The admission is as many
cents as you are years old.

Be sure to visit Behrens-Mo-
Millen Furniture Company every
day and get a free ticket for the
beautiful \$25.00 art square and
\$15.00 rocker to be given away
December 22.

W. D. Carlton after visiting in
our little city left for the east
Wednesday.

Telephone 203 for oil and gas.



Smart tailored gowns for the
Winter Season.

Simple frocks for all occasions—
for little ones as well as grown-ups.
Novel transfer designs that may be
used in making dainty Xmas gifts.

ALL IN THE

**BUTTERICK FASHION SHEET
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Get a FREE copy when you
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In order to create a bigger de-
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give FREE one year's subscription
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whose purchase amounts to \$25.00
from now until Dec. 23. Your pur-
chase don't have to be made at one
time. Save your bills and when
they amount to \$25.00 we will take
your subscription FREE.

This will make a nice Xmas
present for some friend. Subscribe
now and let the subscription begin
with the Christmas number.

**The Merkel Dry Goods and
Grocery Company**

There will be a new and very
interesting program for the Junior
League next Sunday. Our sub-
ject is "feet." Each child will
be furnished with a "foot" to
take home; on the sole of the
foot will be written a verse of
scripture. Come and bring your
friends.

George Turner, one of the
managers of the Merkel Amuse-
ment Company, went to Abilene
Wednesday morning to take
some views of Fowler's aeroplane
which we expect him to show
among the moving pictures at
the opera house.

W. A. Scott of Trent was in
Merkel Wednesday visiting his
son-in-law T. R. Morris. Both
men left to attend the Baptist
convention at Waco. The latter
took two of his small children
with him to stay with their sister
near Waco.

483 acres of land 14 miles
northeast Merkel. The Clear
Fork is the north line. Two sets
improvements. Will exchange
for Merkel business property or
sell on long time. Write D. E.
Jordan, Paducah, Texas. 10td

The many friends of Mrs. Ida
Ryan, who has been seriously ill
in Sweetwater, will be glad to
know she is improving and was
able to be moved to the home of
her aunt, Mrs. Alice Templeton
in Merkel Wednesday.

Only a few more days in which
you can purchase The Merkel
Mail & Dallas S-W News for \$1.50.

THE STAR STORE BIG SALVAGE SALE TO BE CONTINUED

Now is the Time to Make Your Holiday Purchases

We must reduce our stock, and in order to do this we have gone through the entire stock cutting the prices on goods still lower. Stop and consider what this means to you; getting high-grade Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes and women's wearing apparel at less than cost to manufacture. The stock is comprehensive and well selected, insuring the highest quality for less money than elsewhere. Shoppers who were on hand during our 10 days sale have returned again and again to take advantage of the great bargains offered. Doesn't that prove to you that the offerings are all we say they are? We say most positively that its to your interest to take advantage of this sale and realize a big saving on your Winter and Holiday wants.

Make Your Holiday Purchases Now

Star Store Merkel, Tex.

G. E. COMEGYS, PROP.

C. P. SALVAGE CO. OF CHICAGO IN CHARGE

Beginning Tuesday Morning We Will Give Spoon Tickets With Each Purchase. A Silver Teaspoon With Each \$5.00 Ticket Returned



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The XX Century Club members were royally entertained Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18, at the Walker Cottage with Miss Lucy Bean as hostess. Vice-President Mrs. L. Sparkman called the club to order at 3:30. Eight members answered to roll call with quotations from the play.

Miss Lelia Nesbitt having resumed the Shakespearian study was present.

Mrs. George L. Hamilton was unanimously elected to membership and cordially welcomed into the club.

Letters and cards of thanks were read from ex-members thanking the club for the beautiful and dainty year book.

The lesson Act III "As You Like It" was conducted by Mrs. Dickson, substituting for Miss Allie Jennings.

After adjournment the ladies were invited into the dining room where the hostess assisted by her sister Mrs. W. R. Walker, served a two course luncheon—quail on toast, celery and olives; hot chocolate and angels food. A variety of fruit formed the center piece. Covers were laid for Misses Duncan Browning, Orra Long and Lelia Nesbitt, Mesdames J. W. Daniel, W. H. Dickson, Geo. L. Hamilton, L. Sparkman and Otho Williams.

