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n Cuba on Account of interiering in Politics by Cuban Yeterans.

## HNXNM IS NOW TRAMQUIL

Fear is Entertained that Disturbances WII Occur When Announcement Becom

Havana, Jan. 17.-Absolute tranquility prevails here today despite the shock of the announcement this morning of the possible intervention by the United States in Cuban affairs, because of the action of Cuban veterans in interfering in politics. Meager interior reports do not indicate trouble there, but disturbances are feared when the news becomes generally known over country districts. The veterans have taken no action yet.

## W. R. Cranston Announces.

The Mail is authorized to announce to its readers in Jones oounty and friends elsewhere the candidacy of W. R. Cranston for tax collector. Mr. Cranston is well and favorably known to us but we reproduce the following from the columns of the Anson Enterprise
"Upon the death of Mr. W. B. Hampton, the Commissioners oourt appointed Mr. Cranston to ill out the unexpired term, with the assurance that the proceeds of the office salary would go to the widow of the deceased offcer. Mr. Cranston, who is by the way a bachelor brother of Mrs. Hampton, has turned over to her all the proceeds for herself and children, and requests us to say that should he be again honored with the office, he will still rewgnize the salary as belonging to the widow and her children just the same as if Mr. Hampton had lived and been elected to the second term. He feels that Mrs. Hampton is entitled to the support from the office a second term and for this reason alone he is making the race. Mr. Cranston has made a good officer, and we have found him to be a gentleman in every respect."

## Scott Home Destroyed.

Wedneaday afternoon about $2: 30$ o'clock flames in a very few moments reduced to ashes the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs.
W. A. Scott in our city

The fire is supposed to have started from the kitchen flue in some manner and the strong wind blowing at the time fanned the flames into a fire which made it impossible to save any of the furniture or household goods. It was a hopeless case for the fire boys but they were there in quiok time and with our usual high pressure played a couple of stresme on the building whioh soon extinguished the fire.
This was one of our costliest and most attractive homes and with only partial insurance is a big loss for the owner
The following were transaoting business in Abilene Monday: Rev. Geo. L. Hamilton, Dr. M. Armstrong, J. S. French, Austin Fitte, and J. M. Dunagin of Stith.
Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

## OUR ADVERTISING CHAT

The advantages offered and benefits to be derived from the use of our columns are not confined to the business and professional men

The space is worth as much to any man who has anything to buy, sell or echange, no matter what his avocation in life or location in residence. A small classified ad, local liner or regular display will let your want, desire or offer known to several thousand of our best people. One of our readers may be looking for just what you have for sale or have for sale just what you want. The little ad puts you in personal touch with the people

This little chat was suggested this week when we saw one good, progressive farmers bring to town and sell on the regular produce market two or three dozen full-blood Rhode Island Red chickens. They were "culls" from his flock but yet they were fine and worth much more than the price paid for them. A friend looking at the fowls said: "If you had put a little ad in the paper or brought these to town on Saturday or Trade Day you would have gotten a better price." He saw the point in a minute but had not thought of that before. He is a good farmer and raises chickens which will bring fancy prices if advertised.

It matters not how good a proposition you have for sale in your land, horse, cow, hog, pig, chicken or anything else unless you find the buyer and advertising in your local paper is the cheapest and quickest medium. If you have a good proposition the work of locating the buyer is the greatest part of the task, for when interested and shown he will see the merits as represented by you and you will make the sale. The man who brings his produce to town in a sack and waits on the corner for someone to come and inquire what he has for sale will always be "holding the sack" while his more thoughtful neighbor will be disposing of the same goods and getting the highest market prices.

The Mail is just a newspaper for the people, for Merkel and the Merkel country first if you please and our main purpose is to be worth something to the town, country and people and give value received for every dime paid us on advertising, subscription or job work. If we can be of any help to you in any way please call on us and we will do our best.

No matter how small the ad or job, we want the business and after we get it we want to get results for you.

## PREOCITS VOLCANC ERUPTION FOR 1912

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 14. The Rev. Thomas Clerk, a pic turesque character, who for year has wandered in the mountains of Eastern Tennessee and Southwest Virginia, styling himself the "Prophet of the Smokies," deolares that he has just had a vision in which it was revealed to him by a divine messenger that during the present year, 1912, voloanic eruption equal to that o Martinique or Vesuvius will take place in the state of Pennsylvania and that nearly 900,000 souls will be plunged into eternity without a moment's warning.
He asserts he foretold the sesassination of President McKinley, the fire at Baltimore and the San Francisco earthquake.

## For Sale or Trade

220 acres good black land at
end of east Dallas pike road; 170 in cultivation; $12 \frac{1}{2}$ acres alfalfa; 20 acres Bermuda grass; balance mber and pasture. This is irst-class alfalfa land, well improved and watered; encum. brance $\$ 3.000$; can be paid off or extended any time. Price, $\$ 70$ ountry farm at cash price This is a bargain.

Jno. G. Jaokson, Merkel.

## Notic to Street Tax Payers.

All persons subject to stree work who will pay $\$ 3.00$ before ebruary 1, 1012, will recoive reeipt for the year. After Febru ry 1 it will be $\$ 5.00$

## W. N. Hall,

Street Commissioner
Telephone 202 for oil and gas.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Rates.
For District Offices.
For County Offices.
For Precinct Offices
For City Offices.
Subscription price, per year --
AIWAYS CASH IN ADVANE
TAYLOR COUNTY CANDIDATES
For Sheriff:
S. E. Taylor (of Hamby) Tax Collector
D. T. Harkrider (of Ovalo) For Tax Assessor
W. T. (Tom) St. John (of Abilene)

## J. L. Banner

For Treasurer:
J. H. Thornton
JONES COUNTY CANDIDATES
For Tax Collector
W. R. Cranston

## MEMIMGIIIS DEATHS

 HEEE 1 IV 24 HOURSFort Worth, Jan. 17.-Five deaths from meningitis have occurred in Fort Worth since no Tuesday. Two persons died of the disease Wednesday morning. No new cases were reported.
This makes seventeen deaths from the disease here. The official reoord kept by James Liston, private secretary to Mayor Davis, shows a total of thirty-four cases. This' regord includes all eases from Deo. 24 to Jan. 17.
There have been a number of complete recoveries from the disease. Four patients at the Medical College hospital are reported as having practically recovered but they are being kept in quarantine to prevent any possibility of them communioating dieease to others.

## TAYLOR COUNIY

 ROODS BOOSEDHon. T. A. Bledsoe, County Judge, Taylor County Dear Sir.-It has been my intention for some time past to write to you in regard to the photographs of the road work in Taylor county, which you so kindly furnished me for use at the Dallas Fair, the Waco Cotton Palace, and on the M. K. \& T. special train operated by the College. However, prolonged absence from the College and rush of other work, caused me to be negligent in this regard.
I wish now to thank you for your interest in the matter, and for your trouble in securing these photographs and grouping them in the attractive manner in which they were shown. This is one of the most interesting, and perhaps the most instruetive set of photographs that has ever been collected of road work in Texas. It's superiority consists especially different steps in the building of each type of road, beginning with the gravel pit or quarry and ending with the finished road.
The collection is now in my oxhibit rcom here at the College, where I expect to keep it perma. nently, as I understood you to say that you would donate it to the college for this use. It will serve as a good object lesson for
my engineering olasses. With best wishes
oontinued suocess of your road work, and for yourself, personally, I remain,

