

MERKEL MAIL

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1912

PART 2



and New Year Greetings

INTERESTING ADVERTISERS FOR OUR GOOD READERS

Insurance Men.

Coming to our friends, those to be. We appreciate the business in us or will give to make a continuance of relations during the year. Our business in the year is also a protection remain your well that is best. Williams & Johnson.

Banner & Son.

It is to exchange greetings season and to remind we always appreciate and want to serve you next year. We will treat J. L. Banner & Son.

Customers, Our Friends.

More we greet you in the year. In the past year we have done to make your cotton and bring the best prices and sold you good goods at a very small profit. It

is our style and our policy. A fair deal for everybody but special favors for our friends. We want your trade and to make a friend of every customer.

We will always do our part for our town and country and our trade. If you are not our customer give us a trial. Your Reliable Grocers.

B. C. Gaither & Sons.

P. S. All groceries at ten per cent discount until the 28th.

Dry Goods and Groceries.

In the customary manner I thank one and all who have contributed to my success the past year and ask that you give me a share of your business in the coming year. After the first of the year my business location will be across the street in the Nobles building where I invite you to call and visit me. Wishing you good luck and prosperity.

Your friend,
J. T. Dennis.

Pure Hog Lard at City Meat Market. 10 lbs. for \$1.25. 2t

Closing Out Sale.

I am going to sell my stock of groceries at cost. I am going out of business. Thanking my many friends and customers for their trade for the four years that I have been in business and wishing them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am,

Yours respectfully,
W. L. Diltz.

Request of Our Readers.

We kindly ask that after you have read this issue you give or mail it to a friend with a few good words about our paper and our country.

We have printed this issue 1250 copies and there are an average of five readers to every subscriber. This makes 6,250 who will read this paper. If you will grant our request this number will be doubled, 12,500.

Do this much for us and our country and when we can do you a favor, just pull the string.

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

For Sale or Trade.

220 acres good black land at end of east Dallas pike road; 170 in cultivation; 12½ acres alfalfa; 20 acres Bermuda grass; balance timber and pasture. This is first-class alfalfa land, well improved and watered; encumbrance \$3,000; can be paid off or extended any time. Price, \$70 per acre or will trade for Merkel country farm at cash price. This is a bargain.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

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.

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.

Read my ad; think some and then act. Jno. G. Jackson, Real Estate.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

No. 354

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 5th day of December, 1911, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 5th day of January, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$16,518.
Loans, real estate	2,847.50
Overdrafts	645.30
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$4,816.65
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	1,454.24
Cash items	110.99
Currency	4,134.00
Specie	433.35
Interest depositors guaranty fund	227.
Bills of exchange [cotton]	9.42
Other Resources as follows: Assessment for Guaranty Fund	5.
Total	\$2,674.42

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	3,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,704.69
Individual deposits, subject to check	21,604.38
Cashiers checks	765.35
Total	\$2,674.42

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We J. T. Warren as president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

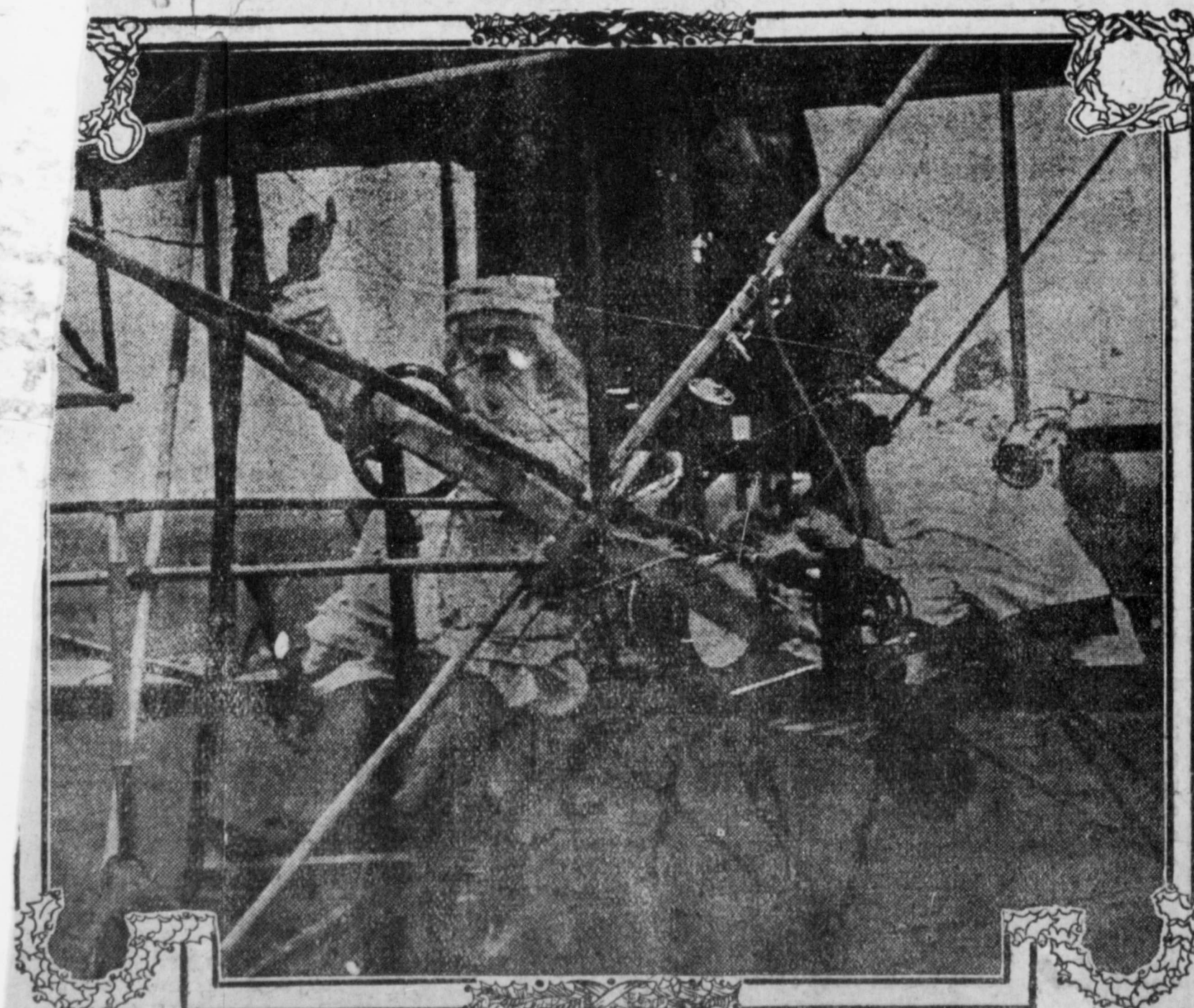
J. T. Warren, President.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 1st day of Dec., A. D., 1911. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public

Correct—Attest:

T. J. Williamson }
W. A. Abbott. } Direct
L. E. Adrian }



SANTA CLAUS UP TO DATE — GROENE'S STUDIO UP TO NOW

Our Christmas Greetings and New Year's Wish

May the best day you've ever known, prove the worst yet to come

TUESDAY NIGHT'S LARGE FIRE---NIX

Early Tuesday night a fire alarm was turned in, the fire reported to be in the J. A. Woodard home, now occupied by E. P. McMillen.