Thursday evening Misses Eunice Nesbitt, Elma Sheppard, Venona and Virginia Hamblett, Annie T. Daniel, Lulu Thornton, Clara Moore and Eather Wil-

liams, Messrs. Ben Merritt, Ollie Sharp, Carl Evans, Robert Hicks, Burnie Forester, Forest Gaither, Jesse Ferguson, Virgil Touchstone and Ottis Barnett were entertained with music and games in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, and as is always the case every one had a splendid time.

The seventh grades organized their literary society several weeks ago known as the Krigbaum society. The following officers are carefully looking after the affairs of this promising society: John Berry, president; Emzy Burroughs, vice-president; Ruth Merritt, recording secretary; Geo. Musick, critic; John Conner, Con Warnick, sergeants at arms They will hold their meetings at the school building twice a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt were at home to a crowd of young people Friday evening for an informal dance. Those present were Misses Daniel, Thornton, Jessie O'Briant, Zora Coggin, May Allyn, Ruth Mims; Mesdames J. W. Daniel, Deavenport Gaither, Claude Bigham and the hostess; Messrs. Ernest Faucett, Ollie Sharp, Paul Cranford and Courtney Hunt. Hot chocolate, whip cream and wafers were served.

Don't fail to be at the Saturday market Nov. 25, at the Behrens-McMillen store. The busy house wives will find cakes, bread, pies and dressed chickens. The market will open at 1 o'clock p. m.

G. I. Dorman of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dickson between trains Sunday.



THE ONE MINUTE WASHER

is given up to be the best on the market. Does away with the drudgery of wash days and makes washing a pleasure. We stand behind them and put them in your house for thirty days trial, if not satisfactory you do not have to buy. All malleable parts guaranteed for five years.

ANCHOR HARDWARE CO.

Gave Up Hope

"I suffered five years, with awful pains, due to womanly troubles," writes Mrs. M. D. McPherson, from Chadbourne, N. C. "They grew worse, till I would often faint. I could not walk at all, and I had an awful hurting in my side; also a headache and a backache.

I gave up and thought I would die, but my husband urged me to try Cardui, so, I began, and the first bottle helped me. By the time the third bottle was used, I could do all my work. All the people around here said I would die, but Cardui relieved me."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

For more than 50 years, Cardui has been relieving woman's sufferings, and making weak women strong and well. During this time, thousands of women have written, like Mrs. McPherson, to tell of the really surprising results they obtained by the use of this purely vegetable, tonic remedy for women.

Cardui strengthens, builds, restores, and relieves or prevents unnecessary pain and suffering from womanly troubles. If you are a woman, begin taking Cardui, today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 6

J. A. WOODARD

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SOUTH SIDE

Solicits a share of your patronage during the New Year and promises courteous treatment. Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

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IF YOU WISH TO ARRANGE
FOR A RANGE

WE HAVE THE
BEST
IN QUALITY
AND PRICE



Madam: Are you entirely satisfied with the Range you are now cooking on? The health and happiness of the whole family depend upon their having wholesome food.

Cooking at best is hard work. Should you not lighten your work by using a labor-saving new Range? We sell the Charter Oak and Bridge Beach Range. Come see.

Discount On Stoves

Owing to the continued low price in cotton we have decided to continue our discount on the Charter Oak Cook Stoves throughout the Holiday season, as we still have a few numbers of these goods left on hand. Remember you will not have the opportunity to buy these goods again at such remarkable low prices, as we bought these goods at a saving of 25 per cent discount and are going to give you the advantage of the price for the next forty-five days.

Our line of shelf and heavy hardware is complete and we are going to make some extremely low prices on all lines throughout the Holiday season to reduce our stock.

Full line of Queensware, Enamel glass, Tinware, etc.

Expecting a car of new 1912 style Studebaker Buggies real soon. Wait and get something new.

LET US SHOW YOU THESE

Anchor Hardware Co.

The Merkel Amusement Co.

Presents

The East India Comedy Co.

At Opera House Friday and Saturday,
Nov. 24 and 25, and Saturday
afternoon at 3:30.

Show Commences Promptly at 7:45 Each Night

This company is in connection with the moving picture show now located at the Opera House.

Nothing need be said as to the quality or reputation of the East India Comedy Co., as they are the most widely known of any show throughout this section of the country. 3 reels of pictures each night; two and half hours of solid entertainment each performance.

Everybody come to the matinee at 3:30 Saturday, given especially for residents of the rural community who cannot attend this great show at night.

ADMISSION, ADULTS 20C CHILDREN 10C

live. When I arrived she was dead; only got here in time to attend the funeral services.