Yours very truly,
Robt. J. Potte.
Hot and cold drinks at Burroughe Drug Store.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 13.-A. G. Boyce, Sr., of Amarillo, was shot and fatally wounded while in the rotunda of the Metropolitan hotel here at 8:30 o'clock tonight. Five shots were fired from an automatic pistol of emall caliber at short range and all took effect. Death was not instantaneous, but Boyce died at St. Joseph's Hos pital an hour after he was wounded.
All of the bullete struck near the navel in a space that could be covered by a man's hand. Two of them passed through the body and one struck a bone and rebounded, lodging on the shirt J. B. Snead, a ranchman and banker of Amarillo, and Boyce's neighbor, who came to the city tonight, was arrested by the police several blooke from the scene of the shooting. When taken into euetody he had no weapon on his person. He was later transferred to the county jail.
Boyce was seated in a chair not far from the front door on the north side of the rotunda, talking to a friend, when Snead entered unexp octedly, from the street. Snead walked directly up to Boyce, and, according eye-witnesses, a few wor ds were quickly exchanged in a low voice. Snead then drew a pistol, and opened fire. Boyce sprang to his feet but the shote continued and at the fifth shot, after taking a few steps, he sank to the floor. He was conveyed to the hospital and died an hour later, retaining consciousness almost to the last. A. G. Boyoe, Sr., the deceased, had been manager of the X. I. T. ranch, in the Panhandle, and lately was president of an Amarillo bank. He was widely known. He was about 65 years of age.
J. B. Snead, the prisoner, declined to make a statement or see a reporter. His brother-in-law, R. L. Bowman, Jr., of Plano happened to be in the city when the shooting occurred. He also declined to talk about the ocourrence
The shooting tonight follows he elopement a few montha ago of A. G. Boyoe, Jr., and Mrs. Lena Snead, wife of J. B. Snead. She had been placed in a sanitaThey were traced to Winnipeg and there arrested.

## Gets Life Sentence.

Sweetwater, Jan. 12.-Reporte from Colorado City thie afternoon are to the effeet that W. R. Mathews received a life sentence in oriminal aseault.
Mathews, it is understood pleaded guilty.

Burroughe Drug Store handles a large line of window and door glase.

## WARREN, President T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier <br> 

Capital and Surplus $\$ 50,000.00$

"Good Service to Our Patrons"
henry james JOHNSON

## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## White Cburch Community.

Jan. 14-The Canyon was visited by
a norther last week.
Dolph Coast and wife visited Mr. Cox
and family Tuesday.
Mr. Millan visited Mr. Ervin Friday.
Millard Pannell and Nathen Noil visi.
Millard Panneell and Nathen Noil visi-
ted Castle Peak community one day last week.

## Lee White tr Merkel Tuesday.

## Merkel Tuesday. Rufis Pannell

Rufis Pannell and E
went to Nubia Saturday
Mrs. Grider left last week nison to visit her sister a few weeks. munity one day last week selling pigs. munity one day last week selling pigs.
H. E. Farmer visited Hurley Toombs last week.
Nathen

## horses.

Hurley Boden is painting Hurley
Toombs house this week
H. E. Farmer
day last week.
Master Murry Farmer, Whit
Farmer were visitinger, Whit and Bell
Pannell Sunday evening.
Ira Thornton has been in our community trapping

## wish him succes

the singing at Nubia Suncrus attende
H. E. Farmer and Curt Tucker at-
tended the I. O. O. F. at Nubia Satur-
day night.
The subscriber attended singing at
Jim Moore's Sunday night.
Floyd and Roy Childress of
visited their mother Mrs. Milian
isited their mother Mrs. Milisn.
Prodigal Son.

## Noadle Dets

## Jan. 16-Gurney Richards whil <br> \section*{asleep Sunday broke his arm

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## Lroke his arm Little Mildr

Little Mildred Williams was riding a
donkey Sunday afternoon and the don key began trotting and she fell off and
broke her leg.
Everybody enjoyed the singing
Ben Wheeler's Sunday night.
Bonnie and Ethel Church
Noodle Sunday night.
Wesley Ely went to Stith Saturday.
Bessyelea Beene, Bertha Ely and Johnnie Odom went to Sand Burr Sat-
urday afternoon. erary society Friday night.

White Dove.
The Choice of a Husband is too important a matter for a woman to be handicapped by weakness, bad
blood or foul breath. Avoid these killhopes by taking Dr. King's New Life Pills, New strength, fine complexion, pure breath, cheerful spirits-thing tafe, sire. 25 c at H. C. Burroughs,
Telephune 202 for oil and gas.

## Salt Branch News

 were well attended Sunday,
 W. Taylor and wife Sunday.
Miss Dewie Floyd was visiting Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy Sunday. Houston Robertson took dinner with Burley Taylor Sunday.
Mrs. Robertson called on Mrs. Porter etty Sunday afternoon. Misses Cora and Alma Hays isiting the Misses Taylor Sunday Oscar McMurray
Ray Douglas Sunday
Ray Douglas Sunday.
Misses Willie and Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy were Visiting Misses Nina and Lyda Beaver
Mrs. Ada Higcins and children were visiting Mrs. Nona Allen Sunday, Miss Essie Floyd was visiting Lyda Beavers Wednesday evening. Miss Ida Taylor spent Sunday nigh with Miss Annie Higgins.
Wesley Hardy and family were vis-
iting Porter Petty and family Sus. iting Porter Petty and family Sunday. Burley Taylor and sister Miss Oma attended the bible school at Abilene a
few days last week.
 days to visit homefolks.
Otis Rainer who was visiting Ellis
Petty and family Saturday Petty and family Saturday and Sunday
left Sunday night to visit his parents

## $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Fletcher Allen left } \\ \text { visit hrmefolks. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Tuesday night } \\ \text { Blue-eyed Girl. }\end{array}\end{array}$

## Butman Community. Buan. 17 -Most of the farmers of the

 land for another crop.A singing at Jim Moore's Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd
from three adjoining communities Nubia, Riney and Butman
Mrs. J. H. Ensminger of this com munity is attending a bible school Abilene.
Misses Warlick and Richbury of this community were in Merkel Saturday. Prof. Cobb is teaching a singing
school at Nubia this week.
Ned.

## A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kid ney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $\$ 1$. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St.
W. J. Dulin Fllosopy, newals this week and spent sev eral moments with us chatting about the Merkel country. He is always on the funny side of life and said:
"Wé have a good country here but things are just different. Now in Georgia we planted by the moon and in the Merkel coun-
try you must plant by try you must plant by the rain
Rain is all we need here and w get that often enough to average up with most any of them. I have always done pretty well. I've been here fifteen years, when they made and did not make crops but I usually had enough to run me over. I bought a farm for $\$ 600$ per acre, held it four years and sold the 160 acres fo
$\$ 5,000$. We get in tights her like they do everywhere and the big fish always live off the little ones and there are suck holes all along down the stream. We
must stay close to the bank but when I get out of one tight place I usually get in two more but I
get out of them some way." Come to Merkel.

## Fire at Bonham.

Bonham, Jan 18.-All that remains of the White, Blakeney \&
Fuller dry goods store is a mass of briok and ashes. This stor new in every particular, one of
the most up-to-date stores in North Texas and a store of which Bonham was justly proud, succumbed to flames which started at about 11:30 Tuesday night. The loss is a total one. The
building, as well as the stock of goods was completely destroyed. It is impossible at the present time to give the exact loss, but the estimate is somewhere be tween $\$ 40,000$ and $\$ 50,000$.

## N. G. Ferrell Gets Two Years.

Arson, Tex., Jan. 15.-After a trial lasting through several days and which was hard contested from beginning to the end, N. G Ferrell, a former sheriff and tax collector of this county was adjudged guilty by a jury here yeserday and given two
The state penitentiary.
The jury returned the verdict at about $9: 30$ o'clock on Sunday pending for about two years in the district court here. It will be appealed.

## Court Reporters

Knowing it to be THE BEST the official court reporters of of United States-Upcle Sam's emShorthand taught at Draughon's Colleges. For datalogue, address Draughon's Practical Business College,
Paso.

