

THE MERKEL M

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1911

BELL COUNTY MAN IN THIS COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Plott of Temple are among the visitors and prospectors to our country this week, guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anderson. The Merkel country claims many citizens who hail from Bell county and right 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 country than Bell county but I have decided to make a change and selected the Merkel country."

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.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

The family of W. D. Pipes left 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 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 prosperous 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. The elder Mr. McMillen is a regular reader and a good friend of our paper. This week Mr. S. S. Scheidler gave us some apples, hickory nuts and walnuts, part of a big barrel sent him from Indiana. It was all good and we are duly grateful.

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MERKEL FINE CATTLE

Famous Blue Ribbon Herd of Herefords Win More Laurels.

TAKE RIBBONS AND MONEY

In the Circuit of the Fall Fairs and Stock 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 few years, they captured more blue ribbons than all of their competitors in the same class.

It is certain that the Blue Ribbon herd have made for the owner, themselves and our country 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 twenty-six 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. On their return home they were exhibited at Waco and won their pro rata of blue ribbons.

The most interesting item of this trip was the selling from the

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' Association.

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 day by the courteous owner or attendants.

Mr. Largent will leave Saturday night for Chicago where he will attend the International Live Stock Show.

Presbyterian Church.

There will not be any preaching Sunday as the pastor has regular appointments at Loraine 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 Christmas goods for the Rust & McCauley Drug Store. Mrs. Brown will visit her sister Mrs. Elmer Scribner at Melissa, Texas before returning home.

GRAYSON PRAISES

Hon. John Marshall of our little city the past week was a guest during his stay his brother-in-law John Sears of the Southern National Bank.

Mr. Marshall was here on business, looking for an investment and found it. He was the speaker of the house, a good for besides his record list. He said: "You have the best I 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 crops this year will compare favorably with us and our land value are more than thrice those of your country. I like your country and must compliment your little city upon its appearance, attractive and such a clean little town."

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.

Clyde Robertson and wife were here Sunday from Caps visiting Mrs. T. R. Newberry and family.

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

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	Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.
City Barber Shop	Franklin Tailoring Co.
West Texas Hardware Co.	Elite Confectionery
Rust & McCauley Drug Co.	Groene's Studio
Merkel Mail (Subscription Dept.)	D Coats
Merkel Lumber Co.	J. L. Banner & Son
Rust & McCauley Jewelry Co.	

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 & McCauley'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.

H. F. Groene, Acting Mgr. of Contest

A VOTES

The Merkel Mail and Wear Diamonds

It is not possible for all of you to win the beautiful \$150.00 Diamond being given away by the Merkel Mail and the Merkel merchants but some young lady or girl is going to win and anyone can take the paper, pay for it, read it and get their money's worth. Every good citizen should take his home paper. In so far as we are concerned we will have no favorite and our only hope is that the best one wins. It will be fair and free-for-all. We are going to help those to win who will try to help themselves and we are going to make the following extraordinary vote-getting opportunities. The Mail is the paper the people read in the Merkel country, has always had several times the circulation of any other paper in this territory and it is easy to get new and renewal subscribers.

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

Extra Votes for a Little Extra Effort.

It will take but a little of your time each day and we will pay you in votes at the following rate:

- No. 1. For every dollar collected for us from subscribers in arrears we will give you.....1,000 Extra Votes.
- No. 2. For every dollar collected from an old subscriber who pays one year in advance.....2,000 Extra Votes.
- No. 3. For each new or old subscriber who pays for two years in advance.....5,000 Extra Votes.
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THE MERKEL MAIL

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

Our goods from the merchants produce and will sell you goods as cheap as any store in Texas. We have a fresh line of Jacobs fine chocolates just out of the cooking vessels. Armstrong Drug Company will buy the farm-

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.

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We want every one who is troubled with indigestion or dyspepsia in any form to come to our store and buy a box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. Take them home, and give them a reasonable trial, according to directions. If they don't please you, tell us and we will quickly return your money. They have a very mild but positive action upon the organs with which they come in contact, apparently acting as a regulative tonic upon the relaxed muscular coat of the bowel, thus overcoming weakness, and aiding to restore the bowels to more vigorous and healthy activity. Three sizes 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies only at our store.—The Rexall Store. The Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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Remember our hot chocolate. Burroughs Drug Store.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

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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 Farmer 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.

