THE MELKEL

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1911

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Plott of 'emple are among the visitors d prospectors to our country us week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anderson. The Mer-.el country claims many citizens who hail from Bell county and ight here before we forget we will state that they are the best citizens and most successful farmers in our section. They learned how to work in the former location and this work has been better rewarded in our country.

Mr. Plott is here to select a home in our country and says there will be several of his friends and neighbors to follow him. He said: "I have been here before and know your country. It has been recommended to me by all of my friends who came here. Our lands are too high in comparison with your values and I believe yours will pay a better interest and be a better investment. There is no better coun. try than Bell county but I have decided to make a change and selected the Merkel country."

Money to Loan on Land.

Sunday night for Huckabay, Mr. Pipes leaving for that place Tuesday evening with his car of household goods. This good family came from Dublin several months ago and have made many friends here who regret seeing them leave and hope they will

soon return to make Merkel their in the Circuit of the Fall Fairs and Stock permanent home.

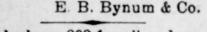
Franks Trout Wedding.

At the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. S. W Trout, in the Stith community Mr. Luther H. Franks was wedded to Miss Linnie Trout on Wednesday Nov. 22 at five o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. McDonald and was quite a surprise to the many friends of the popular young couple and their families. They will make their home at Brawley, Cal., where the groom will be engaged in the stock and dairy business. The good wishes of our paper and their friends will go with them for a happy and owner, themselves and our counprosperous wedded life.

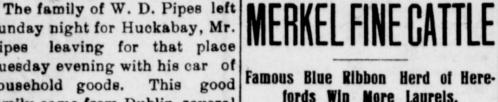
Mail Remembered.

The Mail gets a lot of good things other people never even think about. Recently we were treated to a fine lot of apples sent

us from Iowa by the father of our townsman Mr. E. P. McMillen, If you contemplate borrowing The elder Mr. McMillen is a regmoney on your land this year, ular reader and a good friend of remember that our rate is only our paper. This week Mr. S. S. eight per cent. You could not Scheidler gave us some apples, expect a cheaper rate than that. hickory nuts and walnuts, part Our terms are as reasonable as of a big barrel sent him from you would wish. See us at once. Indiana. It was all good and we are duly grateful.



Telephone 202 for oil and gas. Telephone 202 for oil and gas. this trip was the alling from the returning home.





Shows Merkel Stockman Establishes New Record for Individual Sales.

The famous bunch of Blue Ribbon Herefords have been returned to the ranch of C. M. Largent three miles north of Merkel, after making the circuit of the fall fairs and stock shows at Dallas, San Antonio and Waco. The cattle were brought in last week by the owner, C. M. Largent and son Will Joe Largent and as usual for the past blue ribbons than all of their competitors in the same class.

Ribbon herd have made for the try a most enviable reputation

and we believe their winnings this season and sales establishes a new record in the south, if not the nation for individual herds. The blue ribboners captured at the Dallas fair a total of twentysix blue ribbons, including champions and the neat sum of \$725.00 in premium money. Their exhibit at San Antonio added eighteen more blue ribbons to their collection and *\$35.00 more premium money.

herd of seven bulls for \$4,600.00. One of the bulls, "Dixie I' brought the record-breaking price of \$2,000.00 and this excellent individual will hereafter head the famous herd owned by Ed C. Lassiter, president of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Associaton.

The owner is justly proud of his success this year and he has the congratulations of his friends. The Blue Ribbon bunch is doing much to advertise the possibilities of this section while it is making the owner money and any visitor to this place will be convinced that we have the best suited country and climate for the successful breeding and growing of fine stock. Any and all visitors are always welcome and will be shown through the show barn at any hour of the few years, they captured more day by the courteous owner or attendants.

Mr. Largent will leave Satur-It is certain that the Blue day night for Chicago where he will attend the International Live Stock Show.

Presbyterian Church.