## Notice Contractors

We are now ready to accept bids on building new I, O. O. F Hall at Nubia according to specification that can be seen at Gaither \& Sons store.
2 tpd W. I. Cogburn,
Sec. I. O. O. F
H. C. Floyd. Optician.

Glasses correctly fitted. All work guaranteed. Eyes tested free. With S. S. Scheidler, op-

## Farms for Merchandise.

Improved and at cash price to trade for dry goods or groceries any amount $\$ 1,000$ to $\$ 25,000$. Jno. G. Jackson. C. W. Allyn of Sweetwater i
here in the employ of the T. \& P Ry., Co., working "second triok

## REAL ESTAIE DEALS DURING 1911

The following statement represents deals that I effected during the 1911 by myself and through the affiliation with other agents. First National Bank.
William Nolte

$\$ 3,600.00$
$9,000.00$
Mary F. Holton, Trent, Texas ............................... $\quad 1,735.00$

 Mr. H. Alexander, Texas, Stock Mdse $\quad 7,000.00$ W. F. Pendleton, Farmersville, Texas ................... $10,000.00$ Skinner \& Martin, Morgan, Texas ....................... 2,100.0
 J. H Gandy ........................................................ 3.000 .00 O. E. Story ................. $\quad 2,100.0$ Brylor Crawford, Abilene. J. H. Watson, Floydada, Texas
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ W. Bigham, Bank Stock $\qquad$ 5,760.00 800.00
$2,400.00$ $2,400.00$
$1,750.00$

## LEWIS H. KING

## IMPORTANT TO YOU

It is not a removal sale, a closing out sale, a cost sale nor a bankrupt sale, but a plain every day sale on the policy of reasonable profits which we expect to keep up the year round. Look at your bills and compare the following prices and remember every article is guaranteed to be the very best.

| Best Flour, per hundred | \$2.90 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Granulated Sugar, per hundred | 6.25 |
| Cottolene, 10 pounds | 1.25 |
| White Cloud, 10 pounds | 90c |
| 3 pound Tomatoes | 10 c |
| Onion Sets, per gallon | 30c |

Our sugar is just like the other man's sugar; our cottolene is just like the other man's cottolene, so it can't be quality that makes the difference. We guarantee our flour to be just as good as anybody's and in many cases better. So in no case do you have any risk to take. It is just a matter of the same or Better Goods for Less Money. Come see us

## Clark \& Allen

## New Year Special

 KINEMACOLOREighth Wonder of the World
Opera House
Two Nights Only, Wednesday and Thursday
January 24 and 25
Whole Coronation in Natural Colors. A Double Feature 3500 feet of Marvelous Beautiful Highly Colored Films Each Day and 1000 feet ordinary Black and White Comedy

Admission 15c and 25c

# The Suithern National Bank 

Solicits your business for the New Year and promises the most liberal service consistent with our conservative policies

John Sears, President<br>C. L. Barker, Vice-Pres.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier

## LOCAL AND Persoval

Miss Pearl Rawlinge was visitin Abilene Monday
Creed Roberts of Nugent/wes in our little town on business this week.
R. E. Bowles and W. A. Campbell were Abilene visitors this week.

Mrs. A. M. Armstrong came in from Crawford Tuesday to visit relatives.
For sale to the right man, a good young horse. - t Joe Bettes and Fred Vanden bark of Abilene came up to Merkel to look at some of our mules

Dr. Nettie Satterlee, of El Paso, has been the guest of Mrs E. P. McMillen the past week.

Sheriff T. C. Weir and Hon. W. H. Sewell were shaking hand with friends in Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. J. N. Routh spent last week in Stamford visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDonald.
We guarantee to meet compe tition anywhere as to prices an quality and all we ask is a chance at your dry goods blll this month. Woodroof Bros.
B. D. Pressley has returned from Statesville, N. C., where he has been visiting relatives and friends.
J. G. Cleckler formerly of this place has returned to our little city and is in business on Kent street.

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

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold an apron and bonnet bazaar on the fifth and sixth of next April.

We are not merely advertising to make a fuss. We mean to reduce our stock and raise money and will begin with the only rea sale of the season Saturday a. m at 8 o'clock. Merkel Dry Goods $\&$ Grocery Co.
Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at the school house at Blair on the fourth Sabbath in each month
til further notice.
William Clark, School Trustee.
Rev. J. W. Saffle went to Hamlin Saturday to preach for the Baptist people of that city Sunday. The churoh at that place has called him as pastor but $h$ has not decided as to whether he will aocept the pastorate.

## TAKE A LOOK AT THESE TWO PICTURES



Picture yourself in this dangerous sideheedle position taken from life. You can plainly see for yourself that it must be harmful and dangerous to health. Please sit down to your own machine and thread
the needle or watch a line of stitching the needle or watch a line of stitching closely, stop before straightening up and you will then realize the twisted and unhealthful position you unconsciously but


Very easy-running, ballbearing, guaranteed for a life time. They cost no more than other makes. Come to our store at once and let us show you. No obligation on your part to buy-just look.

## BEHRENS-McMILLEN FURNITURE CO.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they canno There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound mperfect hearing, and when it is en tirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be take out and this tube restored to its norma condition, hearing will be destroyed for ver; nine cases out of ten are cause by Catarrh, which is nothing but an in We will give One Hundred Dollar or any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall' Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free. Sold by druggists, 75 c
Take Hall's Family Pills for const pation.

## Opening Switch Lock

Some one has been opening witch lock at the yards of the Orient Railroad, and caused a wreck that taken several days to clear it away, and several times ince the lock was opened and the trains were side tracked
The railroad company sent detective here this week to investigate this matter, they have made an arrest on suspicion.Rochester Herald.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores, BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going or and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days
Price $25 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}$ and $\$ 1.00$ per bottle Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

W, B, and E. S. Crites visiting the in our city last week were here last week from Pulaski visiting their brother John Crites
S. A. Coats was among the vis itors in Abilene Saturday where he went to meet his wife who has seturned from Wichita Falls after visiting her daughter Mrs. A. Yates.
R. L. Robbins of Putnam was here last week visiting the family of his brother G. J. Robbins, leaving for Abilene Saturday where he visited his mother Mrs. M. F. Robbins.

The rest of this month and 3 days in February we are offering you more dry goods, olothing, shoes, etc., than you ever got for the money before. Woodroof Bros.
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Johpson of Franklin, Tenn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Sparkman. They visited Mrs. Johnson's aunt Mrs. Southall at Stith Monday.
Mrs. T. H. Spears of the White Church community has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where she visited her mother Mrs. Martha Littleton.
Why carry gasoline at home, carry the risk and do the work when you can get what you want day or night at the Merke Garage? Give us a trial.

Rev. Dr. Nicola John of Hikari, Turkey, "The Holy Land" was in Merkel last week on missionary duty in the United States.
Mre. Ora Martin of Maryneal after a visit in the Shiloh com munity with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan has returned home.

were here last week from Pulaski | Fre |
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Mail Carrlers Will Fly This is an age of great discoveries Progress rides on the air. Soon we may all directions, transporting mail. Peo all directions, transporting mail. People take a wonderful interest in a dis-
covery that benefits them. That's why covery that benefits them. That's why
Dr. King's New Discovery for coughs, colds and other lung diseases is the most popular medicine in America. "It cured me of a dreadful cough," writes
Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me., 'after doctor's treatment and al other remedies had failed." Fo coughs, colds or any bronchial affection its unequaled. Price 50 c and $\$ 1.00$.
Trial bottle free at H. C. Burrough

## Small Pox at Potos

Abilene, Jan. 15.-Dr. C. M Cash, County Health Officer was called out to Potosi Sunday to investigate reports of a case o the party under strict a to puttin Small under strict quarantine Small pox is a matter of smal concern with the people now, when meningitis has top-of-column position in our thoughts and fears.
No one fears small pox any longer, its fangs having been extracted.