When the department arrived they found smoke coming from all parts of the ground and the house seemingly in good condition. Fire had broken out in the roof of the storm house and smoke was pouring forth so fast that volunteers who reached the cellar before the department had some trouble in getting to the fire and after putting the blaze out it was found that the fire had hardly more than scorched the woodwork about the place.

U. G. Reagans Returns.

U. G. Reagans of the Canyon community who suffered the misfortune of getting his back broken some weeks ago, was brought in from Abilene Monday where he has been under treatment of physicians since the accident. Mr. Reagans has not recovered from the injuries but is perhaps very fortunate in being in possession of life even though he is deprived of the use of his lower limbs, the body being paralyzed from the waist down.

Five hundred boxes of famous Lowney's Christmas candies. They must be sold and we have made prices right on these goods.

The Elite Confectionery.

Jewelry, silverware and cut glass for Xmas gifts at Burroughs Drug Store.

Gifts from 5 cents to \$500.00
The Nyal Store.

ABILENE DE FORFEIT

The debate on the question of the Initiative, Referendum and Recall will not be had as was advertised in last week's issue of the Mail.

The Merkel boys were ready with their side of the question sometime ago and were using the remaining few days in just thinking how bad they were going to beat the visiting boys, but they will not be afforded the pleasure of a victory for one of the Abilene boys decided at the last moment that he could not enter the debate and consequently the debate was called off.

\$1,000 IS PAID FOR A HEREFORD CALF

C. M. Largent, local breeder of some of the finest Hereford cattle in the United States, made a sale this week that will bring him \$1,000.00 for a Merkel country calf.

The sale was made to an agent of the Taft ranch at McGregor, owned and controlled by Charles Taft, brother of the President. At the time the calf was shipped from here it weighed 1600 pounds and had just reached the age of sixteen months.

Negotiations for the sale started when the calf was exhibited at the Dallas fair in October, the manager of the Taft ranch being there for the purpose of making selections of high grade Hereford cattle.

Burroughs Drug Store—the place to do Xmas shopping.

Passenger train wrecked in the ditch Sunday afternoon at 10 o'clock, near Chautauque. Baird, the tender, baggage and one coach turning completely over and every coach train leaving the track. The press messenger was considerably bruised when the car turned turtle. He was taken to Fort Worth Monday.

As a result of the wreck traffic was tied up 15 hours, passenger train No. 7 being discontinued, No. 3 which should have arrived here at 5:32 Sunday afternoon did not arrive until after 9 o'clock Monday morning, No. 1 and No. 5 arriving ten and twenty minutes behind No. 3.

Window improvement.

The building occupied by the W. Parten Dry Goods Company is this week undergoing some improvements which will add greatly to the appearance of the place and make possible two nice windows for displaying the stock of goods brought on by the Parten Company. It is the intention of Mr. Parten to have the windows finished at once in order that he can display his line of holiday goods in a more forcible way.

Before you kill your hogs let us furnish you with the salt you will need. We have the genuine Michigan salt, the best for preserving meats. We also have barrels, half barrels and jacket cans of pure ribbon cane syrup.

Hamblet & Rogers.

We are not giving anything away except good prices on Xmas goods. Burroughs Drug Store.

Ennis Grimes,
Fred Harrell, Geo.
Booth Warren, Urbin
John Moore, Olly Shaf
and Selina Teaff, Lula
Sharp, Willie Coats,
Toombs, Georgia Moore,
Jones, Maggie Wheeler,
Hogg, Grace Diltz, Geo
Warnick, Eva Walters, C
Rister and Mattie Paylor.

As this was the best record kept Mr. Krigbaum gave us fourth holiday and we wish thank him very much for this.

We, as a committee, now ask every pupil to be prompt and lets keep our record going.

Mattie Paylor,
Georgia Moore,
Committee.

Feed Cattle Shipped to Market.

R. H. Collins shipped six cars of feed cattle Sunday to Fort Worth. The cattle have been on feed here for several weeks and were in fine shape on being shipped out. The cattle on reaching Baird were held some 15 hours on account of the wreck of passenger train No. 7 near Chautauqua, east of Baird.

We have just opened up the nicest line of cut glass ever shown in Merkel. West Texas Hardware Co.

WHEN IN NATIONAL



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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Mrs. H. Turner is reported quite sick this week.

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

J. L. Harris made a business trip to Trent the first of the week.

Pate and Rose, barbers. Hot and cold baths. Try us and be convinced.

J. M. Gilliam left the first of the week for Italy to be gone several days.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker visited friends in Abilene one day this week.

Elder W. G. Cypert filled his regular appointment at Trent, Sunday.

C. W. Leake, of Abilene, was among the business visitors here this week.

Start the new year right by trading with Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co. We want your business.

Ernest Costephens returned to Abilene Monday where he is attending Draughon's Business College.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers.

Rev. R. A. Clements went to Baird Tuesday where he attended the preachers' conference and missionary institute which closes today.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effectual for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. R. C. Young left Tuesday night for Ovalo in response to a message stating that her niece, Miss Hattie Minatree, was not expected to live through the night.

Merkel home and good farm of 200 acres, worth \$6,000 to trade for good sandy land farm.

Jackson at Merkel.

A. C. Boney, J. T. Tucker and B. C. Gaither were attending to business in Abilene this week.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments. Chamberlain's Stomach Remedy keeps your bowels regular and will avoid these ailments. Sold by all dealers.

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Did You Have a St.

When you were doing your sewing, and the



Sitting position for Standard Central Needle Machines. Sitting position for ordinary sewing machines.

Ask your doctor and he will say sew Standard Central Needle way. Come to our store at once and let us show you. No obligation on your part to buy—"just look"



You sit straight—sit upright; no eye strain no crooked or uncomfortable position—helps you retain your health and beauty—**HEALTHFUL EXERCISE.**

BEHRENS-McMILLEN FURNITURE CO.

Mrs. N. E. Sinclair, Dead.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Sinclair were made sad Sunday by the announcement of the death of the former's mother which occurred at Belton Saturday night.

Mrs. N. E. Sinclair, although 82 years of age, was enjoying the best of health when she suffered a fall from which she did not recover and this was the cause of her death. She lived at Belton and died at her home which she had occupied for a half century. She leaves two sons, Ed Sinclair of Belton and N. C. Sinclair of our city.