There will not be any preach. ing Sunday as the pastor has regular appointments at Loraine town. for the first Sunday in each month. Sunday school at 10 a.m. The Ladies Missionary society will meet at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown left Saturday evening for Dallas where Mr. Brown will buy Christ-On their return home they were mas goods for the Rust & Moexhibited at Waco and won their Cauley Drug Store. Mrs. Brown will visit her sister Mrs. Elmer



Hon. John Marshall of man was among the visitors our little city the past week was a guest during his stay his brother-in-law John Sears the Southern National Bank. Mr. Marshall was here on b ness, looking for an invest and found it. He was the speaker of the house, a gor for besides his record list. how he speaks of our sectio. He said: "You have the best] have seen in this part of the state and there is no question in my mind but that you offer the best opportunities for investment. Your country has suffered the past year or so but the same with all of our state and you will rapidly recover. Your crope this year will compare favorably with us and our land value are more than thrible those of your country. I like your country and must compliment your little city upon its appearance, attractive and such a clean little

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 th rush. E. B. Bynum & Co.

Clyde Robertson and wife were The most interesting item of Scribner at Melissa, Texas before here Sunday from Caps visiting Mrs. T. R. Newberry and family.

pro rata of blue ribbons.

FREE--A \$150.00 DIAMOND--FREE

For the most popular Woman, Young Lady, or Girl over 14 years of age in Merkel or the Merkel country

H. F. Groene, Acting Mgr. of Contest

NAMES OF FIRMS

This is to be a Popularity Contest beginning Monday morning, Nov. 27th, and closing Saturday NOON, Dec. 23, 1911, by the following business firms of Merkel:

Lyric Theater City Barber Shop West Texas Hardware Co. Rust & McCauley Drug Co. Merkel Mail (Subscription Dept.) Merkel Lumber Co. Rust & McCauley Jewelry Co.

Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. Franklin Tailoring Co. Elite Confectionery Groene's Studio D Coats J. L. Banner & Son

Who will give votes with every cash purchase until the close of the contest as follows:

> 100 votes with each 25c purchase 500 votes with each \$1.00 purchase 3,000 votes with each \$5 00 purchase 25,000 votes with each \$25 00 purchase 75.000 votes with each \$50 00 purchase 200,000 votes with each \$100 00 purchase

The Lyric Theater will give 100 votes with every ticket to the show; the Merkel Mail will give 1,000 votes with each yearly subscription.

RULES OF CONTEST

The voting box will be kept at the Rust & McCauley Drug Store under lock and key, where it will be opened each Wednesday after 6 p. m., the votes counted (by three disinterested parties) and results published in the local papers and on the screen at the Lyric Theater.

The contestant having the largest vote at NOON Saturday, Dec. 23, will receive the Diamond Ring which is on display at Rust & Me-Cauley's Drug Store.

Anyone as above designated may enter the contest, except the families or clerks of the firms represented.

Application for entering the contest should be made to H. F. Groene, manager of the contest, who will also take pleasure in giving any other information asked for.

The Merkel Mail J Wear Diamonds

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We will give to the contestant securing for us new subscribers and enewals the following schedule of extra votes. This offer is extra and part from the votes which belong to the subscriber and with an order om the reader these votes will be given to you and may be added to he following list, at the rate of 1,000 for every dollar paid on subsciption.

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We are making this offer simply to get our paper into every home in the Merkel country and to help you in the contest if you are willing to help us. It will pay you to hustle for new subscribers and get them to pay several years in advance. Our paper is owned by an incorporated company; it is out of debt and an established paper and enjoys the confidence of our representative people. The work will be easy and if you are willing to devote some of your time to getting votes write us or come to see us and we will furnish you receipt books and our rate cards.



After January First. Subscription strickly cash and paper will be stopped when time is out.

