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EARL BALDWIN CHARGED MURDER

Abilene, Sept. 3.—The Sheriff's Department of Taylor county today received notice of the arrest of two people against whom the Grand jury last week returned bills of indictment charging murder.

Earl Baldwin, who is charged by indictment with the murder of Alf Cogdell, was arrested in Springfield, Mo., Monday, Sheriff Weir receiving the notification from the officers there to this effect today and he or one of his deputies will leave for Missouri tonight.

It will be remembered, Cogdell was killed in the second story of the building adjoining Leeson's Grocery store in December, 1910. Felix Jones surrendered to the officers, was later indicted by the grand jury, and tried in the district court sitting in Abilene, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty. Earl Baldwin was one of the principal witnesses for the defendant, it being alleged that he was an eye witness to the killing.

Sheriff Weir also received a message from the sheriff of Comanche county stating that he arrested J. T. Couch, acting on an indictment returned by the Taylor county grand jury last week. Couch is charged with the murder of a man by the name of Henderson, at the Epileptic Colony six weeks ago. Henderson was an inmate of the Colony when he died, and an investigation followed, but the matter seemed to have been dropped without complaint having been registered against anyone.

Uncle John and the Dummy.

Of course as a matter of fact J. R. Toombs of the Canyon valley is no relation, blood, politics or otherwise of the Merkel Mail but we have gotten to calling him Uncle John just like everybody else.

He is a jolly old timer and about the most gallant man in this whole country. He came to town one day last week with a bale of cotton just like he does nearly every day and wearing his cotton hat, a great big Stetson with wilted brim and smoking a cigar, he entered the dry goods store of Woodroof & Co. Immediately after entering he met one of the ladies of the store he knew well enough but she was togged in new wearing apparel, a new storm serge suit and a late style big black sailor hat with natural plumes. Uncle John bowed and reached for his headcovering. He got a good hold but the sweatband was loose and caught just back of and below his ears. It was an embarrassing moment but with a jerk the band ripped, released the hat and relieved the wearer, who said:

"Good e'ening."

There was silence for just another moment for the clerks could not hold in longer and Uncle John bought the treats for the crowd. She was a dummy lady.

O. M. Coggin was a visitor in Abilene Tuesday.

MERKEL AS A MARKET

It is a fact that our little town is the best place to sell cotton and produce and buy supplies in this section of the state and taking into consideration the location and natural advantages there is no reason that it should not grow in importance as a trading point. In the first place, we are in the heart of the best body of agricultural land as a whole in this section and about midway between Abilene and Sweetwater. Our town is little but loud in the buying and selling market and because our merchants and buyers have the advantage.

The selling price of any merchandise is made by the addition of the expenses of a business and a reasonable profit to the original cost. There is the secret of the success of our merchants. Their money will buy as much as any other merchant's and his expenses are less. On the prevailing basis of selling the price of rents and other expense in the larger cities would break the Merkel merchant before he got started. The low expense of rents and other items of operation give him the advantage in making the price and in these days the price is the biggest consideration.

In buying our merchants have the same advantage. They do their own buying and have no high salaries to pay which of course must be paid out of the business. Other merchants are more or less independent of the farming trade for they have other good sources of revenue but in our town our merchants realize their dependence upon his trade and are always willing to give them the highest prices for their cotton and products and then sell them goods for the lowest prices possible. This is a farmers town.

These facts are known to the people of this territory and those marketing cotton and seed at Merkel have received and are receiving the highest prices being paid in this part of the state. It will pay you to read the advertisements in our paper and make your dollar go as far as possible. Trade at Merkel and take advantage of the best bargains ever offered.

New Awning.

The West Texas Hardware Company, Jones' Barber Shop and G. F. West & Sons Grocery Store are in receipt of a new modern awning extending over their frontage on Front street. The improvement is quite an addition to the general appearance of that section of town and gives the stores a much better light on the inside from the fact that the upper windows are not obstructed.

\$79,000 WORTH OF LAND SELLS HERE

Within the last three weeks \$79,000 worth of Merkel country land has changed hands though the deals in which the Merkel land was sold amounted to over \$80,000.

The Dallas News of Sunday in the State Brevities gave account of the transactions and in that way advertised the sale of Merkel country lands all over the state and other states. The first deal was closed when B. D. Rogers of Collin county purchased 1128 acres of the Noodle Creek Valley lands for a total consideration of \$30,000. The land is north of Merkel in Jones county but is in Merkel's trade territory. The other deal was made between A. H. Murchison of Eskota and G. W. Turner of Meridian, Bosque county, wherein Murchison exchanged 1960 acres of Fisher county land about fourteen miles northwest of Merkel for a consideration of \$49,000.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene stopped off here Tuesday enroute home from Big Springs where she has been with her parents for some time to visit friends.