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

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

Dr. J. O. Crenshaw of Fort Worth was in Merkel Monday transacting business and visiting relatives.

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

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

Mrs. T. J. Coggin left Monday morning for Oklahoma City to visit her daughter Mrs. A. G. Couch.

A very large line of holiday goods will be on display in due season. Burroughs Drug Store. Some of the finest lines of holiday goods on display can be seen at the Elite.

C. D. Harris and family of Noodle formerly of Anson, left Monday for Pembroke, Ky., where they will make their future home.

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

We invite you to see our stock of jewelry. 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 grocery sale at the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company Saturday and next week.

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.

THE ONE MINUTE WASHER



ANCHOR HARDWARE CO.

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.

Rufus McNeas who is teaching school at Roscoe spent Saturday and Sunday in our city visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McNeas.

Mrs. M. J. Leeman left Monday for Loving county where 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 Stephenville Thursday.

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

Mrs. P. C. Lewis has returned to her home at Gainesville after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. Maddox.

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

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 patronage. Merkel Garage

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Telephone 202 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 FOR DECEMBER

Get a FREE copy when you visit our Pattern Department.

Special Offer

In order to create a bigger demand for Butterick Patterns we will give FREE one year's subscription to the Delineator to any customer whose purchase amounts to \$25.00 from now until Dec. 23. Your purchase 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

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 west-bound train to visit Mrs. J. W. Daniel for a few days.

Best pictures obtainable at the Opera House.

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.

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

Mrs. A. J. Young went to Abilene last week to spend several days visiting relatives.

Big night every night at the Opera House.

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.

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 and will sell them out cheap. Be sure and see us for better prices on groceries. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.




**DIAMOND
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Schorsch-Christian Company

OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Announce ready for your inspection the largest stock of Diamonds, Watches, Silverware and Jewelry that has ever been shown west of Fort Worth. Their diamonds are bought direct from the cutters, and as diamonds are constantly advancing are a good investment for any one to make. Their stock of watches comprises all high grade American and Swiss makes. Their prices are in line with the largest houses in the country and in many cases lower, as they buy at the lowest prices and their expense of doing business is not as high as in the larger cities. When in Abilene you will miss a treat if you fail to call and inspect their magnificent assortment of diamonds and jewelry. Holiday gifts to fit every purse from 25c to \$1000 can be found in that store. Remember the place

Schorsch-Christian Company Both Phones, 118 P Street, Abilene, T



SOCIETY
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 transferred 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 Play Gunn, Venona and Virgie Hamblet, Eunice Nesbitt and the hostess. Messrs. Carl Evans, Roscoe, Oily and Parker, Sharp, Rufford Evans, Forest Adams of Texarkana, Lester Ellis, Forest Gaither, Robert Hicks, Ben Merritt, Taylor Jennings and Ottis Barnett.

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, 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 Saturday 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 R. J. Adcock's.

Are You a Woman?

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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.
Physic 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 became frightened at a motorcycle on one of the business streets Wednesday morning and ran into 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-McMillen 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.

Miss Pearl Rawlings and daughter Miss Blanche visited the former's brother D. J. Rawlings at Trent Friday.

Help the Philathea class by attending the Tour of the Nations Dec. 8.

Miss Clare Tate went to Abilene Thursday to attend the funeral of her brother.

League Program.
Subject—The second and world evangelization.
Leader—Miss Faye Lowrey.
Song.
Scripture reading, Matt. xxiv, 14-19; Rev. xxii, 20.
Song.
Prayer.
Discussions: 1. Jesus came to save all men—Miss Faye Allen. 2. The last words of our best friends—Miss Bertha Harris. 3. The second coming of Christ—Mrs. Black. 4. Church awakening—Oscar Young. 5. How does it concern you?—Mrs. Clements.
Solo—Dorothy Lee Potter.
Offering.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program.
Subject—Eternal Life.
Leader—Ethridge 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 lives.—Miss Flay Gunn.
Duet—Miss Murtice Saffle and Will Joe Largent.
Roll call.
Business.
Offertory.
Dismission.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mosley and family of Warren, Ark., arrived Friday evening to visit the family of J. W. Dockery.