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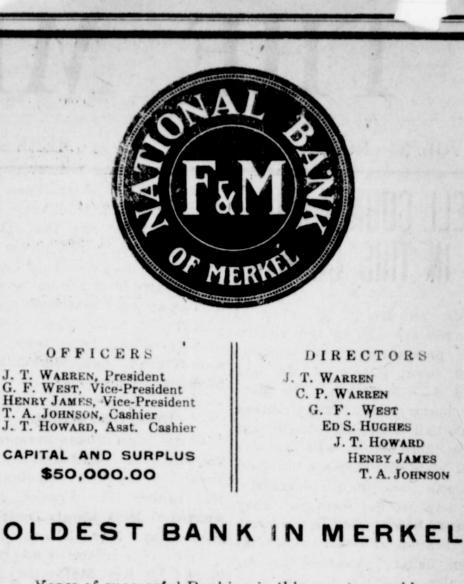
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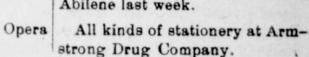
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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts\$	93,868.13
U. S. Bonds at Par	12,500.00
Banking House and fixtures	14,000.00
Cash and Exchange	75,291.19
Total	195,659.32

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Profits	2,602.82
Circulation	12,500.00
Deposits	130,556.50
Total	\$195,659.32

LIABILITIES

To the Farm 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

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays. Meet me at the matinee Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

S. E. Adcock of Blair was a Merkel visitor Tuesday.

A free ticket every day. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co. Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

J. D. Newson of Moody, Texas, was visiting his mother Mrs. E. J. Newson near Noodle last week.

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

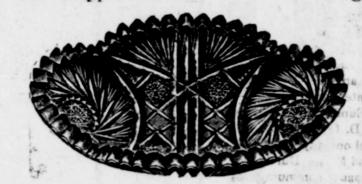
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Light Crust flour is better. - sale only by Merkel Dry 2 ods & Grocery Co.

LET US REMIND YOU

BANK

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 & McCaulev Drug Co.



Winter Season.

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

ALL IN THE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Get your school supplies at Armstrong Drug Co.

Saturday night is always big at the Opera House.

Floyd Holloway returned from Fort Worth Tuesday morning.

The new shoemaker is located on Kent Street.

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

T. J. Coggin left the first of the week on a business trip to El Paso.

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

Clyde Sears was here this week from Anson looking after business.

Wear a Benjamin. None better. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Old hats made new at Kent St. Tailor Shop. The only Hatter in town. J. E. Martin. tf Frank Redlinger of Fort Worth was in Merkel Tuesday visiting friends. Your car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage tf. Mrs. A. J. Young went to Abilene last week to spend several days visiting relatives. Big night every night at the Opera House.

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

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

Sam Cash formerly of this place but now of Comanche was in the city this week looking after business.

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

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

Mrs. Ed Eiland came in last week to visit her brothers Otho and Marvin Smith, and will leave in a few days for her new home at Odessa.

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

THE ONE MINUTE WASHER doos



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.

Mrs. P. C. Lewis has returned Rufus McNees who is teaching school at Roscoe spent Saturday to her home at Gainesville after and Sunday in our city visiting a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Maddox.

ANCHOR

McNees. Mrs. M. J. Leeman left Mon- you can purchase The Merkel day for Loving county where Mail & Dallas S-W News for \$1.50. she will visit her son M. M. Leeman.

M. M. Whitlock and family left this week for Denton county to make their future home.

R. E. Counts and S. A. Coats made a business trip to Stephensville Thursday.

W. W. Russell shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth markets the first of the week.

Only a few more days in which

HARDWARE

CO.

Chas. Allyn of Eskota was among the visitors to our city the latter part of last week.

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

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas. Opera House.

BUTTERICK FASHION SHEET FOR DECEMBER Get a FREE copy when you visit our Pattern Department.

Special Utter

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The Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company

O. W. Williams has received some fine S-C White Orpington chickens from Corsicana. We believe Merkel is going to have some fine poultry exhibitions in a short time.