AMERICAN IS KILLED

Mexican Rebels Thrust Bayonet Through Victims Body.

MAN TRIED TO PROTECT FAMILY

Merkel Country Land Owner and Business Agent for Mormons in Mexico Brings The News of Depredations to Texas.

Monday morning O. P. Brown business agent for the Mormon colonies in Mexico brought the news to El Paso of the murder of an American citizen in Colonia, Pacheco the home of the victim Joshua Stevens. The following gives an account of the killing:

El Paso, Sept. 2.—Death at the hands of a rebel soldier was the fate of an American citizen, Joshua Stevens, while he fought to protect his two daughters in Colonia, Pacheco.

Two rebels visited the Stevens home. Stevens met the intruders with a shotgun and escorted them to the limits of his property. According to the story told by his daughters, one of the Mexicans drew a sword bayonet from his belt and thrust it into the American's body.

Stevens fired and fell dead over the man whom he had killed. The other Mexican fled.

The case has been investigated by Junius Rominy, president of the colonies. It is said to make the fifth murder of American settlers by rebels in the district. President Romney has issued a warning that no families return to the colonies until quiet is restored. It is declared that the federal soldiers strung out between Juarez and Chihuahua have not left the railway and that the American colonies are absolutely unprotected.

Mrs. G. A. Davis and daughter Miss Clara who have been here for some time visiting the family of W. M. O'Briant left for Dallas, Houston and Alice, Texas Monday where they will visit before returning to their home in Tennessee. They were accompanied by Miss Ruby Booth also of Tennessee who is seeing Texas with them.

J. W. Daniel made a business trip to Dallas this week.

SOCIAL CENTER MASS MEETING

On Friday night September the 20 at the tabernacle at 8:15 there will be a meeting of the citizens of Merkel and of the Merkel country, gotten up solely for their entertainment without cost to the individual and every person feeling an interest in affairs of their town and country is earnestly requested to be present at the gathering to hear the vocal and instrumental selections both in solos, duets and quartets rendered by an altogether local talent band.

There will also be short talks by prominent citizens along various lines of interest to the town and country. It will be well for the people in general to give this gathering their attention as it is of vast importance to every Merkel man and woman, boy and girl.

J. J. Russell and Jasper McCoy shipped two cars of cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday. Another shipment from here that day was made by S. A. Overton of Fort Worth who bought a car load of mules for the panther city market.

SAM SPICER GIVEN TWO YEARS IN PEN

Abilene, Sept. 3.—District court has been making quick work of the criminal docket this week and will practically clean up the docket in a day or two now.

The jury in the case of the State vs. Sam Spicer, charged with burglary, brought in a verdict of guilty Monday afternoon at about four o'clock, and assessed the defendant's punishment at confinement in the state penitentiary for a period of two years. His attorneys, T. G. Jackson and Louis C. Wise gave notice of appeal to the court of criminal appeals.

Following is the jury in the Spicer case: W. L. Harkrider, Sam Gant, L. F. Bones, J. T. Coats, Hugh Brewster, U. Collins, A. B. Harris, M. R. C. Cross, Charles Braid, John Q. Adams, H. E. Farmer, F. R. Erwin.

Next was taken up the case of the State vs. Monor Reed, charged with burglary. B. A. Cox represented the defendant, who is charged with burglariously entering A. J. Tasker's chicken house and appropriating for his own use and benefit four chickens on or about the last of March, 1912.

Following is the jury in the Manor Reed case: John L. Burnes, Ben Davis, Seth Hamilton, A. J. Hartley, Price Bankhead, R. Harkrider, J. H. Christian, Z. T. Adams, T. A. Russell, W. C. Shaw, W. A. McBride, G. P. Scott.

This afternoon the burglary case of the State of Texas against Bernardo Acosta, charged with burglarizing the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Store some months ago, was taken up and is now in progress. There were originally eight arrests on this charge but all have been freed of the charge except this one. This case will occupy the attention of the court the balance of the day.

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For programmes and beautiful illustrated literature (free of cost) relating to the Great Colorado Chautauqua at Beautiful Boulder and numerous splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and the Pacific Coast, address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in these directions are always worth more than they cost.

Miss Christina Frederickson of Toyahvale came in last week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederickson and to further look after matters pertaining to the erection of the Winnie Mae Sanitarium at that place. Miss Fredrickson secured the furnishings for the sanitarium mainly through Merkel houses and her visit here is in connection with the same transactions.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Parton of Mobeetie left for their home Wednesday after an extended visit here with relatives.

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Merkel is receiving cotton at the rate of over 1000 bales of per week and giving a price for the staple that makes it look all the more good.