## Gin Notice.

We will run ourgin Friday and Saturday until further notice an will pay highest market price fo emnant seed cotton.
J. S. Barnes Gin Company

## Gin Notice.

We will run our gin on Friday and Saturday until further notice and will pay highest mar ket price for remnant seed cot Brown Gin Company.
Fred Guitar, Mgr.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

G. M. Sharp wants all your

Vol Martin made an Qverland trip to Abilene Morday.
C. McCauley was in our little city from Abilene Tuesday.
Floyd Dean was in Abilene Tuesday attending to business.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Proctor of Blackwell are here visiting the latter's sister Mrs, A. C. Rose.
Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West \& Evans, Proprietors.
T. R. Lassiter was among the number who transacted business in Abilene Tuesday.
Yoùr car needs washing and polishing and we are prepared to do the work. Merkel Garage tf
D. J. Dunlap of Crowell was in our little city last week attending to business.
Misses Audra and Mae Reynolds left Monday for Crowell where will visit their sister Mrs. D. J. Dudley.

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

Mrs. A. M. Bryson of Dora has returned from Fort Worth where she visited the family of S. L MeNay.
Pay cash and trade with us and you will save more than the interest on your money. Woodroof Bros.
The home of our townsman Fred Guitar was brightened by the birth of a bouncing baby boy Friday of last week.
Start the new year right by trading with Merkel Dry Goods \& Grocery Co. We want your business.
Mr , and Mrs. C. MoCauley and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McCauley of Abilene were the guests of Mrs. E. M. Rust Sunday afternoon.
Medicines that aid nature are always nost 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. S. D. Jobe returned to Abilene Monday after attending the funeral of her nephew little Alvin Morgan whioh occurred last week.
We have just received a shipment of automobile accessories and will appreciate your patron-
Merkel Garage tf


The IIERKEL MAIL
pebushed every friday morning
the merkel mail printing company. incorperated
. G. JaCKson, President BFN T. MERRITT, Manager H. T. MERRITT, Foreman

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 TELEPHONE NO. 61



## aftibote for cheap cotros

Commending the "Back to the Old Smoke. house," slogan, a correspondent to the Dallas Times-Herald contends that the farmer who does
not own and use a smokehouse and fill it from his own hog pen is a party to the meat trust and if it were not for the "trust" he would be ingloriously left. He says:
"The trouble with the farmer, in our opinion, is that that the farmers have played the cotton game too long. In this way they raise cotton and
buy all of the necessary food products for the -mily and stook, and the result is that they are vi $\quad g$ with an overdose of low-priced cotton, an empty pantry at home and an empty corn crib and hay barn. We well remember the old smokehouse baok on the farm in our boyhood days when we had to oarry hickory ohips and bark and how juioy and sweet they were. How often these meats adorned the table at our old home to the pleasure and delight of all. We were raised on the farm and are pretty sure that we know what a farmer oan do if he will, and know that he oan raise every pound of meat his family needs, in the cities.

There are waye to reduce the cotton acrerge other than by holding public meetings and pass ing resolutions of "which all may approve bu which only a peroentage observe, when it comes to planting. The back to the smokehouse move-
ment is the best antidote for cheap cotton and the mest trusts.-San Antonio Express.

## increising the price of cotron

One of the most practical methods of increasing the prioe of ootton is to increase its uses. The farmer, by using cotton goods and materials oonsumption of ootton products and many businees houses and manufactures by putting up their merohandiee in cotton bage and wrappers can materially increase consumption and by buying from Texas factories will patronize home industry as well. Increasing consumption of our agrioultural products and patronizing home in dustry will make us prosperous.

Doubt is not a winning habit. When you see a good chanoe grab it. Speak up-while you're hesitating, analyzing, estimating, pondering and calculating, fussing, halting, fretting, someone quicker will be getting in ahead and leave you stranded. You can't count on being handed opportunity each hour. What's the use of having power, brains and wit if you don't use them? Seize your ohances or you will lose them.

According to W. L. Rookwell, United States irrigation expert in oharge of the work in Texas, the state has shown a larger increase in irrigated acreage than any atate in the union.

## MERKEL

GOODHOMES-GOOD SCHOOLS GOOD CHURCHES:GOOD PEOPLE, THE CITY TOLIVE IN,THE CITY TO INVESTIN THE MERKEL COUNTRY ${ }^{\text {ºor }}$ OPPORTUNITYFOR TM YOUNG MAN, COOD HEALTH Fon Twe OLD MAN, EMPLOYMENTFOR Tue POOR MAN IVESTMENTS roar Twe RICH MAN PROSPERIT Y FOR ALL.

It is time now to begin thinking about the Fort Worth Fat Stook Show and to begin putting your stock in shape for exhibit. The "Blue Ribbon" Herefords will be there a and the Merkel country ehould have some horses, mules, and other stook on exhibit. We have the stock and they can get the premium money.

The Taylor county roads are being complimented by many papers of this state but just wait until we get our bond issue. The Merkel country oan construct roads much cheaper than precinct one for we have the best dirt roads to begin with and plenty of gravel. The last item is a big one road construction.

Dr. G. S. Fraps, State Chemist of Texas, at the Tex£9 Experiment Station says there is nothing planting in the dark or light of the moon or planting in the dark or light of the moon or
ccording to certain signs. The time to plant is When the weather and soil are favorabla regardless of the moon.

Merkel has the best little system of waterworks and fire protection in this part of the country. The expense of operation is very small and the dual system of pressure pumps makes the plant always ready in event of fire. Come to Merkel.

When it is seen that the demonstration farmer gets results and none are obtained on neighboring farms, conviotion is brought to the mind of the most skeptical that there are better methods of farming than the old way-Abilene Reporter.

A demonstration of farming by dynamite will be given the Bee county farmers at Tuleta this month. Five acres of land will be blasted on the experimental farm of the agricultural high school at that place.
A carload of polo horses were shipped from the San Angelo country to Midland. They will be kept there on a ranch a few monthe then reconsigned to England, where they will bring fancy prices.

You do not have to knook your competitor to boost your own claims. Ask for business and patronage on your own merits and not the other fellow's demerits. Never knook.

Twenty-three 3-year-old steers were sold near San Angelo for $\$ 57.50$ per head. This is- considered the highest price ever paid in Texas for grass-fed steers.

A farmer living near Haskell recently took from three hives of bees 252 pounds of honey, whioh was made from mesquite and cotton blooms.

The total number of hogs in Texas in 1911 was $1,271,301$ valued at $\$ 3,846,929$, an increase of 217,884 in number and $\$ 1,075,021$ in value.

1,030 acres of land in Red River county was recently sold for $\$ 77,250$. The tract will be divided into small farms.
Speak nothing but what may benefit others or yourself. It is better to talk of things than of persons. Avoid trifling conversation.

Wrong none by doing injuries or omitting the benefits that are your duty. It is just to be charitable and it is oharitable to be just.

Be not disturbed at trifles or at accidents comnon or unavoidable.

1n 1011 Texas spent more than $\$ 9,000,000,000$ nf coad improvement.


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 size now $\qquad$ Sootte Emulsion, 1.00 size now . 85 c Mother's Friend, 1.00 size now . 85c Grays Glycerine Tonic, 1.00 size.. $\quad 85 \mathrm{c}$Miles Nervine 1.00 size now $\quad 85 \mathrm{c}$ Miles Nervine, 1.00 size now.