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 Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Mrs. Ruth Sapp of Pecos came in Tuesday on the delayed westbound train to visit Mrs. J. W Daniel for a few days,

Best pictures obtainable at the on groceries. Merkel Dry Goo

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

Arthur Cleighton and sister Miss Ruth of Caps were the guests of Mrs. T. R. Newberry and family Saturday.

Bring your clothes to Kent St. Tailor Shop, first class work and reasonable prices. J. E. Martin. Will appreciate a share of your trade, Kent St. Barbers. tf

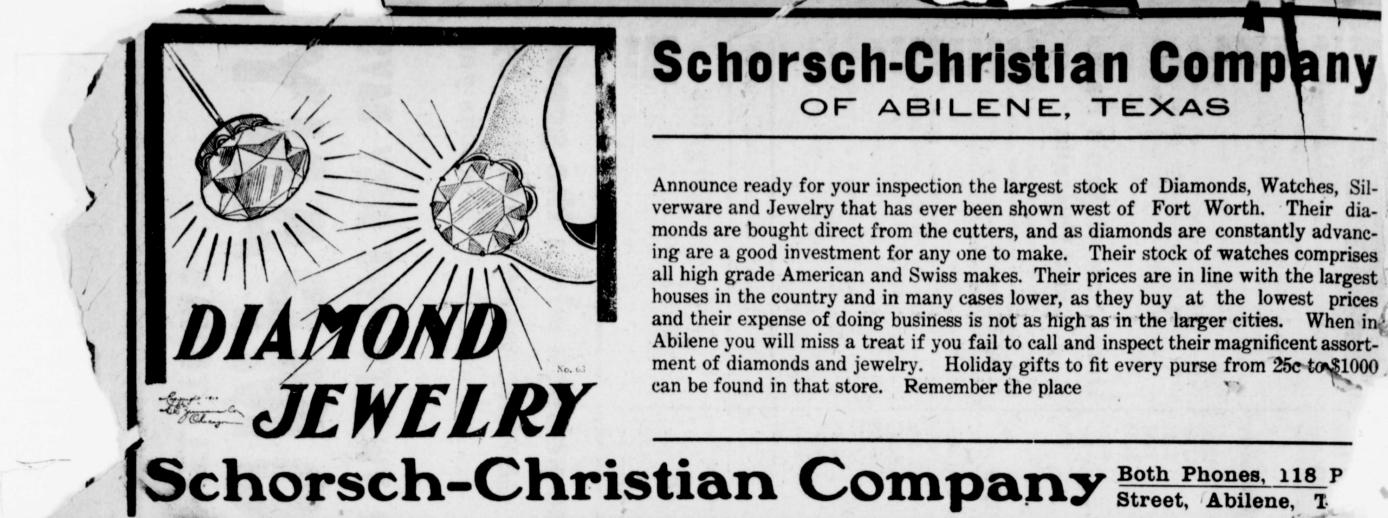
Misses Lizzie May and Bernadine Freeman spent Sunday in. Roscoe visiting their cousin Mrs. Bob Godwin.

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

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.

I. Pipes left Monday for Abilene to visit his son A. S. Pipes after visiting his two sons W. D. and L. B. Pipes and their families here for a few days.

We have bought the Star Store's stock of groceries. will sell them out obeen. sure and see us for better price & Grocery Company.





MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The tour of the nation to be given Dec. 8 by the Philathea class of the Baptist church gives promise to be a success. Automobiles will start from Rust & McCauley's drug store. The first stop will be made in America at Mrs. E. Hall's. The second stop will be at Mrs. Courtney Hunt's where you will see beautiful Holland. Japan at Mrs. J. T. Warren's will be worth seeing. Then all aboard once more for Spain at the home of Mrs. W. A. Scott. Then for the fair and sunny Italy at the home of Miss Mary Gunn. From there the travelers will be transfered to the starting point. Refreshments will be served at each nation. Benefit Philathea class room.