On last Thursday at noon the 1500 mark had been reached and on Thursday morning of this week at 9 o'clock the 2500 mark had been reached, making our record over 1000 bales per week.

The average per day at the Public yard is given in at 140 to 150 by Mr. Tittle the weigher while the average at the Gazzaway yard is given in at 85 to 90 per day, at that rate there would have been close to 2750 bales in the Merkel yards Thursday night

Miss Ollie Garoutte was in town Monday for the first time since early May. The many friends of Miss Garoutte are very glad to see her out again after being under care of a physician for so long a time.

Dr. O. S. Ewing of Leonard was here this week visiting his sister Mrs. L. H. King. He returned to his home Thursday.

Houston Craig a former Merkel business man was in town Sunday seeing friends.

Mrs. V. D. Jones who has been here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins left for Bagwell Wednesday. Miss Mable Collins her sister accompanied Mrs. Jones home where she will visit for a short time after which she will go to Clarksville, Detroit and points in Oklahoma returning home about Xmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys and little granddaughter Mary Comegys, Mrs. Austin Pitts and Mrs. W. H. Dickson were in Abilene last Friday evening, going down in Mr. Comegys car. They visited Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton at the Alexander Sanitarium.

L. R. Hogg of Marshall returned to Merkel Thursday after spending several days at Galveston. He will visit his parents a few days before returning to his home.

Miss Lula Thornton visited friends and relatives in Abilene the first of the week, coming through here Wednesday enroute to Sweetwater where she will make her home with her sister Mrs. A. L. Hogue.

Mrs. G. B. Tittle who has been here visiting friends for a few days returned to her home at Abilene Thursday.

Mrs. C. L. Harris of Mexia who has been here visiting the family of J. D. Gaither went to Abilene Thursday to visit friends.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Sept. 7, 1912:

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Clay, Albert.
Flint, H. L.
Maize, Pinkney.
Perkins, R. L.
Cano, Sr. Felipe

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 21, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, p.m.

Auction! Auction!!

Beginning at one o'clock Saturday Sept. 14 I will sell at auction to the highest bidder on the streets of Merkel, Texas, my complete lot of household goods consisting of furniture, stoves etc. 6t2 C. W. Harris.

Mrs. L. T. B. Harrison who has been here visiting her nephew Newton Harrison of the Blair community left Wednesday for Abilene where she will visit friends for awhile.

Wesley McDuff left Wednesday for Hamlin, Childress and other points north where he will visit for a short time.

Mrs. N. E. Reidenbaugh left Wednesday for Arlington where she goes to visit sick relatives.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin returned Wednesday night from a short visit in Gymon, Okla., where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Della Randell.

Miss Gertrude Thornton left for Dallas this week where she goes to make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Sibley of Fort Worth returned to their home Wednesday after a short visit here with relatives.

Prof. J. C. Barker of Mineral Wells is in Merkel visiting friends.

Wade Strother of Ovalo was down last week visiting the family of W. P. Duckett.

Claud Elm and sister Miss Nona Elm returned to their home at Burnside, Ky., Tuesday Morning after a short visit with the family of E. S. Sanduski.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning came in Wednesday from Waurika, where they have been visiting their daughter Mrs. J. B. Steele for some time.

Mrs. S. A. Martin of Hood county returned to her home Wednesday morning after a short visit with the family of Ed Martin here.

Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb was in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mrs. W. H. Bateman and daughter Miss Mattie of Waco returned to their home Wednesday after a visit here with friends.

Miss Nola Whitley left for Bradshaw Tuesday where she will visit relatives for a short time.

Mrs. Eugene Hargrove of Dallas came in Monday in answer to a communication telling her of her mother Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt getting hurt.

Master Harry Merritt and brother Will are in Abilene this week visiting relatives.

Miss Genevieve Rust went to Abilene Wednesday to visit Mrs. C. M. McCauley.

Thos. Coats, H. M. Warren and Jno. McClung were in Abilene Wednesday on business.

Miss Mae Massey of St Louis came in Wednesday to visit friends. Miss Massie is well known to the Merkel people having been connected with the firm of Woodroof Bros. here as milliner.

Miss Jettie Davis of Ralls who has been here visiting Miss Rubbie Jones left for her home Thursday.

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The names of W. L. Harkrider, Seth Hamilton and Price Bankhead were among those doing jury service in Abilene this week.

F. R. Jones was in town from Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Eufaula McSpadden of Nevada, Texas is here visiting her cousin Miss Rubbie Jones.

COLD DRINKS AND GOOD CIGARS

This store is the "handiest" store in town—no matter where you are nor which way you are "headed" our store will be handy and we invite you to just drop in, if only for a moment—that's long enough for us to sell you your favorite smoke or serve you something to drink. Our line of tobaccos is complete and always fresh—the main thing. We can make any drink and serve it right. Hand us some of your nickels, for we appreciate your patronage.