#### Abstract

Miles Heart Remedy, 1.00 size now 85c Dr. Bulls Herbs and Iron, 100 size 75c Dr. Bulls Herbs and Iron, 50c size 40c Hall Hair Renewer, 1.00 size now 15 cHerpicide, 1.00 size nowLacreole Hair Dressing, 100 sizeAyers Hair Vigor, 1.00 size now 850Zemo 1,00 size now 85Syrup White Pine Cough Syrup 85ular 25 c size now...............20 20

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open to 6 ; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays. Will appreciate a share of your trade. Kent St. Barbers. tf Miss Agnes Hall of Waco is fisiting her mother Mrs. E. Hall.
Be served delicious hot chocolate at Burroughs Drug Store.
Mrs. H. C. Williams was r ported quite sick Tuesday
Come to see us often, always good show. Whitaker \& Leer.
Light Crust Flour is better For sale only by Merkel Dry Goods \& Grocery Co.
Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin is visiting her father J. T. Howard and family
There is nothing in hot air but read ourl price list in this issue and come see our goods. Woodroof Bros.
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.
Dr. W. E. Brown left Monday for New Orleans to take a specia medical course and will be more qualified to wait on his patients \& after his return home.

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o it. Merkel Dry Goods \& Gro-
cery Company.
Do you know that fully nine out of
every ten cases of rheumatism are
simply rheumatism of the muscles due
to cold or damp, or chronic rheumatism
and require no internal treatment what-
ever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment
freely and see how quickly it gives re-
lief. For sale by all dealers.


## Ten Products of Texas

Abilene, Tex., Jan. 11.-The yea
1911 was called a drouthy year in a good 1911 was called a drouthy year in a good
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state show a total production in money value for the past year of nearly $\$ 300$, 000,000 , as follows:
$4,000,000$ bales of cotton.... $\$ 200,000,000$ $70,000,000$ bushels of corn $\quad 56,000,000$ $6,580,000$ bushels of wheat. 90,000 bushels of barley. $20,000,000$ bushels of rye.
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$8,174,000$ bushels of rice.

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 Total ten products ...... $\$ 290$ "On 300 acres in tobacco 1911. The liver loses its activity at time and needs help. HERBINE is effective liver stimulant. It also puri fies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheer ful spirits.
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ZERO TEX-Made by Texas Co barage.
WHOSE HORSE?-About Dec. 9th wok up a bay horse, $15 \frac{1}{2}$ hands high branded " 32 " on left shoulder, cut on right fore foot, fistulo on neck. J. A.
Horton, Rt. 4.
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FOR RENT-Farm, 160 acres 3 mile
west of Merkel, 90 in cultivation. Ap ply to T. A. Johnson at F. \& M. Bank $\frac{\text { or see me. J. N. Laboon. } 19 \text { t2pd }}{\text { FOR RENT. }- \text { Two farms, } 60 \text { acre }}$ in cultivation on each. Apply to T. J Coombs, Nubia, Texas. 15t3pd FOR RENT.-Half section nea Leuders; two good houses; one field of
50 acres other 70 acres. Apply to J. 150 acres other 70 ac
REPAIR WORK-Automobiles, gas olene engines, motor cycles, bicycles or any machinery. All work at rea sonable prices and guaranteed. Merkel Garage.
KEROSENE-Order Familylite o Chrystallite oil of your grocer and yo get the best. Merkel Garage.
WANTED-Jersey cow not mor than 4 or 5 years old with young calf
Phone No. 6. Rev. Joseph Jacob, Mer Phone No. 6.
kel, Texas. FOR RENT-110 acres of 12t3pd 84,000 in Mulberry Canyon, 3-room house and 21,000 good water. Apply to F. Z. Turner 3,591,000 Nubia, Texas.

FOR RENT-A farm, about 70 acres in cultivation and 75 acres in grass.
Plenty water and wood. S. F. Haynes, Merkel, Texas.
GASOLENE-One auto owner who uses Texas Company oil and gas has traveled 4500 miles and hever had dirty spark plug. It's best and w meet any comp.
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## DANDRUFF AND ITCHING SCALP YIELD TO

 ZEMO TREATMENTWhy should you continue to experiment with salves, greasy-lotions and fancy hair dressings trying to rid your because they cannot penetrate to the seat of the trouble and draw the germ seat of the trouble and draw the germ
life to the surface of the scalp and life to the
destroy it.
Why not try a PROVEN REMEDY? Ohe that will do this. We have remedy that will rid the scalp of germ life and in this way will cure DAN DRUFF and ITCHING SCALP. This remedy is ZEMO, a clean, fined, penetrating scalp tonic that goe right to the seat of the trouble an drives the germ life to the surface an
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A shampoo with ZEMO (ANTISEP
TIC) SOAP and one TIC) SOAP and one application o
ZEMO will entirely rid the scalp of ZEMO will entirely rid the scalp o
dandruff and scurf. Do not hesitate dandruff and scurf. Do not hesitate but get a bottle of ZEMO today.
acts on a new principle and will exactlv what we claim.
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## Inseet Bite Costs Leg.

 A Boston mar lost his leg from th bite of an insect two years before. Toavert such calamities from stings and bites of insects use Bucklen's Arnica Salve promptly to kill the poison and prevent infiammation, swelling and pain. Heals burns, boils, ulcers; piles, eczema, cuts, b

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Plenty chops at G. M. Sharp's.
Window and door glass at Buroughs Drug Store.
Mrs. Hayden Turner is slowly mproving after a serious illness. Something doing every night at the Opera House.
Buy your dry goods and groceries now for they will oost you nore when our sale closes.

Merkel D. G. \& Gro. Co.
W. A. Hall of Blair was in Ablene Monday paying taxes and looking after other business.
When buying a cough medicine for
hildrên bear in mind that Cor childrên bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effectual for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drug. or sale by all dealers.
Our business is built on top of our words, "One Price, the Lowest," and we will save you money. Woodroof Bros.
E. M. Brown left Tuesday on a business trip. Mr. Brown's many friends are glad to see him up again after his battle with a very stubborn carbuncle
You can buy dry goode and groceries from Jan. 6, to Jan. 20 from Merkel Dry Goods \& Grooery Company oheaper than any house in west Texas. Come, ses for yourself.
Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life ach and Liver Tablets, kerep your bow els regular and you will svoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.
Merkel home and good farm of 200 acres, worth $\$ 6,000$ to trade for good sandy land farm.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR
The members of the XX Century W. H. Dickson, this being with Mr W. H. Dickson, this being a regular
business meeting. The election of officers for the club year resulted in the cers for the club year resulted in the
election of Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, election of Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton,
pres.; Mrs. Ella Hale, vice-pres.; Mrs. pres,; Mrs. Ella Hale, vice-pres.; Mrs
Otho Williams, recording sec.; Miss Otho Williams, recording sec.; Miss
Lucy Bean, corresponding sec. and treas.; Miss Duncan Browning and Mrs.
W. Mes. treas.; Miss Duncan Browning and
executive board. The lesson, Much Ado About Nothing, act II, was con ducted by Mrs. Hamilton. We are looking forward to a very profitable and pleasant year's work under the
management of our new officers.