Last Tuesday evening Miss Fannie Burroughs entertained a few friends at her home. Music and 42 furnished amusement and pleasure for the young people. Hot chocolate and cakes were served to Misses Mattie Paylor, Elma Sheppard, Mary and Flay Gunn, Venona and Virgie Hamblet, Eunice Nes bitt and the hostess. Messrs. Carl Evans, Roscoe, Olly and Parker Sharp, Rufford Evans, Forest Adams of Texarkana, Lester Ellis, Forest Gaither, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Taylor Jennings and Ottis Barnett.

Dec. 8.

Miss Pearl Rawlings

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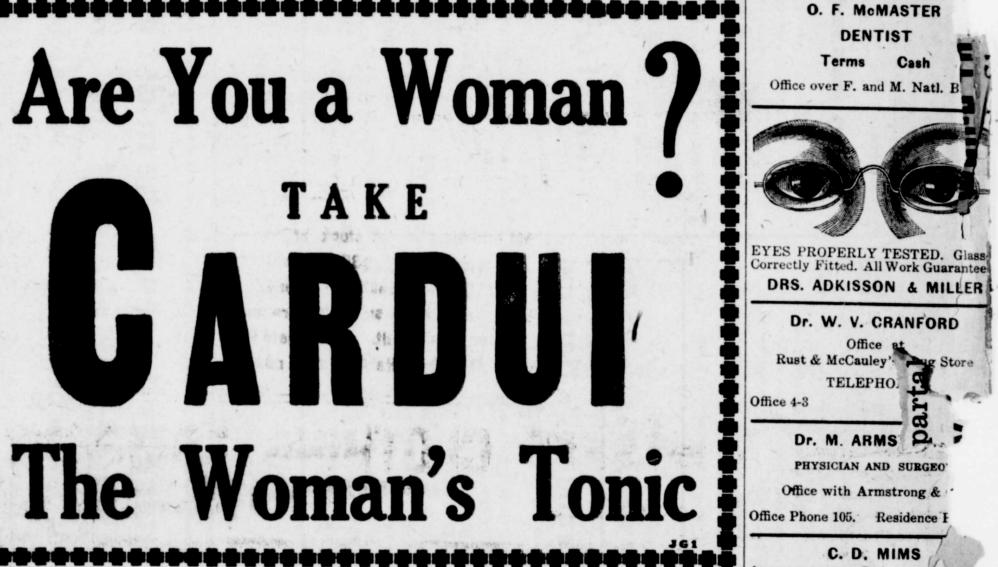
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House,

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'Last Sunday afternoon a number of Junior's met Miss Lelia Nesbitt at the Methodist church where they were given "feet" with scripture verses written on the sole of each foot. Next Sunday each child will be given a "hand" with a verse of scripture written on it. Be sure and attend this meeting and take some one with you. At the Methodist Church at three p. m.

On November 24 the little folks of the first primary room on the southside gave a program consisting of / songs, drills and recitations. A pressing invitation was extended to mamma's and papa's and a few special friends. Those who responded were Mesdames Costephens, Sears, Jones, Laney, Couch, Brown, Russell, Mayfield, The Smeltzer, Valentine and Adcock and Miss Howard.

Near Thanksgiving Dinner.

Sunday at their home two miles northwest of Merkel Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff entertained a number of friends. A beautifully appointed dinner was served to Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Adkisson and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parten and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff and family all of Merkel, Mrs. M. D. Ussery of Fort Worth and Dr. Geo. L. Miller of Merkel.

The XX Century Club will meet with Mrs. J. W. Daniel Seturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The lesson, the 4th act of As You Like It, will be conducted by Miss Lelia Nesbitt.

NOTICE. - For first - class sewing phone 260 or call on Miss Eunice Nesbitt at 8. J. Adeock's.