The Mail joins with the many friends of this popular couple in sympathy for their irreparable loss.

Banner for Commissioner.

The Mail announces this week J. L. Banner as a candidate for re-election to the office of commissioner of this precinct, No. 2. Commissioner Banner has served our people but one term, has made a good commissioner and done much for the improvement of our roads. He will appreciate your vote at the primary for the customary second term and continue his best efforts for all of the people, if elected.

Card of Thanks.

We thank our good friends and the people for the favors and considerations shown us and their sincere sympathies during the illness and death of our husband, son, father and brother, Chapman S. Curb.

Mrs. C. S. Curb and Children,
J. R. Curb and Family.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Something doing every night at the Opera House.

Read the advertising in this issue and make your dollars get the most possible.

Pay cash and trade with us and you will save more than the interest on your money. Woodroof Bros.

Mrs. J. L. Harris will leave Saturday for Dallas where she will visit her son Arthur Harris.

We guarantee to meet competition anywhere as to prices and quality and all we ask is a chance at your dry goods bill this month. Woodroof Bros.

Come to see us often, always a good show. Whitaker & Leer.

Richard Dalby, manager of the Hamilton ranch on the divide was in spending some of his money this week.

John Sears, president of the Southern National Bank, bought another half section of improved land this week. The deal was a Jackson.

The rest of this month and 3 days in February we are offering you more dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., than you ever got for the money before. Woodroof Bros.

Many Merkel country farmers report that they have started their plows turning the land for another crop. The good season and early start makes things look lovely for our country for the New Year. Plow early and deep.

Jeffries-Johnson Fight.

The following statements and figures are of interest to show that while the white man got licked he got off with almost as much of the money.

At Reno, Nev., July 4th, 1910. Estimated attendance, 16,000; gate receipts, \$250,000; purse, \$101,000; division of purse: Johnson's share, \$60,800 plus \$10,000 bonus; Jeffries' share, \$40,400 plus \$10,000 bonus. Jeffries sold his share in the motion pictures for \$66,666.67 and the negro sold his for only \$50,000. Jeffries was knocked out in the 15th round and the estimated money bet was \$400,000.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 13, 1912

Bernet, Will
Buckley, Miss Myrtle
Lucky, Miss Mary.
Levey, W. M.
Maxwell, Miss Ruby
Wilson, Miss Minnie.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Jan. 27, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p. m.

Thornton for Treasurer.

J. H. Thornton, of Abilene, authorizes us to announce his name as a candidate for treasurer. The candidate needs no introduction or commendation by us. He was one of the pioneers of Merkel and this country, has been interested and identified with our town and country. Give his claims careful consideration before you vote.

Telephone 202 for oil

Elbert Tuesday where business college.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lambert was here this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gibson.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Grandma Dunning, of Eskots was here this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fanny McConn

G. V. Tye has returned Worth after a visit with the family of J. V. Tye of the White community.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Rev. H. J. Pritchard returned to Abilene Monday after filling his appointment at Butman.

P. H. Pettit, of Granbury, after a visit in the White Church community with the family of Mrs. S. A. Pettit has returned home.

Mrs. T. S. Dennis returned to her home in Abilene Tuesday after a visit in our city with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dennis.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. Sold by all dealers.

Mrs. Tobe Paylor returned to Big Springs the first of the week where she will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. George. Mr. Paylor is there in the employ of the T. & P. Ry. Co. temporarily and will return to his old position in Merkel in the near future.

Why carry gasoline at home carry the risk and do the when you can get what you day or night at the Garage? Give us a

J. T. Warren and son were attending Abilene

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Now is The Time to

MOVEMENT TO SELL THOUSANDS OF DO

ITS TOSSED TO THE WINDS, cost of the merchandise not considered in a mighty effort to relieve severely need under present adverse conditions—MONEY. A combination of circumstances renders it of goods without the slightest regard for values. To begin at the beginning, our buyers, when buying business and rosy prospects for a great fall trade, and were induced by persuasive price concessions to buy here tributary to this city which has materially lessened the normal outlet for merchandise. We have had a splendid Sell the Goods; Reduce the Stock and get the Money. To this end we inaugurate a bold, dashing sale that will defeat rigid economist and put flowing into the channels of trade many hundreds of dollars owing to the genuineness of. In every nook and corner of the store, up and down isles, on center counters, on the ledges and every possible place which speak with more force and eloquence than the shrewdest clerks. COME AND SPEND A DAY STROLLING

NOW COMES THE GREAT SALE YOU HAVE



The finest ribbons in town at a mere fraction of what it costs to make them. Now is certainly the time when all ladies should take advantage of an opportunity to secure a large supply at a very low cost.

- High grade taffeta silk ribbon, all colors, extra wide, positively worth 35c; this great sale, price only..... **20c**
- Same as above, only in satin and slightly wider, worth 30c and 50c; this sale, price only..... **25c**
- Entire line of 20c and 25c silk ribbon; this sale, price only..... **12 1/2c**
- 12 1/2c ribbon, all colors, during this great sale, per yard..... **8 1/2c**
- 5c and 7 1/2c, all colors; this sale, price only, per yard..... **3c**

Ladies, Men and Childrens Shoes

Our shoe department is not only the largest in this section, but is the most carefully selected stock you can find anywhere, and if you buy shoes of us you may feel assured of being comfortably clad. This department is full of bargains which you must see to appreciate.

- Men's leather cut shoes in patent leather or vici, all standard brands, worth \$5, \$4 and \$3.50; this great sale, price \$3.98 and..... **\$2.98**
- Men's dress shoes, of all best grades known from coast to coast as the most dependable shoes made, worth \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2; this great sale price only \$2.25, \$1.98 and \$1.50, also \$1.45 and..... **\$1.20**
- Men's boots and bootees: Men's high grade boots, all styles, high grade boots, bootees and others, worth \$6.50, \$5.50, \$5, \$4 and \$3.50 at \$4.88, \$4.48, \$3, \$2.88 and..... **\$2.25**
- Best grades \$4 and \$4.50 fine dress shoes in patent leather; only **\$3.00**
- Ladies' \$3.50 and \$3.75 fine dress shoes in patent leather, all sizes; this great sale, price only..... **\$2.88**
- Ladies' \$3 high grade dress shoes, in patent leather, all sizes, every one sells, only..... **\$2.38**
- Ladies' \$2.50, \$2, \$1.75, \$1.65, \$1.60 high grade dress shoes made by all best reputable and well known manufacturers; this sale, price only \$1.58, \$1.45, \$1.30, \$1.25 and..... **\$1.15**

ALL MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE

Mens and Boys Clothing

At prices lower than any one ever dreamed of, for \$18 and \$20, suits all to match; this sale **\$11.50**, this amount entitles you to choose a suit of as fine a make and as elegant as the most fastidious dresser could desire in fine home and foreign suitings of styles and tone; this sale, price only..... **\$11.50**

- \$25.00 Benjamin suits with fancy vests for..... **\$20.00**
- 22.50 Benjamin suits with fancy vests for..... **\$18.50**
- 15.00 Litchfield suits with fancy vests for..... **\$12.50**
- 12.50 Litchfield suits..... **\$10.00**



Sweater Coats

For everybody all sizes and at almost any price you could want them. You could hardly imagine the saving you would make on these goods by reading prices on paper. You have to see them to really appreciate the values.