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JIM GILLIAM, MANAGER

P. S.—Just a line to the ladies: Your husband is buying cigars of us and let us show you our line of toilet articles, soaps, perfumes, etc. We have the best.

Mrs. T. P. Anderson and F. M. Collins of Giles county Tennessee who have been here visiting their brother J. A. Collins were visitors in Abilene Saturday the guest of another brother.

Two "Specials" and three regulars at the Airdome Saturday night.

Mrs. I. Meadows and daughter Miss Bessie who were here last week visiting the family of Jno. Eoff returned to their home Friday at Abilene.

WANTED—All the egg and butter in Taylor County.
Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Miss Leno Largent visited Miss Ina Dale Wooten in Abilene Saturday. On returning here Miss Wooten accompanied Miss Largent for a short visit.

Pate & Son Barbers are in line for a share of your business.

Mrs. C. I. Arthur of Clifton returned to her home Saturday after a visit here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mathews.

Don't miss the "Saturday Night Special" at the Airdome.

J. D. Dumas of Ada, Okla., was here this week looking after some cattle he has bought from local cattlemen.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wiman came in Tuesday morning from the west where they have been visiting for some time.

Arthur Browning spent a few days here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles was visiting friends in Abilene Monday.

Don't miss the "Saturday Night Special" at the Airdome.

J. S. Burkhead of Colorado was down Sunday visiting.

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

Money to Loan.

\$250,000.00 to loan at 8 per cent per annum, on improved Farms or ranches, or will buy first lien notes on this class of property. C. L. Barker, at Southern National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Dr. H. Forster.

The well-known foot Doctor of Houston guarantees to cure feet of all kinds, Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails and Chronic Diseases of the feet without a knife at Walker Cottage.

Notice.

I am prepared to certificate cotton for all farmers who wish to co-operate with the 15 cent cotton movement. See me at the Cash Grocery.

4-2tpd E. W. Permitter.

Two "Specials" and three regulars at the Airdome Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fryar came up from Abilene Saturday. Mr. Fryar returned Sunday but Mrs. Fryar remained with her mother Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt who was painfully injured last week.

Bring your eggs to W. P. Duckett at Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co. for best prices.

O. A. Cordell received a letter from relatives in Montague county Oklahoma Tuesday telling of the serious illness of his mother. He left for there Tuesday night.

Miss Jaunita Young of Abilene was the guest of Mrs. J. G. Jackson last week. She returned home Monday night.

Mrs. A. J. Saunders of Eskota came down Tuesday for a days visit in Merkel.

LOST—Near Mt. Pleasant 5 miles south-east of Merkel on last Friday night, one Elgin hunting case watch, 15 jewel. Will pay for return.

E. M. Barbee.

Mrs. Eva Perkins and little daughter left Monday morning for Sweetwater where they took the Orient train for the north on their way to Huntingdon, Oregon where Mrs. Perkins goes to take a position in the schools of that country. We regret very much to lose Mrs. Perkins to so far away state and we hope that she will soon return to our midst though she goes to stay during the next seven years.

Mrs. C. D. Cosert of Nugent was here the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamm and on leaving here went to Colorado City where she will visit relatives for some time before returning home.

R. E. Dillard of Tuscola was in Merkel last week visiting relatives. Mr. Dillard seemed to be in exceptional humor and remarked that he was almost in a notion of coming back to Merkel to stay.

Miss Corrie Acuff of Lubbock stopped here last week to visit her grandmother Mrs. A. George before going on to Abilene where she took up work in the Abilene Christian College.

Elmer Lowe formerly a Merkel citizen returned this week to visit his mother. Mr. Lowe comes from Fort Stockton where he has been connected with a sheep and goat ranch for some time.

Mr. A. L. Hogue of Sweetwater came in this week to make preparation in moving his family to that place where they will reside in the future.

Ralph Bigham left for Abilene Monday to enter the Christian College for the ensuing term. He was accompanied to Abilene by Miss Willie Bigham who visited there Monday and Tuesday.

Fresh Lowney Chocolates just received by express at the Elite.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. B. Dodd was a business visitor in Abilene Saturday.

New Lowney's just received at the Elite.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Reid were in Trent Sunday visiting relatives.

Miss Leila Sandlin of Abilene came up Saturday to visit her mother.

We show every night except Wednesday's. Bring you family out for the evening. The Airdome

Thos. Stanford came in Sunday afternoon from a short visit to Fort Worth and other points.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Buford of Abilene came up last Sunday to spend a few days with relatives.

When you are in town spend the evening at the Airdome and enjoy the pictures.

Mrs. Laura Odom of Stanton was here last week visiting her daughter Mrs. C. C. Franklin, returning home Sunday.