John H. Reagan Society.	League Program.	CHILDREN INJURED
John H. Reagan Society. Program for Friday Dec. 8. Answer roll call with current events. Song-By room. Pen picture-John Warnick. Quartette-Messrs. Black and Sharp, Misses Clara and Murtice Saffle. Physics experiment-John West. Play-Misses Isla McDonald, Geneva Warnick, Messrs. Ira Shaffer and H. C. Burroughs. Reading-Lytton Howard. Election of officers. Journal. Report of Critic. H. L. B. C. Thrown From Buggy . A team hitched to a wagon be- came frightened at a motercycle on one of the business streets Wednesday morning and ran in- to Will Armstrong's buggy just as they were turning a corner. The wagon struck one of the wheels of the buggy demolishing it and turning the buggy over throwing Mr. Armstrong, wife and children from the vehicle. They received a few bruises but none were serious. Be sure to visit Behrens-Mc- 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	Subject-The second and world evan- elization. LeaderMiss Faye Lowrey. Song. Scripture reading, Matt. xxiv, 14-19; Rev. xxii, 20. Song. Prayer. Song. Discussions: 1. Jesus came to save all menMiss Faye Allen. 2. The last words of our best friendsMiss Bertha Harris. 3. The second coming of Christ Mrs. Black. 4. Church awakening Oscar Young. 5. How does it concern you?Mrs. Clements. SoloDorothy Lee Potter. Offering. Miscellaneous. Benediction. B. Y. P. U. Program. SubjectEternal Life. LeaderEthridge Dockery. Song, My Faith Looks Up to Thee. Scripture reading, I. John 1-12. Prayer. Talk, What is it to have eternal life? -Grady Collins; Song. How we may cultivate the life God livesMiss Flay Gunn.	Ordinary Cathartics and Pills and Harsh Physic Cause Distress- ing Complaints. You cannot be over-careful in the selection of medicine for children. Only the very gentlest bowel medicine should ever be given, except in emer- gency cases. Ordinary pills, cathartics and purgatives are apt to do more harm than good. They may cause griping, nausea and other distressing after-effects that are frequently health- destroying. We personally recommend and guar- antee Rexall Orderlies as the safest and most dependable remedy, which we know, for constipation and associate bowel disorders. We have such abso- lute faith in the virtues of the remedy that we sell it on our guarantee of money back in every instance where it fails to give entire satisfaction, and we urge all in need of such medicine to try

family of J. W. Dockery.

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Rexall Orderlies commonly com-Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mosley and pletely relieve constipation, except of family of Warren, Ark., arrived course when of a surgical character. Friday evening to visit the They also tend to overcome the necessity of constantly taking laxatives, to keep the bowels in normal condition. Jno. G. Sadler and wife will Three sizes of packages, 10 cents, 25 leave this week to visit relatives cents, and 50 cents. Remember, you in Coryell county for several can obtain Rexall Remedies in Merkel only at our store. - The Rexall Store. The Rust & McCauley Drug Co. Opera

Matinee Saturday at 3:30

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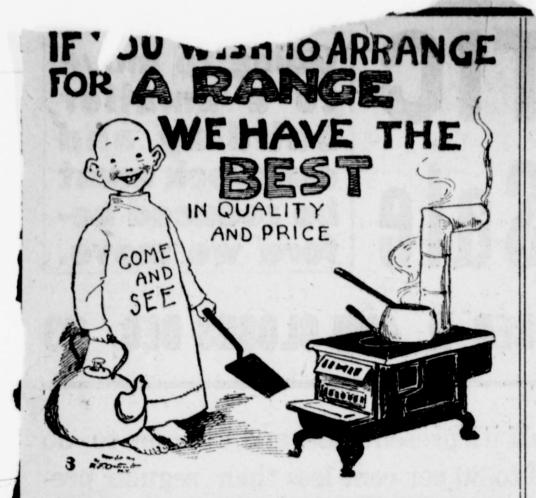
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Baskets shipped Monday, Tues-day, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday. Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Harber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

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Think this over. Is the mer chant who will not buy you, farm products at any price en titled 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 Cc

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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 J

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 Qeensware, 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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A Tour of the Nations by Philathea class Dec. 8. Price 25c.