- \$1.00 and 1.25 Sweaters **83c**
- 2.00 and 2.50 Sweaters **1.65**
- 3.00 and 3.50 Sweaters **2.50**
- Others at proportionate prices.

Mens and Boys Clothing

- \$10.00 Litchfield suits..... **7.50**
- 8.50 Knickerbocker suits for boys..... **6.50**
- 7.50 Knickerbocker suits for boys..... **5.50**
- 6.50 Knickerbocker suits for boys..... **5.00**
- 5.00 Knickerbocker suits for boys..... **4.00**
- 4.00 Knickerbocker suits for boys..... **3.00**

Overcoats at heavy reductions.



Ladies Neckwear
Reduced Price
This Line

Very Best Calico

LADIES' RE

- \$25.00 Evening dress
- 20.00 Evening dress
- 17.50 Dresses all
- 25.00 Hand tailored
- 20.00 Hand tailored
- 15.00 Hand tailored
- 12.50 Hand tailored
- 20.00 Fancy revers
- 15.00 Ladies coats
- 10.00 Ladies coats
- 12.00 Braided veil
- 10.00 Braided veil
- 7.50 Braided veil
- 6.50 Braided veil
- 7.50 High waist

This Will Truly be a

and everyone who knows values and appreciates bargains should be of these EXCELLENT BARGAINS. Prices on everything are in tire trade territory should eagerly take advantage of these exc

THE MERKEL DRY GOOD

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Let us figure
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Now Living in Quiet.

Mme. Steinheil, who had such a stormy time on her sensational trial and acquittal, is now living in a rural retreat near London with her daughter and son-in-law, who is an Italian artist. In the quiet of her retreat she has written the story of her life, which has just been published.

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...of Great Britain. The boy born in
...Commercial road was to be the apostle
...of everyday people, and the multi
...tude of tradesmen he wrote of would
...make a trades' directory.—The
...Ladies' World.

TAUGHT EXPERTS A LESSON

Accident While Casting Cannon Re
sulted in Foundation of Present
English Gun Factory.

We owe our present arsenal at Woolwich to an accident. The government had a gun foundry in Moorfields, where, upon one occasion, in the year 1716, a distinguished party were gathered together to witness the operation of casting a large cannon.

A young foreigner, named Schlach who seems to have been almost an entire stranger, but who was well acquainted with the details of casting noticed that one of the molds had been insufficiently dried, and warned the molders against using it. They disregarded his advice, and when he saw that he could not prevail upon them to desist, he immediately put himself well out of harm's way before the cannon was cast. A terrible explosion occurred when the molten metal rushed into the wet mold, owing to the sudden generation of steam that could find no outlet, and several persons were killed and a large number injured.

It is said that search was made for the man whose predictions had been so painfully verified, and that the government employed him to advise about the best mode of preventing such accidents in future. The result was that Moorfields was given up as a site of a gun foundry altogether, and upon his advice the establishment was removed to the Warren at Woolwich.—London Tit-Bits.

Facts

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MONEY

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when you allow any of your stock or poultry to remain sick a day.

They give you less results in beef, pork, work, or eggs, when they are not in perfect health. Take a little interest in your own pocket book and doctor them up with

Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine

It will pay you to do this.

It has paid thousands of other successful farmers and stock and poultry raisers.

This famous remedy is not a food, but a genuine, scientific medicine prepared from medicinal herbs and roots, acting on the liver, kidneys, bowels and digestive organs.

Sold by all druggists, price 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. per can.

Write for valuable book: "Success with Stock and Poultry." Sent free for a postal. Address Black-Draught Stock Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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until it is old. Fool that I am! As if the taverns did not know that if it was good it would be eaten, which is not what they want. Then the waiters, with their napkins—what don't they do with those napkins! Mention any one thing of which you think you can say with truth, "That they do not do."

Every six months a tavern should burn to the ground, with all its traps, its "properties," its beds and pots and kettles and start afresh from its ashes like John Phoenix-Squibob.

No; give me home, or a home like mine, where all is clean and sweet, where coffee has pre-existed in the berry and tea has still faint recollections of the pigtailed that dangled about the plant from which it was picked, where butter has not the prevailing character which Pope assigned to Denham, where soup could look you in the face if it had "eyes" (which it has not), and where the comely Anne or the gracious Margaret takes the place of these napkin bearing animals.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

INAUGURATION OF IRON AGE

Authorities Differ as to the Time and Place of its First Introduction to the World.

Some authorities incline to the view that the iron age was inaugurated in Asia or in Africa. The investigations of recent years have pointed to the conclusion that it was not worked in Egypt until the ninth century before Christ, or in Libya until 450 B. C.; that the Semite adopted its use still later, and that it has been known in Uganda only within the last five or six centuries. There are Chinese records of date about four centuries before Christ that mention iron. Bronze weapons were employed in China until about 700 A. D.

It is thought that the metallurgy of iron must have originated in Central Europe, especially in Noricum, which approximately represented modern Austria and Bavaria. Only at Hallstett and in Bosnia and Transylvania, from which countries the Achaeans and Dorians are supposed to have migrated to Hellas, are found evidences of a gradual introduction of iron, at first as an ornament applied to the bronze which it ultimately replaced. Everywhere else iron was introduced in no gradual fashion, a fact that implies a foreign origin.

Meteoric iron was known in Egypt in remote antiquity, but no doubt was worked as flints are worked, cutting or chipping, and was smelted. In other words, it was metallurgy, not the knowledge that originated in Central Eu

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"It was perfectly frightful," said Chubbleigh. "There we ran at top speed around the corner, and the first thing I knew we dashed plumb into that grocer's wagon. I guess it must have held a hundred dozen eggs."

"Oh, well, that wasn't so bad, was it?" said Hicks. "You could afford to pay for 'em, couldn't you?"

"Oh, it wasn't that," said Chubbleigh with a shudder. "But I don't believe there was a good egg in the whole lot."
—Harper's Weekly.

LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

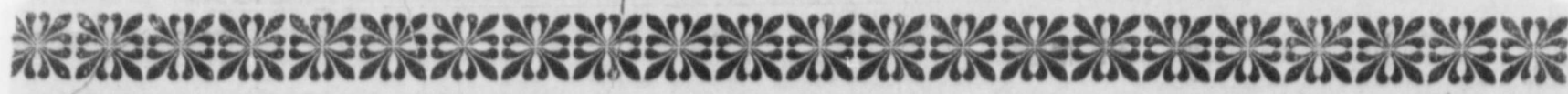
The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to
**ADVERTISE IN
THIS PAPER**

Say, Yo





IS NOW IN FULL BLAZ

to Save Money

Friday Night, January 20
Buy Your Dry Goods and Groceries

WORTH OF SURPLUS STOCK AT A SACRIFICE

crowded condition of our store and incidentally to realize that which 99 per cent of the merchants
 ly necessary for us to "hustle out" thousands of dollars worth of beautiful and magnificent stock
 great Eastern markets were flushed with a highly successfully past season, rapidly increasing
 expecting the decline in the cotton market, which has caused the conditions now existing in the territory
 e but find that we still have lots of goods that must be sold, this leaves us but one alternative and that is
 in the history of great mercantile sales of this season, a sale that will loosen the purse strings of the most
 ousands of bargains which we offer. Every convenience has been arranged for satisfactory shopping.
 space has been pressed into service displaying bargains in merchandise with bold price tickets attached
 DUND OUR STORE AND BEHOLD THE MARVELOUS BARGAIN OFFERINGS THAT GREET YOU

BEEN LOOKING FOR THESE MANY DAYS

ENTIRE STOCK

INCLUDING ALL
 GOODS & GROCERIES

at special prices. We
 tend to make the
 most Extraordinary Sale
 ever held in Merkel.

Notions, Notions

- Hair Barretts in an elegant assortment, all in this fall styles, specials at 20c, 25c and 50c
- Belt buckles and pins, every one new, in grades of 25c, 50c and 75c for 25c, 35c and 50c
- Handkerchief Specials—A large assortment of ladies' handkerchiefs, extra specials at 5c, 10c and 15c
- One case good hair pins, per paper 1c
- 2000 dozen good pearl buttons, per dozen 2c
- Specials in Veil and Jabot pins 15c, 25c and . 35c
- Hat pins 2 1/2c to \$1.50



at Greatly
Ask to see
Goods

per yard -- 4c

Y-TO-WEAR

- \$17.50
 - 14.85
 - 13.50
 - 17.50
 - 14.85
 - 11.50
 - 9.35
 - coats..... 15.00
 - 11.50
 - 7.50
 - 8.50
 - 7.50
 - high waist 5.50
 - high waist 4.50
 - heavy goods 5.00
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Boys & Mens Furnishing Goods

- Men's 35c Neckties, absolutely new goods, this sale 23c
- Boys' 20c and 25c Windsor ties, in this great sale 11c
- Men's 75c wool knit gloves for 43c
- Men's \$1.00 calf gauntlet gloves, in this great sale 75c
- Men's \$1.25 calf gauntlet gloves, in this great sale 98c
- Men's \$1.75 Reindeer gauntlet gloves, this sale \$1.39
- Men's \$1.25 unlined calf gloves, in this great sale 98c
- Men's \$1.50 fine horse hide and calf gloves \$1.23



Men's \$1.25 Mocha dress gloves, price 98c

Men's \$1.75 Mocha and dress kid gloves. \$1.43

Men's Shirts, with collars on and collars off, full and regularly made many styles and patterns, positively and absolutely worth 75c or your money back any time during this great sale; the price is. 43c

Men's 50c and 60c genuine peperell elastic seam drawers. 90c special high grade make; this sale per pair. 38c

Dress Goods

35 inch novelty suiting—Pekin stripes and Glasgow suitings. These are choice new fall cotton dress goods and absolutely worth 35c and 20c the yard, this sale 23 and 14c

50c and 60c Fabrics—Showing all the new styles demanded by fashion, full 36 inches wide, beautiful Poplins and Cashmeres, new fall styles, that are positively and absolutely worth 50c and 60c, in this great sale the price is, per yard, 39c and 33c



Our Silk Department is one of the most complete in this section and the many new creations of patterns which we are showing could hardly be described in the space allotted us, but you may take our word for it that we are offering bargains in this department that will be well worth your while to investigate.

Boys and Mens Furnishing Goods

Guyot's president or other popular grades, worth 50c and 75c; this sale price only 39c

Same as above, only 35c qualities; this sale price only 19c

Our entire line of the very highest grade silk neckwear for men, all this season's goods, in new up-to-date patterns and positively worth 50 and 75c or your money refunded; this sale, price only 39c

Childrens Shoes

All sizes for youths and misses, worth \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.35 for \$1.25 and \$1.00

Another lot only smaller size, this sale, prices 88c 78c, 70c and 50c

Grocery Department

- Extra high patent Kansas flour, Imperial gallon Pickles 75c
- per 100 pounds \$2.75
- 1 gallon bottle Elko vinegar 55c
- 1 gallon can kraut 25c
- 1 dozen cans hominy 90c
- 1 dozen cans kraut 95c
- 1 dozen cans corn 90c
- 3 packages 10c crackers 25c
- 1 bucket Good-Enough Coffee 80c
- 4 pound 4X Coffee 90c
- 1 dozen boxes matches 40c
- 10 pound bucket Soda 50c
- 4 cans Giant Lye 25c
- 30 pound broke rice 1.00
- 2 1 lb. cans Jack Frost baking powder 35c
- 8 boxes hippo washing powder 25c
- 10 lb. pail Plato Lard 1.00
- 6 boxes Argo Starch 25c
- 10 lb. pail Snowdrift Lard 1.10
- Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, gal 50c

ALL MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE

Record-Breaking Sale

to attend this wonderful price-wrecking sale and secure a share of the lowest limit. Hundreds of people throughout this en-erings. It will be a lesson in economy to attend this sale.

ND GROCERY COMPANY



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IDEAS OF ANARCHY ARE MANY

Various Groups Have Opposing Theories as to Its Idea and Its Effects.

The word "anarchy" was first used in the French form by Proudhon in 1840 when he published a pamphlet entitled, "What Is Property." But the basic idea of anarchy dates far back of that point in history, for the world it may safely be said, has always had its malcontents and its revolutionaries.

At the present time the word simply serves to designate a group of theories, many of them coming down from the dim past and not a few of them visionary and impractical, according to economic authorities. There are several definitions of anarchy, each representing a different group of theorists. The idealist says it is absolute individualism in both thought and social activity.

Another group says that anarchy is an economic and social system whereby the individual is free to produce and sell the product of his labor without regard to social regulation or law. Still another defines true anarchy as a communistic organization of individuals with perfect freedom and equality obtaining among themselves to produce and barter without restriction, the backbone of it being combined resistance to all existing forms of order, law and government.