Eat with the ladies at Clark's Grocery Store on Saturday Sept. 7. Benefit of beautifying the Cemetery.

Miss Emma Smith of Caps returned to her home Monday after spending several days here visiting her brother Charlie Smith.

I want help, some one to do housework. If you want to work call on Mrs. J. A. Collins at the Southside Hotel. Phone 7-3, 11

Mrs. G. M. Williams spent the first of the week in Abilene attending the opening of the Christian College there Tuesday.

Misses Maud and Minnie Fergusson and Erma Alsobrook left for Abilene Monday where they entered the Christian College.

Good music at the Airdome every night. Come out and spend the evening with your friends.

Mrs. M. E. Hellum of Brackettville was here last week looking after some property she has in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris returned to Merkel this week after a protracted visit to California where Mr. Harris has been in business. Their many friends are very glad to see them and we hope that they have returned to Merkel to stay.

Eat with the ladies at Clark's Grocery Store on Saturday Sept. 7. Benefit of beautifying the Cemetery.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Gilliland-Mims.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated Wednesday a. m. Sept. 4, 1912 when Judge and Mrs. C. D. Mims gave their daughter, Ruth Maurine, in marriage to Mr. Charles Irving Gilliland of Fort Worth.

The Mims home on Oak street presented an early autumn scene. Back of the altar was a solid bank of trailing vines and evergreens in front of which was suspended a pure white horse shoe covered with white roses under which the bridal couple stood. Just preceding the ceremony Miss Ina Gilliland of Fort Worth sang "All for You."

Mesdames W. A. Scott and W. H. Dickson received the guests and ushered them into the living room where a gorgeous array of bridal presents were admired, each showing the love and high esteem in which this popular young couple is held at home and abroad.

At 10:30, the hour set for the wedding, as Mrs. Wesley Edwards rendered the wedding processional, Miss Maud Martin and Mrs. J. W. Hewatt of Fort Worth, a sister of the groom, led the way to the altar followed by the bride's father and mother. Then came the ribbon bearers, the brides little brothers, Masters Gordon and Dick Mims, paving the way to the altar for the bridal party. The little flower girls, Misses Evelyn Jackson and Louise Scott, were darling little fairies as they scattered rose petals from their dainty flower baskets, while with measured steps, in perfect time, came the dear little ring bearer, Miss Wilton Wade of Abilene, carrying the groom's gift to the bride, a diamond ring in the heart of a lily.

Rev. R. A. Clements awaited the coming of the bride and groom at the altar where he read the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony, Mrs. Wesley Edwards playing "Hearts and Flowers" very soft and low during the service. At the conclusion Miss Gilliland sang "A Birthday" as congratulations and good wishes were showered upon the newly wedded couple.

The guests were invited into the dining room where Misses Pet Sears and Winnie Warren, two charming young ladies, poured refreshing fruit punch from a bowl surrounded by greenery.

The bride in this pretty wedding is a sweet young girl and has been very popular in Merkel social and literary circles since coming here from Nacogdoches three years ago. She was charmingly attired Wednesday morning in a steel gray coat suit, French cut, trimmed in the moire collars and cuffs, with heavy braided buttons. Her hat was soft gray with white uncurled ostrich plume and a touch of green. The waist was hand-painted marquisette over shadow lace with a touch of green to match. Her handkerchief was of point lace made by her aunt in Tyler twenty years ago. She carried a bouquet of white carnations, sweet peas and ferns. The groom was attired in the conventional black with accessories to correspond.

Mrs. C. D. Mims, the bride's mother, wore a blue foulard trimmed in white ruby thread lace. Mrs. J. W. Hewatt wore a white coat suit with hat to match. Miss Ina Gilliland wore a blue serge coat suit trimmed in black and

white bengaline with hat to correspond. Miss Martin wore a blue coat suit.

The bridal party was accompanied to the 11:38 east bound train by a number of friends who showered them with rice and good wishes. After a short bridal trip they will be at home to their many friends at 3011 Polytechnic Heights, Fort Worth.

The carnival at the Thornton building on Kent street Thursday afternoon and evening was socially a success, while financially a neat sum was cleared. Mrs. Doss Sheppard had charge of the big free show which was a musical treat. This show consisted of drills and choruses, the drill being pretty Japanese maidens in their native dress. In the choruses were the well-trained voices of Misses Genevieve Rust, Dorothy Lee Potter, Mary Reed, Leno Largent, Faye Allen, Zora West, Tommie Louise Coggin, Fannie Burroughs and Murtice Saffle.