Clara leaves a devoted husband, two children, a father and mother, several brothers and sisters and other loved ones to mourn her death. An aunt,
Mary Craddock.

To My Patrons.

In consequence of the violent abuse of my faithful "time guarantee" I shall discontinue same Jan. 1, 1912. Nevertheless all goods sold as well as all work done by me must give entire satisfaction to my valued patrons both rich and poor as the above notice affects the "time limit" only. I have always done the best I could but shall make extra effort to please you more during the year 1912. I am indeed grateful to my many friends for the business entrusted to me and assure you I shall strive to merit a continuance of same. Sincerely trusting the coming year may be a prosperous one and a great blessing to each and every one of you, I am respectfully,
S. S. Scheidler, Jeweler. Opposite Post Office, Merkel, Texas.

Leg Broken.

Samuel Walker, the 10-year-old son of E. S. Walker of near Stith happened to the misfortune of getting his right ankle dislocated and the bone broken just above the ankle Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. Samuel and his little brother were running races, playing around a hog pen near the house and it seems that a cow became frightened and ran over the boy causing the above results. He is reported getting along as well as could be expected.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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

Expecting a car of New Style 1912 Studebaker buggies real soon. Anchor Hardware Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Matinee Saturday at 3:30.

Meet me to-night at Opera House.

A free ticket every day. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach at Nubia Sunday morning and evening.

Chances free for two beautiful Christmas presents at Behrens-McMillen.

Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton was at Lorraine Sunday to fill his regular appointment.

One of the finest lines of holiday goods on display can be seen at the Elite.

Mrs. W. T. Berry is in Abilene the guest of her mother John Bowyer.

Twenty-five per cent discount on Charter Oak cook stoves from now until January 1. Anchor Hardware Company.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan north of town an eight pound girl Tuesday night.

Remember the 25 per cent discount we are giving on Charter Oak Cook Stoves. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wheeler of Abilene visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler Sunday.

Buy your toys and Christmas candies at the Elite and save money, besides getting free chances at a big box of chocolate.

Irving Addison of Andrews county was here last week looking after business and visiting old friends.

Buy your wife one of our Quick Meal gasoline ranges and save fuel and worry. Anchor Hardware Co.

Chas. Prechtel and wife who have been conducting the big sale at the Star store here left the first of the week to put on a sale for the Star store at Clyde.

We have bought the Star Store's stock of groceries and will sell them out cheap. Be sure and see us for better prices on groceries. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Fresh cookies at all times for school children. Rodgers Bakery Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

A Good Woman Gone.

When death came to Mrs. Clara Bland our dear loved one whispered "you must go" and robbed a happy home of its sunshine and cast a midnight gloom over the heart of the lone-ly husband and other loved ones. Yet we miss her, yet we rejoice

to know she is at rest. She had been confined to her room about three weeks with typhoid fever, but the end came so sweet and peacefully Wednesday night at 11:45, Nov. 15. Clara professed faith in Christ about eight years ago; united with the Methodist church at Rock Crossing and had lived a consistent christian ever

since. She called her husband to the bed a few days before she died and said: "Dear I will be with you but a few days longer" then told her mother she was going home and to come and go with her.

I was on a visit in Coryell county when the sad message came to me that she could not

Wm. Roscoe Bland

Nov. 9 -

Under-Priced Purchased From The GREAT ST. LOUIS SALE

Wonderful bargain pick-ups and special low-priced lots of desirable, seasonable Merchandise secured at the great annual sale held by all the big wholesale firms of St. Louis. Our buyer was there the morning the sale opened and secured some of the most wonderful bargains. A great collection of the choicest money-saving, trade-stirring, crowd-compelling values that ever packed an aisle or crowded a counter. You should come and investigate these bargains

OUR GREATEST SALE OF THE SEASON

Has been a wonderful success, and now with our last week's purchases at the great sale, places us far in the lead in offering bargains at much less than our competitors. Read what follows and visit our store.

THIS GREAT SALE CLOSSES THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Don't Miss This Sale. The Greatest Money Saver Ever Offered You

One lot Men's Clothing, \$15 down to \$8.50, the cheapest we will sell during this great sale, at only

3.95

One lot of Men's Odd Pants ranging in price at \$1.50 to \$2.50, your choice for this sale only

95c

Men's High-Grade Clothing

The seasons newest fabrics and weaves. Our record for selling goods always sustained.