Kit Carson Frontier days. Saturday, Dec. 2. 3 reels.

Clyde Garrett has returned from Stonewall county.

Try the delicious hot drinks at Burroughs Drug Store.

Just received another car of furniture. Behrens-McMillen.

J. M. Garrett is transacting business in Abilene today.

Kit Carson Frontier days. Sat-'day, Dec. 2. 3 reels. Window glass and putty. , Armstrong Drug Company. Miss May Valentine visited in Sweetwater this week.

TAILORED SUIT AT ONE HALF & LESS



We are showing the best and most stylish stock of Misfit Suits that we have ever shown in Abilene. We are selling \$35.00 and \$40.00 tailored suits for \$15.00 AND \$17.50 attractively tailored and of the latest weaves. Come in and try on one of these stylish suits, you are sure to find what you want at the price you want to pay for a good suit. A complete line of Gents Furnishings including a large assortment of Stetson Hats in many new models.



The beautiful diamond ring given away by a number of local business firms has created a general interest and started a number of young ladies of Merkel and the Merkel country to enter the contest. The following young ladies have been nominated to date :

Miss Flay Gunn, Merkel. Miss Winnie Sandlin, Merkel. Miss Ruth Merritt, Merkel. Miss Annie Lou O'Briant, Merkel.

Miss Sadie Collins, Merkel. Miss Lillian Highsmith, Noodle. Miss Emma Clark, Blair. Miss Josie Moseley, Trent. Miss Emma Horton, Mulberry Flat.

Kit Carson Frontier days. Saturday, Dec. 2. 3 reels.

Mrs. F. L. Jones left yesterday morning to visit relatives in Putnam.

A large line of Christmas goods have arrived at Burroughs drug store. See them before buying. Meet me to-night at Opera House.

Miss Melissa Smith left Thursday morning for Abilene to visit Mrs. J. E. Arnold.

We give personal guarantee on Dr. Hess' Stock and Poultry Food. Armstrong Drug Co. Banker J. T. Warren and son Booth were visiting relatives in Abilene yesterday.

Misses Edna Ross and Cecil Haley of Abilene spent Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs. W. E. Britain.

Jewel Garrett and Misses Saunders spent Josephine Thankegiving with relatives in Sweetwater and will also attend the teachers meeting at Midland.

We have a full line of Christmas candies and nuts or anything you may need in the grocery line. Come to see us before you Hamblett & Rogers. buy.

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

Kit Carson Frontier days. Saturday, Dec. 2. 3 reels.

Ely Cordell of the Canyon was in town Wednesday and left for Big Springe.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas. 'visiting Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Bland. | Mail office.



The B. Y. P. U. entertainment at Mrs. E. Hall's last Friday signed her position with the night was quite a success. They O. Wooten Grocery Company of cleared about \$8. They wish to Abilene and is expected home express heir appreciation to all today and will remain with who attended.

The Philathea class will represent the different Nations Friday night, Dec. 8. Price 255.

Mrs. S. J. Mullins of Abilene

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REPAIR WORK-Automobiles, gasolene engines, motor cycles, bicycles or any machinery. All work at reasonable prices and guaranteed. Merkel Garage. tf

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

KEROSENE-Order Familylite or Chrystallite 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.

LOST -- Eastern Star pin Sunday Finder please return to this office.

OLD PAPERS.-For sale at 10c per 100. Mail office.

LOST.-Between Merkel and Mount Pleasant school house a ladies hat, dark blue with a black plume. Finder play soon. please leave with O. J. Adcock or J. P. Sharp's store. Rufus L. Adcock. 30t2

483 acres of land 14 miles northeast Merkel. The Clear Miss Alpha Garrett has re-Fork is the north line. Two sets H. improvements. Will exchange for Merkel business property or sell on long time. Write D. E. Jordan, Paducah, Texas. 10t6

Ladies' Market.

line of toilet articles at Arm-The Presbyterian market will be held next Saturday at the An-Old newspapers to put under chor Hardware Company's store. was in our little city last week your carpet 10c per 100 at the Bread, cakes, pies and dressed chickens for sale.