The duet by Master Eugene Potter and little Miss Ina May Adams was splendid. The solos by Misses Jessie O'Briant and Leno Largent were most pleasingly rendered and greatly enjoyed. Judge W. T. Potter made a few well chosen remarks in the interest of the Merkel public library, complimenting the ladies who had charge of the carnival for an evening of pleasure.

The Scheidler orchestra furnished music before and during the carnival. The candy shop, the lunch counter and lemonade stand were all well patronized. Many visited the booth of the Japanese maidens which was beautifully decorated while a crowd was in the Old Curiosity Shop all the time. The Siamese Twins attracted the usual amount of attention. The Gypsy fortune teller in native dress was the center of attraction and told of many happy events to come. What the crowd failed to receive in the carnival can be more than made up in a year's reading in the Merkel Public Library. Membership tickets \$1.00. New books will be in by the middle of the month.

The girl friends of Miss Lula Thornton gave her a farewell dance Saturday evening at the Thornton Building on Kent Street.

The Abilene Orchestra furnished delightful music which was greatly enjoyed by the dancers and their guests of the evening.

Those present were Misses Lula Thornton, Annie T. Daniel, Olga and Elma Sheppard, Jessie O'Briant, Bobbie Davis, Agnes Hall, Genevieve Rust, Mabel Collins, Juanita Young, Abilene; Essie Seat, Winnsboro; Susie Penn, Mary Reed, Hillsboro; Mamie and Carroll Rister. Mesdames Fred Bigham, Jno. G. Jackson, R. O. Anderson, Geo. L. Miller, E. M. Rust, Frank Hamm, J. W. Daniel, Deavenport Gaither. Messrs. Dem Rust, Dee Grimes, Olly Sharp, Homer Easterwood, Otti Coggin, Clayton Brown, James Guitar, J. E. Faucett, Parker Sharp, John D. Gaither, R. O. Anderson, John G. Jackson, T. B. Lucas, Dr. George L. Miller.

Stevens-Erwin.

Sunday Mr. T. Frank Stevens of Trent was married to Miss Anie B. Erwin of the same place at the home of the bride's parents near Trent. Miss Erwin is a charming and accomplished young lady of the Trent community while Mr. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens, is a prosperous young farmer of the Trent country.

The needlework circle was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John D. Gaither on Oak street. An hour or more was devoted to fancy work and conversation. Then came the serving of an ice course delicious sherbet and angel's food, to Misses Grace Perkins, Houston, Alice Williams, Abilene, Ova Teaff, Maud Martin, Annie T. Daniel, Mesdames, W. A. Scott, C. T. Harris, Mexia, W. M. Jenkins, W. H. Dickson, W. R. Walker, O. W. Williams, Lanier Brown, Fred Bigham and the hostess. Mrs. W. M. Jenkins will be the next hostess. All members of the circle and their out of town guests are invited to be present.

Former Merkel Boy Weds.

The news of the marriage of Thos. E. Thornton of San Diego, Cal., to Miss Helen Thornton of Austin, Texas, at Long Beach, Cal., has been received by relatives and friends of the groom and the Mail begs to join in the congratulations and good wishes. The acquaintance which culminated in marriage of the two parties was made at El Paso when Mr. Thornton held a position in one of the banks. He is now bookkeeper at San Diego where they will make their home.

Last Friday several of the Merkel people spent a jolly morning with Mrs. Thompson and in the afternoon fished in the McNeese tank south of town. Those enjoying the day were Mesdames M. B. and R. E. Bowles, Hill, W. M. Elliott, J. N. Shelton, Miss Willie Hill, Master Roy Elliott and Mr. J. O. Bowles.

League Program.

Subject—Overwhelming Popularity, the Peril of Achievement.
Leader—Miss Minnie Harris.
Scripture Reading, Mark 1:45; 3:7-10; 5:24; II Chron. 9:23-24.

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Reading—First Psalm in concert.
Discussion of Lesson Topic No. 4—Miss Tennie Pope.
Miscellaneous.
Benediction.

H. A. Farrell of Botiviva, N. Y., and J. A. Testman of Amarillo were in the Merkel country last week looking after the interests of the Johnson Harvester Company. Mr. Farrell the general superintendent of the company expressed himself as highly pleased with the country here.

Miss Pauline Johnson who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Bartley Smith of Odessa returned to Merkel last week. Mrs. Smith came in with her sister and will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson for awhile.

J. D. Gaither and C. E. Bradley were in Abilene Tuesday in connection with the case against Bernardo Asosta charged with burglarizing the Merkel Dry Goods store.

Mrs. Leila Tuckness of Abilene who was here last week visiting the family of Eugene Patterson returned to her home Saturday.

Young Women

Read what Cardui did for Miss Myria Engler, of Faribault, Minn. She says: "Let me tell you how much good Cardui has done me. As a young girl, I always had to suffer so much with all kind of pain. Sometimes, I was so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I got a bottle of Cardui, at the drug store, and as soon as I had taken a few doses, I began to feel better.