Miss Clementine Barker entertained in honor of the members of the eleventh grade at her home Jan, 12. Music and games were the diversions for a most
pleasant evening. Pineapple and cake pleasant evening. Pineapple and cak
was served to Misses Margie an was served to Misses Margie an
Clara Saffle, Dovie Teaff, Fannie Bur Clara Saffle, Dovie Teaff, Fannie Bur-
roughs, Faye Lowry, Clementine and Elizabeth Barker, Messrs. Will Joe Largent, Sam Swann and Rufford Evangent

Mrs. G. F. West' entertained after
the show the show Saturday evening for her
niece Miss: Willie Harris and her nephew Hollis Scarborough of Abilene. A delightful time was reported. Punch and cake was served to Misses Willie Harris, Fannie Burroughs Clara, Margie and Murtice Saffle, Zora West, Messrs. Lowe Barnett, Rufford Evans, John Wes.
and Choc Jones.
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few couples
Sunday afternoon a few couples of the young people were informal guests of Miss Fannie Burroughs. Conversa of an afternoon all aglow with good will, good cheer and joy. Those present were Misses Elma Sheppard; Eunice Nisbet, Mattie Paylor, Virginia and Venona Hamblet and Fannie Burroughs, Messrs. C. C. Franklin, Carl Evans, Choc Jones, Jack Provin -
A call meeting of the missionary ooclety of the Methodist church wa held at the parsonage, Mrs. Clements hostess, Monday afternoon Jan. 15. A good attendance was reported. Many plans were made for the success of the
year's work. The meeting adjourned to meet Jan. 22 at the home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Hannal-Harrison Mr. Douglas Hannah and Miss Lula Harrison took the Blair community by
surprise, when they quietly gathered surprise, when they quietly gathered
together a few of their intimate friends and drove to Merkel and in the parlor of Rev. A. A. Baker, who performed the ceremony which made these two young hearts beat as one.
The bride is an attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison of the Blair community, and was becomingly dressed in a suit of biscuit
brown serge. The groom wore the brown serge. The groom wore the
usual coventional black. Mr. Hannah is a successful farmer. and they will make their future home in the Blalr make their. Their many friends wish for them a long, happy and prosperous
future. One Present.

The Busy Women's class met with Mrs. J. F. Shaffer Wednesday Jan. 17. The president, Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum,
presided over the meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. A. Martín, president; Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Krig treasurer;Mrs. R. A. Clements, teach

All over Texas the different towns clean up days. Shall we wait until the meningitis, typhoid fever, small pox or diphtheria gets here before we ter's rubbish. Let us work together for a sanitary Merkel.

Two cooks and two willing helpers cooked and served a most appetizing lunch Tuesday evening at the home of
Miss Mattie Paylor Miss Mattie Paylor. The "cooks" and
their "helpers". were Misses Fannie Megare Paford Evana and Choc Jonea.

Each had a share in making the lunch cuit baked, chocolate made and peana butter sandwiches prepared. Fortune had smiled on each. Cake and olives found their proper places on the table
when the victors sat down to enjoy the when the victors sat down to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

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

## Songs.

Prayer.
Subject-Elijah, the Hebrew Protest against wrong. Scripture Lessons, 1 Kings 1; John 7, 18.
Life of Elijah-Ollie Shaffer Modern Applications-Tennie Brown
Present day Elijah's-T A Johnson God makes a majority-B. D. Black Reading-Mrs. Routh.
Miscellaneous. Collection.
Benediction.

## B. Y. P. U. Program.

Opening exercises.
Leader-Willie Joe Largent. Scripture reading, Titus 3:9-15.
Subject-Little Books of the Bible Titus.
Talk-
Talk-Titus-Robert Hicks. Vocal Solo-Miss Ethel Roberts.
What kind of men are qualified What kind of men are qualified to Sinisters-Grady Collins. Song.
The co
The conduct of church members iss Margie Saffle.
Closing exercises.

## W. M. and A. Society Jan. 22

Song, No. 69.
Prayer for our missionaries an
native christians in China-Mrs. Hamm Southern Baptist work in China Mrs. P. B. Causseaux

## The sorrows of heat

## Mrs. Smelser.

Paper, Subject China-Mrs. Hall.
Reading-Mrs, Valatine
Reading-Mrs. Valentine.
Reading from our mission fields.
Mrs. Jacob.

## Program Missionary Meeting for Jan. 22

 Subject-Review of the field. Scripture reading-"True happiness att., 5:12.-Mrs. J. W. Jennings. Prayer of thanksgiving-Mrs. Chas Beard.The w
The women behind the work-Mrs R. A. Martin.

Does it pay to send missionaries $t$ the foreign field-Mrs. O. W. Williams,
Brazil- "Notes current"-Mrs. C. E. Bradley.
China's: long sleep-Mrs. E. M Brown.
Items of general interest-Mrs. M. Armstrong.
The society has decided to take up tudy course for this year and will im mediately take up the
Light of the World

## What Makes a Woman

One hundred and twenty pounds, more or less, of bone and muscle don't make a woman. It's a good foundation. may rule a kingdom, But that's just what Electric Bitters give her. Thousands bless them for overcoming faint ing and dizzy spells and for dispelling weakness, nervousness, backache and tired, listless, worn out feeling. "Elec tric Bitters have done me a world of good, writes Eliza Pool, Depew, heart, for making such a good medi ine." Only 50 c . Guaranteed by H Burroughs
Chas. G. Kinzel postoffice in spector of Abilene was inspecting the Merkel postoffice Tuesday and Wednesday. The hours of closing the general delivery win dow has been changed from p. m. to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Misses Olive and Bessie Williams left Wednesday for their home in Corinth, Miss., after vis iting their brother C. W. Williams f the Shiloh community.
Mrs. Rosa Perkins of Houston visiting her sister Mrs. W. A. cott.
Kinemacolor at Opera House.

Kinemacolor at Opera House.
Alvin Morgan, the 3 -year-old on of L. Morgan who lives near Warren's school house, died Thursday night of last week Conjestion of the brain and lung is reported to be the cause of hio
death, he being sick only a few hours.
Miss Rachel Knight and broth or Lawrence of Fort Worth wh have been visiting Mrs. E. Hal here for several days left for Ab-
ilene Thursday to visit relatives. L. Martin recently of Comanche county this week bought 500 600 acres of land southeast Merkel and will make this his home in the future. The de was made by C. E. Whitaker.
Call for Seneca Stock Powder at Hamblet \& Rogere and get a 75 c buggy whip free with every 75 c worth you buy. The best on the market.
Three good sulky plows and one planter for sale cheap. See
C. L. Barker at Southern National Bank.
Misses Leslie Hodges Aileen Gilett of Sweetwate here visiting the family of Jno. w. Wheeler
E. W. Newberry,B. A. Walters, E. H. Patterson, Jno. D. Gatther and B. A. Clark were transacting business in Abilene Thursday.

## Two good horses for

Merkel Dry Goods \& Gro. Co
F. F. Chark went to Tye Thure day morning to vieit his sister Mrs, Annie Kincaid who is reported very sick
N. L. Whatley and family ar rived here Wednesday from Lamb to make their future home. They are welcomed to the City in
Mesdames M. E. Mackey an S. H. Kyle who have been vieiting relatives in Eskota returned to Merkel Thursday.
Mesdames N. Roberts and T. G. Ferguson are reported on the sick list this week.
Mrs. Joe Harris left Saturday for Dallas where she will visit her son Arthur.
Miss Dota Garroutte has re turned to Guion after a visit here with friends and relatives,
Ewing, son of Jno. Childers east of town has been very sick but is reported better.
Dr. Nettie Satterlee left Thureday to visit in Abilene.
Mrs. John Crites of North Mer sel is reported sick.
W. R. Atkins of Lamasco is here visiting his daughter Mrs. J Ben Campbell.
Rev. R. O. Bailey of Trent was Merkel visitor this week.
Buy your oil and gas from the Merkel Garage.

## Weir for Sherift.

The Mail is authorized to an nounce T. C. Weir for re-election to the office of sheriff. Sherif Weir was a citizen of Merkel un til his election to office and is known by all of our readers. He
is a good man and has made a is a good man and has made a
good officer. Give his claime good officer. Giv
fair consideration.

## Revival Meeting.

Revival services will begin at the Methodist churoh Friday, Jan. 19, 7:15 p. m. Everybody is invited to co-operate. The pastor will do the preaching
ough the meeting.
R. A. Clements, pastor, H. M. Rainbolt, Chairman
Official Board.