An authority on the subject says that anarchy comprises all attempts to destroy the existing social order, without reference to any system of reconstruction, and by resorting to any means, fair or foul, by which individuals or institutions representing constituted authority may be suppressed. This, it may be added, represents the popular conception of anarchy.

THERE THE SAUSAGE IS HOLY

Highest Aim of Good German is to Evolve a New Brand of "Wurst."

While in this country one may purchase many varieties of sausage, it is to Westphalia, Prussia, that we must look for the sausage in all its glory, says Harper's Weekly. There, it is said, a trader will name you no fewer than four hundred different kinds, and they present a bewildering array of diverse substances in their composition.

At a German sausage exhibition held not so long ago at Berne, in Switzerland, there were displayed 1,785 kinds of sausage from various countries. It is said that a good German would rather invent a new sausage than anything else. At any rate there is told the story of the young Prussian who, though he had received an expensive training as a chemist, shut himself up in his laboratory and instead of devising a new dye, safety match, motor engine, explosive, aero plane or photographic lens, took pork veal, olives, pepper, fennel, old wine cheese, apples, cinnamon and her rings' roes, and from them evolved a wonderful and totally original "wurst," the best of its kind. He has amassed a considerable fortune from its sale.

Perils of Fishermen.

There are countless incidents illustrating dangers and trials in the life of a Newfoundland fisherman. Daily are such experiences recorded in every cove and hamlet around the coast line. Peril amid the billows, peril among the ice floes, peril along the rugged seaboard—that is his heritage and his portion from boyhood to old age. The rescuer today, he may be rescued tomorrow. Life to him has few compensations. It is an unceasing struggle against the elements, a strenuous endeavor to secure the means of existence from a sea which is ever on the watch to work ruin upon him. Wreck, wrath and calamity are the facts which predominate in every Newfoundland village. They have come home to every family and have left a vacant place in every household. The frequency of disaster compels every man to be a hero unconsciously, and if every person who saved a life in this colony were to be awarded a medal, they would be given out every week at least, and for actions as meritorious and as deserving of recognition as any that are so rewarded elsewhere.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Many "Holy Lands."

Christians use the term Holy Land to designate Palestine, as being the scene of the birth, ministry and death of Christ, but, interestingly enough, other religious sects employ the same term for places sacred to them from association. Thus the Mohammedans speak of Mecca as the Holy Land, it being the birthplace of Mohammed. The Chinese Buddhists call India the Holy Land, because the founder of their religion was born there, while the Greeks bestow this same title on Elis, where was situated the temple of Olympian Zeus.

Candidates are being born every week and there will be lots of politics this crop. We are for Merkel and the Merkel country for everything, and its all too good to waste much time and energy on politics. Come to Merkel.

Carpenters and brick masons are rapidly putting the building in shape for the opening of the Farmers State Bank in our little city this month.

A free chance for the china drawing Saturday night with every ticket to the show. We will continue giving away prizes every Saturday night.

Plow early, plow deep, plant the best seed, plant less cotton, plant more of everything else and pay your subscription to the Merkel Mail and you will get along in this world and hereafter.

Free delivery for groceries to any part of the town. Phone your orders to Bradshaw Grocery Co. for prompt delivery. No. 214.

W. R. Griffith, of Roscoe, was in our little city this week looking after business leaving for Abilene yesterday.

Mrs. M. E. Mackey of Durant, Okla., formerly of this place is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. A. Scott.

FOR RENT—Farm, 1 mile east of Shiloh, 175 to 200 in cultivation; good improvements with plenty of wood, grass and water. A. C. Roney, Merkel.

Mrs. S. H. Kyle of Durant, Okla., is spending several days in Merkel visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Scott.

There is nothing in hot air but read our price list in this issue and come see our goods. Woodroof Bros.

S. A. Douglas, of Roswell, N. M., is looking after some property he owns in our territory this week.

W. E. Britain manager of our electric light plant had business in Dallas a couple of days last week.

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

Burl Wheeler was a Merkel visitor from Abilene the first of the week.

Some good teams for sale, cash or good note. Anchor Hardware Company.

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Derrington left Thursday for Cross Plains to visit relatives.

Some good teams for sale, cash or good note. Anchor Hardware Company.

FOR SALE—Good horse and buggy cheap. for cash or good note. A. H. Thornton.

Emmett Patterson and Andy Hunter both sold a big lot of cotton this week.

Some good teams for sale, cash or good note. Anchor Hardware Company.

N. Harrison was in from the country this week.

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

G. M. Sharp wants all your oats.

T. J. Coggin had business in Anson this week.

Plenty of hops at G. M. Sharp's. Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

Blood W.

All women, who suffer from the aches and pains, due to female ailments, are urged to try Cardui, the reliable, scientific, tonic remedy, for women. Cardui acts promptly, yet gently, and without bad effects, on the womanly system relieving pain, building up strength, regulating the system, and toning up the nerves. During the past half century, thousands of ladies have written to tell of the quick curative results they obtained, from the use of this well-known medicine.

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Jane Calahan suffered from womanly trouble for nearly ten years. In a letter from Whiteville, N. C., she says: "I was not able to do my own housework. My stomach was weak, and my blood was wrong. I had backache, and was very weak. I tried several doctors, but they did me no good. I used Cardui for 3 or 4 months, and now I am in the best health I have ever been. I can never praise Cardui enough." It is the best tonic, for women.

Whether seriously sick, or simply weak, try Cardui.

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

Texas Cattle for Brazil.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 11. —Arrangements have been made by one of the foremen from the 9,000,050 acre ranch in Brazil of which Murdo Mackenzie, a former Texan, is manager, with the King ranch near here to help stock the big ranch in Brazil with Texas cattle. 800 head of cattle have been contracted for and the shipment will go forward sometime early in the spring through the Galveston port.

Notice.

We have opened our new shop on Front street. Your patronage solicited. Pate & Rose, Barbers.

There is little uneasiness in Merkel regarding the prevalence of meningitis over the state for we have one of the cleanest and healthiest towns in the world but pay your subscription now and not take any chances. Come to Merkel.

A free chance for the china drawing Saturday night with every ticket to the show. We will continue giving away prizes every Saturday night.

After a business trip to our city Freeman Duggan has returned to his home at Stamford.

Our business is built on top of four words, "One Price, the Lowest," and we will save you money. Woodroof Bros.

BORACIC ACID IN COMMERCE

Scientists Finally Have Devised a Way to Produce Commodity Comparatively Cheaply.

Formerly all the boracic, or boric, acid of commerce was obtained from borax by heating it with calcined ferrous sulphate in closed vessels, whereby sodoforic acid was formed, and boracic acid was carried on with the watery vapors, which escaped.