Men's \$25 00 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	\$19.85
Men's \$22 50 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	18.95
Men's \$20 00 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	16.95
Men's \$18 50 Hart Schaffner & Marx suits	15.95
Men's \$15 00 Majestic suits this sale	11.95
Men's \$12 50 Majestic suits this sale	9.95
Men's \$10.00 Majestic suits this sale	7.45

Men's Hats

Our hat stock as well as clothing has been the pride of our store but we have cut the prices.

\$6 00 Jno. B. Stetson hat only	\$5.25
5 00 Jno. B. Stetson hat only	3.95
3.00 Lion Special hat only	2.45
3.00 Kingsbury hat only	1.95
1.50 Black and White hat only	1.20
1.00 Boy's best only	90c

Boy's Knee Suits

Boys \$10 00 suits reduced to	\$7.95
Boys \$7 50 suits reduced to	6.25
Boys \$6 00 suits reduced to	5.25
Boys \$5.00 suits reduced to	4.25
Boys \$4 50 suits reduced to	3.95
Boys \$3 50 suits reduced to	2.95
1 lot of Boy's clothing, your choice	1.50

Ladies Tailored Suits

Ladies \$25 00 suits this sale for	\$17.95
Ladies 22 50 suits this sale for	16.75
Ladies 20.00 suits this sale for	15.75
Ladies 18 50 suits this sale for	14.95
Ladies 15 00 suits this sale for	11.95
Ladies 12 50 suits this sale for	9.95
Ladies skirts greatly reduced.	

Millinery Department

Ladies pattern hats ranging in price from \$7 50 to \$10.00, your choice during this sale only... \$4.95
20 per cent discount on all trimmed and ready-to-wear hats.

Ladies' and Misses Long Coats

\$16 50 ladies long coats, sale price	\$14.95
15 00 ladies long coats, sale price	12.95
12 50 ladies long coats, sale price	9.95
10.00 ladies long coats, sale price	7.95
8.50 ladies long coats, sale price	6.95
7.50 ladies long coats, sale price	5.95

Blankets and Comforts

\$6 00 All-wool blankets this sale	\$4.95
5 00 All-wool blankets this sale	4.25
4.00 Cotton blankets this sale	3.45
3 50 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.95
3 00 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.45
2.75 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.35
2.50 Blankets and comforts this sale	2.15
2 00 Blankets and comforts this sale	1.75
1.50 Blankets and comforts this sale	1.25
1.00 Blankets and comforts this sale	89c

Men's Hose

Regular 10c grade, black, tan and gray, per pair 7c
Men's 25c hose in all colors, plain and fancy.. 20c

We have about 75 dozen men's collars, during this sale will sell for 5c, regular price 15c.

We have almost a full assortment of ladies and children's shoes in the Brown Shoe Co. shoes that we are going to close out at a greatly reduced price, and several other well known makes we are going to give special prices on.

Notion Department Bargains

Notion Department

Ladies 5c handkerchiefs 2 for	5c
Ladies 10c handkerchiefs 5 for	4.25c
Needles regular 5c paper, 2 for	5c
Safety pins in all sizes, 3 papers for	10c
25c Mennen's talcum powder 2 for	25c
10c talcum powder 2 for	10c

Suit Cases and Trunks

\$10 00 suit cases and trunks	\$7.95
8 50 suit cases and trunks	6.95
7 50 suit cases and trunks	5.95
7 00 suit cases and trunks	5.25
6 50 suit cases and trunks	5.75
5 00 suit cases and trunks	3.95
4 00 suit case and traveling bags	3.25
3 50 suit case and traveling bags	2.95
2 50 suit case and traveling bags	1.95
1.50 suit case and traveling bags	1.15
1.25 suit case and traveling bags	95c
1.00 suit case and traveling bags	79c

Staple Bargains

20 yards of best grade calico	\$1.00
20 yards of good round thread cotton check	1.00
20 yards brown cotton flannel	1.00
20 yards good outing	1.00
20 yards good bleached domestic	1.00
20 yards good brown domestic	1.00
15a and 12 1/2c dress gingham	10c
10c dress gingham	8 1/2c
10c heavy bleached domestic, 10 yards	75c
12 1/2c and 10c heaviest good outing	8 1/3
18c and 20c feather tick	15c
12 1/2c and 15c feather tick	10c
10c mattress tick	8 1/2c

WOODROOF BROTHERS

ONE PRICE -- THE LOWEST