## "Cardui Cured Me" <br> For nearly ten years, at different times, Mrs. Mary Jink

 of Treadway, Tean., suffered with womanly troubles. She could net last, I took down and thought 1 would doctors gave me I read that Cardui had helped so many, and I began to take it, and it cured me. Cardui saved my life! Now, I can do anything.
## C. CARDU I Womin moic

If you are weak, tired, worn-out, or suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women, such as headache backache, dragging-down feelings, pains in arm, side, hip or limbs, and other symptoms of womanly trouble, you should try Cardui, the woman's tonic. Prepared from perfectly harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is the best remedy for you to use, as it can do you nothing but good. It contains no dangerous drugs. It has no bad after-effects. Ask your druggist. He sells and recommends Cardui.


## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

## XXI. QUARRELS

©HE neigh of a horse made Darius King of Persia, the six contending powers for the throne agreeing among themselves that the one whose horse should neigh first should possess the kingdom. This ancient method of settling disputes among politicians could be revived with profit in Texạs today. If our partisan factions and petty politicians could only settle their disputes by the neigh of a horse, the bark of a dog or the bray of a donkey, it would be a great blessing for Texas and would give our citizens a better opportunity to pursue the voca-

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## DARIUS MADE KING OF PERSIA.

Let those who pick political plums by raising rows and who flash swords dripping in the blood of industry understand that they cannot turn the public forum into a political arena and by clash of personal aspirations still the hammer and stop the vilizd that their quarrels must be settled in the back alleys of W. J. Thompson a young oartoonist of our little city has accepted a position with the A Ceese Engravjng Co., of Dalla well pleased with his work. The Mail and other Merket friend wish him success.
J. H. Hobbs and wife have re turned from Stanton where they ave been visiting


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## tions of industry free from political strife.



## sur Great January Clearance Sale

 Is Progressing With Satisfactory Results to Both Ourselves and Our CustomersFrom now until the close of this Great Sale we will make the following additional Big Reductions. Read and be convinced that we are at all times Undersellers From now until this sale closes we will sell 20.00 suits for $\quad \mathbf{1 1 . 5 0}$<br>From now until this sale closes we will sell $\$ 15.00$ suits for $\$ 8.50$ From now until this sale closes we will sell 17.50 suits for $\mathbf{1 0 . 0 0}$ From now until this sale closes we will sell 10.00 suits for 7.50 The above includes all suits in our store except one lot of men's $\$ 15.00$ suits for<br>The above named suits are all high-grade, new suits, good fitters and are of the best makes in the country. It will pay you to hang one of these suits on you now as these are the lowest and last prices that it is possible to be made on them.<br>Every department in our store offers as great values as our Clothing Department and is hourly satisfying the wants of many economical buyers. Don't pass us up if you are looking for Bargains.<br>\title{ Parten Dry Goods Co. "waws }

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## W. H. LANEY, THE butcher

 Fresh meats of all Kinds. Always pay top prices on fat cattle and hogs.Phone 77 -Front street, Merkel, Texas

## Abilene Steam Laundry

H. M. WARREN, Agen

Baskets shlpped Monday, Tues-
day, Wedineday and . Frumsaay
roturned Thuraday. Friday and returned Thurdayy. Friday and
Saturday. Work called to and
dellvered promptly or rooelved


## H. M. Warren

Plone 48 In Clty Barber Shop

## Ovalo Man Dead.

Sam Dorris, Ovalo, received a telegram last Tuesday night from Frank Hotlage, dated at St Louis, Mo., stating that J. K

## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

## xxil. action

11HEN Demosthenes was asked to assign three reasons for his success in life, he replied: "First, ACTION, second, ACTION, and third, ACTION, and this marvelous Athenan is recognized as the most polished and powerful product of 'he human race. Since the dawn of history, men of action have moved the world and civilization owes its advances to men who oy words and deeds have turned the wheels of progress. An lour of action is worth a lifetime of hesitation. Texas needs nen of action to start a million plows, build factories, construct 50,000 miles of railroad, improve 140,000 miles of public highways and build a thousand cities.


DEMOSTHENES IN ACTION.
Let him who would make his life a message to mankind arouse thoughts from their dumb cradles and make them whirl like a potter's wheel; awaken ambition from its leaden slumber and make it surge and climb the towering heights of fame and power; stir nations unborn like a tremendous force moved by a divine hand and speak in accents yet unknown mighty words that sway and inspire the human heart as it leaps to glory. Texas Nesds Great Men.
what disposition to make of the when death came. Mr. Dorris
y. isn't sure bat thinks Mr. Goble

Mr. Goble went to his old home was in the Cotton Belt wreek, 140 |  |  |
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| irelatives and was enroute home | meriously injured, dying later in |

St. Louis hospital of the railroad company.
The body will likely be taken to his old home in Indiana for interment. Mr. Goble lived with Mr. Dorris, was unmarried and has no relatives in this country -Abilene Reporter.

## Medical Society Meets

Dr. M. Armstrong attended the meeting of the Taylor County Medical Society at Abilene Mon day afternoon and reports a very interesting and beneficial session. Meningitis and the proper treatment, preventative, precautions, etc., were the subjects. Dr. Cash who visited Dallas and attended the clinics there and saw the treatment of Dr. Sophian the expert with the Flexner serum gave the members the benefit of his learning. Health Officer Cash has a stock of the serum for use if necessary by any of the physicians and the assurance by Dr. Sophian to supply any more needed.
All possible precautions are be ing taken by our people and little uneasinese is felt in our county There are no cases.

## Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Jan.20, 1912
Griffin, Henry
Hodnette, Mrs. R. W. (2)
Hurst, Mrs. H. C
Porter, James K
White, Mrs. J. W
If not called for will be sent t dead letter office Feb. 3, 1912.
H. W. Derstine, p. m.

## Dub Young for Clerk.

The Mail announces the candidacy of W. J. Young for reelection to the office of county olerk. Practically all of our readers know "Dub" Young. He has made a good record in life for himself and in office for the people he is serving. Give his olaims due consideration.
E. P. Williamson of Abilene was in Merkel the first part of the week on business.
A good remedy for a bad cough is
BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP.
Price $25 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}$ and $\$ 1.00$ per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.
Telephone 202 for oil and ga
' $\left.11 \begin{aligned} & \text { OUR good READERS } 1 \\ & \text { The Oid and The New }\end{aligned} \right\rvert\,\{$
The people are fair and considerate, ninety-nine men of one hundred are good and honest and the most of the trouble in busi ness is the result of a misunder standing. We should all be fair and frank and let our business policies be known and under stood.
A few months ago it would have seemed impossible to change the Mail which has been running on a credit basis for a quarter of a century to a strictly cash-in-ad vance and stop-the-paper-whenout system. Some told us it would ruin our business. We did not know but with an unfaltering confidence in the public we went to them and explained our side of the proposition. We told them the truth and they have shown their appreciation and understanding. Our business is better and they like the system better.
The following is our list of re newals and new subscribers for the last two weeks:
City: H F Groene, Jno. D Gaither, B C Gaither, J P C Hunt, W F Evans, Victor Harris L H King, W J Dulin, J H Counts, G W Johnson, I S Allen W A Sheppard, J M Pate.
Rural Route: J H Wilson, E F Vantrease, W W Simpson, T M Smith, J W Wheeler, C L Whitescarver, E V Ellis, H E Farmer, W A Armstrong, Wm. Snow.