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Are you a woman? Then you are subject to a large number of troubles and irregularities, peculiar to women, which, in time, often lead to more serious trouble.

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You will never regret it, for it will certainly help you.

Ask your druggist about it. He knows. He sells it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free.] 56

ICE AND COAL

In connection with my ice business I have leased the coal sheds of Jno. B. Bell for the ensuing winter months and have in stock already two grades at \$6.00 and \$8.50 per ton. These prices will hold good through September. Place your order now for winter coal. I will keep three grades of coal at all times so as to supply my patrons with coal at desired prices.

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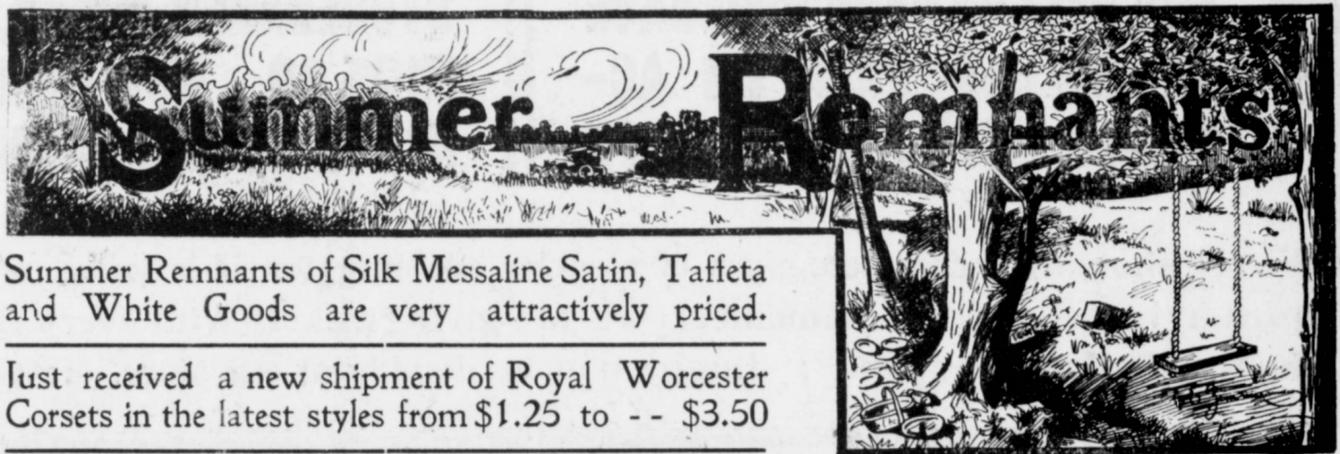
C. L. Cash The Tailor

5 More Days of Our End-Season Summer Sale

We are offering our entire stock of summer merchandise until September 11 at great reductions. You would by no means make a mistake by coming to our store and supplying yourself and family at the Clearing prices at which we are offering. We have pleased others during this sale and all we ask is an opportunity to please you. Remember that we will exchange or refund your money for any purchase that does not prove satisfactory to you. We are offering you good goods and stand back of every thing that we offer for sale.

Just Received For Our Millinery Department

A large shipment of Gold Medal Pattern and Tailored Hats in Melon, Citron, Toupe, a La Cerise and many other of the latest shades and shapes. we have a complete stock of millinery and invite you to call and compare prices.



Summer Remnants of Silk Messaline Satin, Taffeta and White Goods are very attractively priced.

Just received a new shipment of Royal Worcester Corsets in the latest styles from \$1.25 to -- \$3.50

Not having room in this ad to price or state every thing we have on sale we want to impress on you that our entire stock of summer merchandise will be sold at great reductions.

New Goods arriving daily. Watch our windows for fall styles.



UNDERPRICED MUSLINS

We want to close out our entire line of Summer Muslins and are making prices that will interest you.

A special lot of shoes and slippers for ladies and children ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50, your choice - - 50c Great values in mens shoes. \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 shoes at half price. These shoes are of good shapes and quality and well worth the price we ask. We are overstocked and need room for the large shipments of shoes just received and are closing out this lot at half price.

One hundred 25c cans of talcum such as Colgates Dactylis, Colgates Boquet, Colgates Violet, Mennens Violet, Mennens Unscented and other talcums at 15c per can.