This was a long and tedious process, and not much progress was made until it was discovered that boracic acid could be obtained from the boiling springs and jets of vapor in Tuscany. Long after the discovery of boracic acid in these springs, the brilliant idea struck the physicist as well as the chemist to employ the heat of the natural steam jets. This method had the effect of converting an unprofitable branch of industry into one of the most successful.

The lagoons are situated near the top of one of the highest hills. As the volcanic vapors pass through the waters of the lagoons the boracic acid is arrested by the water, which becomes impregnated with it. In California it occurs as the mineral sassolite, and as a saline incrustation on the crater of a mountain in the Lipari group, north of Sicily.

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

THE PACIFIC MONTHLY.

Special Rates on the Leading Magazine of the West.

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

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

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

The Political Pot.

The Mail is reminded that this is another year of something doing in political circles by the announcement of several candidates.

The political history of any county or state is interesting and one bit of history implicating a Merkel citizen related to us this week is of interest to our readers.

In 1898 J. H. Thornton, the first man of Merkel was a candidate for treasurer, having as his opponent, D. T. Harkrider, now a candidate for tax collector. In the race the opponents made the customary agreement to swap votes. In the count there was a tie when Mr. Harkrider requested that the executive committee declare his opponent elected for the reason that he had neglected to cast his own ballot as per his agreement.

The Merkel man was winner by one vote and his opponent made more friends by his action.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Court Reporters

Knowing it to be THE BEST, about seventy-five per cent of the official court reporters of the United States—Uncle Sam's employees—write the System of Shorthand taught at Draughon's Colleges. For catalogue, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Abilene, Amarillo or El Paso.

A BARGAIN FEAST

WOODROOF BROTHERS

We have just finished invoicing and find we have entirely too many fall goods on hand, and in order to reduce our stock we are going to give you some unheard of prices for the balance of January and 3 days in February. We have got to sell these goods in order to make room for our spring stock. All we ask is for you to read our prices below and compare them with any previous sale and we will sell you your fall goods. Remember the date

Sale Begins Saturday, Jan. 13 ^{And} Closes Sat. Feb 3

SHOE DEPARTMENT	
Men's Shoes	
\$5.00 shoes for this sale	\$3.95
4.00 shoes for this sale	3.15
3.50 shoes for this sale	2.95
3.00 shoes for this sale	2.25
2.50 shoes for this sale	1.95
2.00 shoes for this sale	1.50
Ladies' Shoes	
Ladies \$4.50 shoes this sale	\$3.45
Ladies 4.00 shoes this sale	3.25
Ladies 3.50 shoes this sale	2.85
Ladies 3.00 shoes this sale	2.45
Ladies 3.50 shoes this sale	1.95
Ladies 2.00 shoes this sale	1.45
Ladies 1.75 shoes this sale	1.35
Ladies 1.50 shoes this sale	1.25
Misses & Children's Shoes	
Misses \$2.50 shoes this sale	\$1.95
Misses 2.25 shoes this sale	1.75
Misses 2.00 shoes this sale	1.45
Misses 1.75 shoes this sale	1.35
Misses 1.50 shoes this sale	1.25
Misses 1.25 shoes this sale	95c
Children's \$1.00 shoes this sale	75c
Children's 85c shoes this sale	65c
Children's 75c shoes this sale	50c
Boys' Shoes	
Boys \$3.00 shoes for this sale	\$2.50
Boys 2.50 shoes for this sale	1.95
Boys 2.00 shoes for this sale	1.50
Boys 1.75 shoes for this sale	1.35
Boys 1.50 shoes for this sale	1.25
Men's Clothing	
\$25.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits for this sale only	\$14.95
22.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits for this sale only	13.95
20.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits for this sale only	12.95
18.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx suits for this sale only	11.95
15.00 Majestic suits this sale	9.95
12.50 Majestic suits this sale	7.95
10.00 Majestic suits this sale	6.95
Suit Cases and Trunks	
\$10.00 suit cases and trunks	\$6.90
8.50 suit cases and trunks	5.95
7.50 suit cases and trunks	5.25
7.00 suit cases and trunks	5.00
6.50 suit cases and trunks	4.95
5.00 suit cases and trunks	3.85
4.00 suit cases, traveling bags	3.25
3.50 suit cases, traveling bags	2.95
2.50 suit cases, traveling bags	1.95
1.50 suit cases, traveling bags	1.15
1.25 suit cases, traveling bags	95c
1.00 suit cases, traveling bags	79c

Bargains in Sweaters	
Ladies & Men's \$3.50 sweaters	\$2.50
Ladies & Men's 3.00 sweaters	2.00
Ladies & Men's 2.50 sweaters	1.85
Ladies & Men's 1.75 sweaters	1.25
Ladies & Men's 1.50 sweaters	1.15
Ladies & Men's 1.00 sweaters	85c
Millinery One-Half Price	
We are determined not to carry over a ladies hat so during this sale we will sell you any ladies hat in the house at one-half price.	
20 per cent discount on all ribbons.	
Ladies Gloves	
Long silk gloves \$2.50 quality	\$1.65
2.25 quality, this sale	1.35
1.50 Kid gloves, this sale	1.25
1.00 Kid gloves, this sale	90c
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	\$4.45
5.00 Jno. B. Stetson hat only	3.75
3.00 Lion Special hat only	2.35
1.50 Black and White hat only	1.15
1.00 Boy's best only	85c
3.00 Kingsbury hat only	2.35
2.50 hat	1.65
1.50 hat	1.15
Men's Shirts	
Men's \$1.50 shirts, this sale	\$1.15
Men's 1.25 shirts, this sale	95c
Men's 1.00 shirts, this sale	85c
Men's 75c shirts, this sale	45c
Men's 50c shirts, this sale	35c
Boy's pants at same reduction.	
Boy's Clothing	
\$10.00 boys suits reduced to	\$5.95
6.00 boys suits reduced to	4.75
5.00 boys suits reduced to	3.95
3.50 boys suits reduced to	2.55
1 lot of boys clothing, choice	1.50