Others: W R Cranston, Anson; J A Sosebee, Noodle; G A Meeks, May; Felix R Jones, Abilene; Miss Agnes Hall, Waco; Mrs B D Ewing, Leonard, (by I H King) ; W W Foster, Elk City Okla; E H Cordill, Nubia; W H Childers, Abilene; Hon Thos $\mathbf{L}$ Blanton, Abilene; O D Phillips, Dora; Bob Ernest, Van Horn; Miss Belle Clark, Hylton, J E Musick, Trent; Allie Harris, Brownsville; J D Eads, Stamford, Ky; (by Bill Brown) ; Hal F Darden, Tye; Baylor Crawford, Abi lene; Joe A Elliott, Arlington; F Z Turner, Nubia.
Oran Edwards of Midland ie here visiting his mother Mes. Weet Edwarde

# 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 Began Saturday, Jan. 13 hates Sat. Feb 3 

## SHOE DEPARTMENT Men's Shoes

$\$ 5.00$ shoes for this sale 4.00 shoes for this sale 3.50 shoes for this sale 300 shoss for this sale 2.50 shoes for this sale 2.00 shoes for this sale Ladies' Shoes
Ladies $\$ 4.50$ shoes this sale. Ladies 4.00 shoes, this sale. Ladies 3.50 shoes this sale. Ladies 300 shoes this sale Ladies 250 shoes this sale Ladies 2.00 shoes this sale. Ladies 1.75 shoes this sale Ladies 1.50 shoes this sale
Misses \& Children's Shoes
Misses $\$ 250$ shoes this sale Misses 2.25 shoes this sale Misees 2.00 shoes this sale Misese 175 shoes this sale Misses 1.50 shoes this sale Misees 1.25 shoes this sale Children's 1.00 shoes this sale Children's 850 shoes this sale. Children's 750 shoes this sale.

## Boy's Shoes

Boys $\$ 300$ shoes for tnis sale Boys 2.50 shoes for this sale Boys 2.00 shoes for thissale. Boys 1.75 shoes for this sale Boys 1.50 shoes for this sale.

## 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 ... Shaffner \& Marx suits fo 20.00 Hart Schaffner \& Marx suits for
this sale only.................. 12.95 18.50 Hart Schaffner \& Marx euits for this sale only ................... 11.95 15.00 Msjestio suits this sale.. 9.95 $\begin{array}{ll}15.00 \text { Majestio suits this sale... } & 9.95 \\ 12.50 \text { Majestic suits this sale.. } & 7.95\end{array}$ 10.00 Majestic suite this sale. . $\quad 6.95$ Suit Cases and Trunks $\$ 10.00$ suit cases and trunks..... $\$ 6.90$ 850 suit cases and trunks 7.50 suit oases and trunks 7.00 suit cases and trunks. 6.50 suit oases and trunks 5.00 suit osses and trunke 4.00 suit cases and trunke..... 3.85 4.00 suit easees, traveling baga. 3,25 3.50 suit cases, traveling bage. 2.95 2.50 suit cases, traveling bagg. 1.95 1.50 suit oases, traveling bage. 1.15 1.25 suit osses, traveling bags. 1.00 suit oasee, traveling bags.

Bargains in Sweaters Ladies \& Men's $\$ 350$ sweaters $\$ 2.50$ Ladies \& Men's 3.00 sweaters.. 2.00 Ladies \& Men's 2.50 sweaters. 1.85 Ladies \& Men's $\quad 1.75$ sweaters. $\quad 1.25$ Ladies \& Men's 1.50 sweaters.. I. 15 Ladies \& Men's $\quad 1.00$ 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 $\$ 250$ quality . $\$ 1.65$ 225 quality, this sale........... I.35 1.50 Kid gloves, this sale 1.00 Kid gloves, this sale.

## Men's Hats

Our hat stock as well as olothing 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 3.00 Kingsbury hat only 2.50 hat. 1.50 hat .

Men's Shirts
Men's $\$ 1.50$ shirts, this sale Men's 1.25 shirts, this sale Men's 1.00 shirts, this sale Men's 750 shirts, this sale Men's 50 o shirts, this sale. Boy's pante at same reduction.

Boy's Clothing $\$ 10.00$ boys suite redused to 6.00 boys suits reduced to 5.00 boys suite reduced to. 3.50 boys suits reduced to...

1 lot of boys olothing, choice. 2.55

Men's Caps
Men's 65c caps
Men's 50c caps
Men's 35 c oaps
Men's 250 саря

## 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. 3.00 Blankets and comforts. 2. 75 Blankêts and comforts. 250 Blankets and comforts. 2.00 Blankets and comforts. 1.50 Blankets and comforts.

## Notion Bargains

Ladies 53 handkerohiefs 2 for. Ladies 100 handkerchiefs 5 for . 250 Needles regular 5 c paper, 2 for. Safety pins in all sizes, 3 papers. 10 c 25 c Mennen's talcum powder 2 for 25 c 10c taloum powder 2 for

Table Linens and Napkins
$\$ 3.50$ napkins during this sale $\quad \$ 2.95$
3.00 napkins during this sale... 2.45 2.50 napkins during this sale... 1.95 1.50 napking during this sale 1.95 1. 00 napki durig this sale . 00 table 750 table linen for this sale. 650 table linen for this sale. 500 table linen for this sale

Men's Hose


## Men's Underwear

50 \& 65c Heavy fleece underwear. 356
$50 \& 65 \mathrm{c}$ heavy ribbed underwear. 35 e $\$ 1.00$ and 1.25 wool underwear..... 850

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

One-Half Price on Ladies' and Misses Coats
$\$ 15.00$ ladies long coats $\quad \mathbf{\$ 7 . 5 0}$ 12.50 ladies long coats $\quad . \quad \mathbf{6 . 2 5}$ $\begin{array}{rrr}1000 \text { ladies long coats } & \mathbf{5 . 0 0} \\ 8.50 \text { ladies long coats } & & \mathbf{4 . 2 5}\end{array}$

Ladies and Childrens Hose
25 c ladies hose for this sale.......18e 20 c ladies hose for this sale....... 14 e 150 ladies and childrens hose.....10c 100 ladies and childrens hose......6c
\$25.00 Ladies tailored suits . $\quad \mathbf{\$ 1 2 . 5 0}$ 22.50 Ladies tailored suits....... $\mathbf{1 1 . 2 5}$ $\begin{array}{lr}\text { 20.00 Ladies tailored suits } & \mathbf{1 0 . 0 0} \\ 18.50 \text { Ladies tailored suits } & \mathbf{9 . 2 5}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 18.50 Ladies tailored suits. } & \mathbf{9 . 2 5} \\ \text { 15.00 Ladies tailored suits........ } & \mathbf{7 . 5 0}\end{array}$ 12.00 Ladies tailored suits......... $\mathbf{6 . 0 0}$

## Mens Odd Pants

Mens $\$ 6.00$ pants this sale...... $\$ 5.00$ Mens 5.00 pants this sale ...... 4.25 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Mens } & 4.50 \text { pants this sale } \ldots . . . & \mathbf{3 . 4 5} \\ \text { Mens } & 3 & 50 \text { pants this sale } \ldots . . . & \mathbf{2 . 9 5}\end{array}$ Mens 3.00 pants this sale ...... 2.45 Mens 2.50 pants this sale ...... l. 95 Mens 2.00 pants this sale
I. 65

## Ladies' Underwear

$65 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}$ ladies vests and drawers . . 38 c 350 ladies vests and drawers......25c 20c ladies vests and drawers. Ladies $\$ 1.00$ union suits. Ladies 65c union suits Ladies 50 c union suits

## Overalls and Jumpers

Best grade $\$ 1.00$ overalls for.. .79 c Work panta greatly reduced.

Staple Bargains

20 yards of best'grade calioo .....950 20 yda . of round thread cotton ok. 95 e | 25 yards brown cotton flannel $-\quad 95 \mathrm{e}$ |
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| 20 yards |
| $\quad . \quad 950$ | 10 yards good bleaghed domestio. 1.00 25 yards good brown domestio --. $\quad 1.00$ 15 and $121 / 0$ dress ginghams.-.... 10 e 10 dress ginghams.

100 heavy bleached domestic - $\quad 7$ $121 / 60$ and 10 heaviest outing $\quad 71 / 6$ 18 and 20 c feather tick $121 / 2$ and 150 feather tick 0o mattress tick

## Towels Towels

250 Turkieh and linen towels 500 Turkish and linen towels 1 lot 250 towels this sale.