Jno. G. Sadler and wife will leave this week to visit relatives in Coryell county for several days.

Every night best. Opera House.

CHILDREN INJURED
Ordinary Cathartics and Pills and Harsh Physic Cause Distressing 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 emergency 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 guarantee Rexall Orderlies as the safest and most dependable remedy, which we know, for constipation and associate bowel disorders. We have such absolute 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 it at our risk.

Rexall Orderlies are eaten just like candy, are particularly prompt and agreeable in action, may be taken at any time, day or night; do not cause diarrhoea, nausea, griping, excessive looseness, or other undesirable effects. They have a very mild but positive action upon the organs with which they come in contact, apparently acting as a regulative tonic upon the relaxed muscular coat of the bowel, thus overcoming weakness, and aiding to restore the bowels to more vigorous and healthy activity.

Rexall Orderlies commonly completely relieve constipation, except of course when of a surgical character. They also tend to overcome the necessity of constantly taking laxatives to keep the bowels in normal condition. Three sizes of packages, 10 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Merkel only at our store.—The Rexall Store, The Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Matinee Saturday at 3:30

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Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.
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Phone 48 in City Barber Shop.

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**
Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

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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

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.

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. Saturday, Dec. 2. 3 reels.

Window glass and putty. Armstrong Drug Company.

Miss May Valentine visited in Sweetwater this week.

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.

Misses Jewel Garrett and Josephine Saunders spent Thanksgiving 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 buy. Hamblett & Rogers.

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 Springs.

Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

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.

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"We Fit the Hard to Fit"

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Tailoring of Pride
Far Beyond its Price
Kahn Tailored Clothes

Clothes of Comfort Greater
Than Their Cost

It costs no more to be "different"
—to wear Tailor-Made Clothes.

Suits and Overcoats
\$15.00 to \$50.00

We handle exclusive
Men's Duds

Mingus Bros. & Co
Abilene, Tex. Men's Quality Outfitters



Kahn-Tailored-Clothes.

The B. Y. P. U. entertainment at Mrs. E. Hall's last Friday night was quite a success. They cleared about \$8. They wish to express their appreciation to all who attended.

The Philathea class will represent the different Nations Friday night, Dec. 8. Price 25c.

Mrs. S. J. Mullins of Abilene was in our little city last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland.

Miss Alpha Garrett has resigned her position with the H. O. Wooten Grocery Company of Abilene and is expected home today and will remain with homefolks here.

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

Old newspapers to put under your carpet 10c per 100 at the Mail office.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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. tf

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. tf

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 please leave with O. J. Adcock or J. P. Sharp's store. Rufus L. Adcock. 3012

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. 1016

Ladies' Market.

The Presbyterian market will be held next Saturday at the Anchor Hardware Company's store. Bread, cakes, pies and dressed chickens for sale.

THE DIAMOND RING AND CONTESTANTS

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.

Miss Emma Mae Mashburn, Comper.
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 received a large shipment of Holiday goods which will be on display soon.

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

Mrs. Lucy Yancy 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. tf

Dec. 2
And Closes
December 23

GIGANTIC Removal Sale

Going to move
to a smaller
building and
our stock must
be reduced be-
fore we move.

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 misled, 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 and \$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

Dress Goods

Regular \$1.00 to \$1.25 values.....	90c
Regular 75c Woolens.....	60c
Regular 50 to 65c Woolens.....	45c
Regular 25 to 35c Dress Goods.....	20c
Regular 50 to 65c Dress Linens.....	45c
Regular 35 to 50c Dress Linens.....	30c

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

Furnishings

Regular 50 to 65c heavy fleece under- wear for men.....	40c
Regular 50 to 65c heavy ribbed under- wear for men.....	40c
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

STAPLES

All best Calicoes.....	4½c
Domestics 6c to.....	3½c
Regular 10 to 12 1-2c Ginghams.....	9c
Regular 10 to 12 1-2c Outing.....	9c

Hats and Caps

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.....	20c

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

**Come to this
Big Sale and
save at least
25 per cent**

Hogue-Hamilton Company

The goods must be
sold, we will not
have room in our
new location for
present stock.