Men's Caps	
Men's 65c caps	50c
Men's 50c caps	40c
Men's 35c caps	25c
Men's 25c caps	20c
Blankets and Comforts	
\$6.00 All-wool blankets this sale	\$4.00
5.00 All-wool blankets this sale	3.75
4.00 Cotton blankets this sale	2.95
3.50 Blankets and comforts	2.25
3.00 Blankets and comforts	2.10
2.75 Blankets and comforts	1.95
2.50 Blankets and comforts	1.75
2.00 Blankets and comforts	1.50
1.50 Blankets and comforts	1.00
Notion Bargains	
Ladies 50 handkerchiefs 2 for	5c
Ladies 10c handkerchiefs 5 for	25c
Needles regular 5c paper, 2 for	5c
Safety pins in all sizes, 3 papers	10c
25c Mennen's talcum powder 2 for	25c
10c talcum powder 2 for	10c
Table Linens and Napkins	
\$3.50 napkins during this sale	\$2.95
3.00 napkins during this sale	2.45
2.50 napkins during this sale	1.95
1.50 napkins during this sale	1.5
1.00 table linen for this sale	85c
75c table linen for this sale	65c
65c table linen for this sale	50c
50c table linen for this sale	40c
Men's Hose	
10c Hose for	5c
15c Hose for	11c
25c Hose for	17c
50c Hose for	25c
75c Hose for	45c
Men's Underwear	
50 & 65c Heavy fleece underwear	35c
50 & 65c heavy ribbed underwear	35c
\$1.00 and 1.25 wool underwear	85c

One-Half Price on Ladies' and Misses Coats	
\$15.00 ladies long coats	\$7.50
12.50 ladies long coats	6.25
10.00 ladies long coats	5.00
8.50 ladies long coats	4.25
7.50 ladies long coats	3.75
Ladies and Childrens Hose	
25c ladies hose for this sale	18c
20c ladies hose for this sale	14c
15c ladies and childrens hose	10c
10c ladies and childrens hose	6c
Ladies Suits at Half Price	
\$25.00 Ladies tailored suits	\$12.50
22.50 Ladies tailored suits	11.25
20.00 Ladies tailored suits	10.00
18.50 Ladies tailored suits	9.25
15.00 Ladies tailored suits	7.50
12.00 Ladies tailored suits	6.00
Mens Odd Pants	
Mens \$6.00 pants this sale	\$5.00
Mens 5.00 pants this sale	4.25
Mens 4.50 pants this sale	3.45
Mens 3.50 pants this sale	2.95
Mens 3.00 pants this sale	2.45
Mens 2.50 pants this sale	1.95
Mens 2.00 pants this sale	1.65
Ladies' Underwear	
65c, 50c ladies vests and drawers	38c
35c ladies vests and drawers	25c
20c ladies vests and drawers	15c
Ladies \$1.00 union suits	85c
Ladies 65c union suits	50c
Ladies 50c union suits	40c
Overalls and Jumpers	
Best grade \$1.00 overalls for	79c
Best grade 1.00 jumpers for	79c
Work pants greatly reduced.	
Staple Bargains	
20 yards of best grade calico	95c
20 yds. of round thread cotton ck	95c
25 yards brown cotton flannel	95c
20 yards good outing	95c
10 yards good bleached domestic	1.00
25 yards good brown domestic	1.00
15 and 12 1/2c dress gingham	10c
10 dress gingham	8c
10c heavy bleached domestic	7c
12 1/2c and 10 heaviest outing	7 1/2c
18 and 20c feather tick	14c
12 1/2 and 15c feather tick	9c
10c mattress tick	7 1/2c
Towels Towels	
25c Turkish and linen towels	16c
50c Turkish and linen towels	35c
1 lot 25c towels this sale	10c

Our reputation for fair dealing will convince you this is an exceptional opportunity. We guarantee every item as represented and to satisfy you with every purchase. Yours

WOODROOF BROS.
ONE PRICE-THE LOWEST

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hot and cold drinks at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Olga Sheppard is at home from Mangum, Okla.

Window and door glass at Burroughs Drug Store.

Lige Gambel, of Colorado City, was a Merkel guest last week.

Be served delicious hot chocolate at Burroughs Drug Store.

Miss Mabel Collins left Monday for Hico where she is teaching music.

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

Homer Easterwood came last week from the west to visit home folks.

A fresh stock of groceries, everything new. Bradshaw Grocery Co.

J. J. Russell shipped a car of cattle to the Fort Worth market Wednesday.

Burroughs Drug Store handles a large line of window and door glass.

See my Duroc Jersey male before breeding your sows. R. L. Bland, Merkel.

Miss Jessie Sutphen visited home folks last week; returning to her school in Nubia, Sunday.

Buy from Bradshaw Grocery Company and get groceries fresh from the market.

We expect to reduce our stock \$12,000 before going to market. We are making prices that will do it. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company.

Miss Bera Stalling is at home from a two weeks visit with her aunt, Mrs. George Friedler, in Denison.

Buy your dry goods and groceries now for they will cost you more when our sale closes.

Merkel D. G. & Gro. Co.

Oscar Warren and Ralph Bigham drove a herd of cattle to Eskota Wednesday for Jasper McCoy.

We will appreciate a share of your grocery trade during this new year and will treat you right. Bradshaw Grocery Co.

The Baptist M. and A. Society will take up the subject of prayer in their devotional meeting next Monday, Jan. 15, at the church, chapter 1. Mrs. Jacobs, leader.

You can buy dry goods and groceries from Jan. 6. to Jan. 20 from Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company cheaper than any house in west Texas. Come, see for yourself.

Mrs. Vernon Jones and baby returned to their home in Bagwell, Monday, after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

We are not merely advertising to make a fuss. We mean to reduce our stock and raise money and will begin with the only real sale of the season Saturday a. m. at 8 o'clock. Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Notice to the Public.

I am back at the Exchange yard and stable in Merkel. Will be glad to have all of my old customers and as many new ones call around. I will be there ready to wait on them. I will also keep a few rigs to serve the public. Yours to serve.

Respectfully, A. C. Boney.

Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

THROW OUT THE LINE

Give the Kidneys Help and Many Merkel People Will be Happier

"Throw Out the Life Line"

The kidneys need help. They're overworked—can't get the poison filtered out of the blood. They're getting worse every minute. Will you help them? Doan's Kidney Pills have brought thousands of kidney sufferers back from the verge of despair. Will cure any form of kidney trouble.

H. W. Derstine, of Merkel, Texas, says: "For several years I was troubled by backache and was unable to get relief until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at Rust & McCauley's Store. This remedy benefited me from the first and soon relieved me entirely. I shall continue to take Doan's Kidney Pills whenever my kidneys trouble me, knowing that the best of results will follow."

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

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J. A. Barnett and wife to B. H. Watkins, lot 4 in block 11, town of Trent, \$40.

I. N. Taylor and wife to T. J. Coggin, lots 10, 11 and 12 in block B, of Sheppard's addition to Merkel, \$1,500.

T. J. Coggin to C. M. Coggin, lots 10, 11 and 12 in block B, of Sheppard's addition to Merkel, \$1,554.

J. H. Oliver to R. C. Young, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, in block 27, College Heights addition to Merkel, \$217.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 6, 1912:

Asberry, Jas.
Doan, C. F.
King, Mrs. W. W.
Morgan, Mrs. Mary
Reese, Miss Bessie
Smith, Miss Emma

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Jan. 20, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p. m.

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