Mies Emma Mae Mashburn. Compere.

Miss Eula Elliott, Dora.

These columns will later give the standing of the contestants. Owing to a light vote caused by prevailing weather conditions of the last few days the voting box was not opened Wednesday.

Tour of the Nations Friday night, Dec. 8. Price 25c.

Miss Myrtle Conner left for her home at Baird yesterday morning to spend part of Thanksgiving before going to the teachers meeting at Midland.

Kit Carson Frontier days. Saturday, Dec. 2. 3 reels.

Mrs. L. F. Jarman of Roscoe after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hester has returned home.

Burroughs Drug Store has re ceived a large shipment of Ho day goods which will be on die

Miss Lizzie Keny went to Abilene Saturday where see visited her cousin Miss Effie Hutson.

Mrs. Lucy Yanoy of Hamlin returned home yesterday after visiting her brother Walter Clark.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rister south of Tye a girl on November 27.

Something new in the toy line at the Elite.

Wesley Edwards made a business trip to Odessa Friday.

Free air for tires. Merkel Garage.

Utting And Closes December 23 THIS GREAT REMOVAL SALE OPENS DECEMBER 2 AND CLOSES DEC. 23

During this short time we must reduce our stock to half its present size, and in order to do this we will offer everything under the roof at from 20 to 30 per cent less than regular prevailing prices. In January we will move into the building now occupied by J. T. Dennis and in order to get into that building, we find that our stock must be reduced to fit the house; therefore our loss will be a great saving to the purchasing public. Do not be mislead, we mean just what we say. We will sell you goods during this big sale at prices rarely seen, and every item will be sold at a saving to the purchaser. Lots of goods will be closed out at less than wholesale cost. We quote a few prices and remember every item in the house goes 20 to 30 per cent less than the same class of goods can be purchased any other time.

CLOTHING	

Regular \$30.00 Suits	\$18.00
Regular \$25.00 Suits	\$17.50
Regular \$20.00 Suits	\$12.00
Regular \$10 to \$15 Suits \$5 a	nd \$6.00
Regular \$4.50 Pants	\$3.65
Regular \$3.50 to \$4.00 Pants-	\$3.00
Regular \$1.50 Pants	\$1.20
Regular \$1.00 Overalls	85c
Regular 65c Overalls	45c
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Regular 50 to 65c Woolens	45c
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Regular 25 to 35c Dress Goods

Regular 50 to 65c Dress Linens

Regular 35 to 50c Dress Linens-

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SHOES

Regular \$5.00 to 6.00 Shoes \$4.15
Regular 4.50 and 4.00 Shoes\$3.15
Regular 2.50 to 3.00 Shoes \$2.15
Regular 2.00 Shoes\$1.65
Regular 1.50 Shoes \$1.20

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Regular 50 to 65c heavy fleece wear for men	under-
Regular 50 to 65c heavy ribbed wear for men	
Regular 25c hose	20c
Regular 15c hose	12½c
Regular 10 to 12 1-2c hose	7 1-2
Regular 50 to 65c Neckwear-	45c
regular 25 to 35c Neckwear	20c

Regular \$6.00 Hats	\$3.50
Regular 3.00 to 3.50 Hats	\$2.40
Regular 2.50 Hats	\$1.65
Regular 1.50 to 2.00 Hats	\$1.20
Regular 1.00 to 1.50 Hats	90c
Regular 1.00 Caps	85c
Regular 65c Caps	45c
Regular 35c Caps	25c
Regular 25c Caps	200

If you need a trunk or suit case, it can now be bought for 35 per cent less. Everything at same low prices. Come let us serve you, it will positively mean a saving from 20 to 30 per cent on everything you buy. Big stock of groceries at low prices