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We have a large assortment of hats in all the latest shades and shapes.
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\$4.00 Queen Quality Brown Pumps	\$3.25	Brown's 5-Star-5 for Children and Misses 20 per cent off.		5.00 5-Star-5 Oxfords	4.25	15c Cambric, per yard	12 1/2c
\$4.00 Queen Quality Tan Oxfords	\$3.25	Buster Brown Oxfords for Boys 15 per cent off.		5.00 McElwain Mens Oxfords	4.15	12 1/2c Cambric, per yard	10c
\$3.50 Queen Quality White Oxfords	\$2.75	\$2.00 McElwain Boys Oxfords	\$1.75	4.00 McElwain Mens Oxfords	3.25	One special lot of colored and figured lawn, per yard	5c
\$4.00 Queen Quality White Pumps	\$2.25	\$2.50 McElwain Boys Oxfords	\$2.25	3.50 McElwain Mens Oxfords	2.95	In this lot you will find 10c, 15c and 20c grades of lawn.	
\$3.50 Brown's White House Buck Oxfords	\$2.85	All other brands Boys Oxfords 25 per cent off.		3.00 McElwain Mens Oxfords	2.45	10,000 yards of Laces and Embroideries arranged in choice lots of 5c, 10c and 15c per yard. This is an exceptionally good bargain.	
		Calicoes, per yard	5c	\$17.50 Summer Suits	\$12.50		
		8 1/2c Bleached Domestic, per yard	6c	16.00 Summer Suits	11.50		
				15.00 Summer Suits	10.00		
				12.00 Summer Suits	9.00		
				\$6.00 Extra Pants	\$4.95		
				5.00 Extra Pants	4.25		
				4.50 Extra Pants	3.75		

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Mr. McCoy of Merkel was in this section buying cattle Tuesday.

John Clack of Hylton, but for years a resident of Taylor county, stopped at Inkum Monday en route from Abilene to his home.

Mrs. Downing of Potosi came in Tuesday to visit with her niece, Mrs. G. W. Wilson, for awhile.

J. A. Wills and wife visited at Mr. Martins' of View Tuesday.

Mrs. Triplett came in with her husband from View Friday.

Messrs Jordan and McKoughon of Blackwell, Holiness ministers, are holding a meeting at Bethel this week.

Mrs. McMillam, who has been visiting the family of P. R. Steen, left for her home at Memphis, Tenn., last Thursday.

Glorious News

comes from Dr. J. T. Curtiss, Dwight, Kan. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of eczema in my patients with Electric Bitters, but also cured myself by them of the same disease. I feel sure they will benefit any case of eczema." This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is a most effective blood purifier. Its an excellent remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50 cts. Satisfaction guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Blair Echoes.

Sept. 3—Mrs. J. W. Goens and son Clifford visited friends at Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday.

An entertainment was given at the home of Miss Mae Peoples Saturday night.

J. L. Tucker has moved a residence to Blair, locating in the Hall addition.

Uncle Doc Hall now controls the soda fount at Blair as well as the mayorship.

Roland Goens visited friends at Lorraine last week.

J. E. Addison returned last week from Winters where he has been visiting his sister Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and Miss Mirtus Moore were called to Comper last week by the death of their sister Ovie Moore.

F. D. Addison attended to business at Herndon last week.

Burglars attempted to enter the Dry Goods and Grocery store of S. E. Adcock Saturday night but were scared away. Mr. and Mrs. Adcock were sleeping in the store and shot several times at the supposed burglars.

Mrs. Mae Horton and children are visiting relatives at Hermleigh and Pylon.

Miss Gladys Demere of Weaver Springs visited her brother Frank Demere Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Molly Wilson of Merkel has moved to Blair to make her future home.

Mrs. Mae Reed and children of Weaver Springs visited relatives here Sunday.

James and Orie Mayfield were visitors to the City in Clover Saturday.

Blue Tittle, our future treasurer, and wife spent last week in the home of J. W. Mayfield and family.

J. W. King returned last week from the Santa Fe hospital at Temple where he has been for several months suffering with typhoid fever and pneumonia.

Will Campbell will move to our town in a few days, having moved a residence from Merkel out here and located on the west side.

Repels Attack of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." Its folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs.



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Cooler with rains causing Rheumatic pains. Hunt's Lightning Oil stops all aches and pains whether from Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Cuts, Burns or Bruises. The Quickest Liniment known. 25 and 50c bottles. All Druggists.

Salt Branch News.

Sept. 3—Holland Teaff and sisters Misses Selena and Olive attended church at Merkel Sunday.

The singing at W. B. Robertson's Saturday night was enjoyed by all who were present.

A jolly crowd of young people visited Miss Lillie Wheat Sunday.

Mr. Thornton of near Nubia was visiting H. C. Floyd Sunday.

Those elected as delegates to the singing convention at Buffalo Gap are as follows: Messrs. Holland Teaff, Arthur McMurray, Houston Robertson, Misses Selena Teaff, Lula Higgins and Ida Taylor.

Mr. Thornton and Dee Floyd were looking over Mr. Clark's farm Sunday.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

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