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SCHOOL RALLY IS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Social Center Meeting held at the Tabernacle last Friday night was one of the most interesting meetings held in Merkel for some time past.

The programme rendered was one to be appreciated. The musical selections together with the vocal selections made the evening more pleasant to the little folks while the talks on school from different standpoints by T. A. Johnson, Prof. R. L. Krigbaum and B. D. Black seemed to place a new life in the school situation from the patron's point of view. The talk by Prof. Krigbaum was very pointed and dealt with the essentials of a school child's life at its home in order that its life in school would be a success. One of the mistakes he spoke of was on the part of the parents in allowing their children to attend entertainments during the school week and in that way get their minds away from their studies and perhaps bring failure to them at the end of the year, mentioning some cases that were similar during last year's school and citing the people to the fact that the children were failures when the final examinations were had. While every selection of the evening was good the talk by Prof. Krigbaum if closely followed had more bearing on the success of a school boy's or school girl's life than the other talks. It brought out the mistakes that parents were making in allowing their children to exercise their own judgment in so many cases where the advice and direction of an older person is required.

A move is on foot to have school meetings of this kind about every thirty days in order to keep the interest up in the school work and get more co-operation from the parents in the handling of the students.

MERKEL SCHOOLS BEGIN NEW TERM

Our system of public schools opened this week for the 1912-13 term under the most promising conditions for real work in the history of our school system.

There were more than 600 enrolled and the system inaugurated made it possible for the teachers and pupils to get at once to real work. The interest and attendance is most satisfactory to the faculty and school board and while our little town has always enjoyed a reputation for the best schools in this part of the state we are continually and rapidly making improvement.

The Mail directs the attention of parents, pupils and teachers to our sermonette in this issue which is upon this subject and commends its reading and consideration. Our schools are one of our most valuable assets and should receive the assistance of every patriotic citizen.

A B C TALK ABOUT ADS

There is an educational feature to well-written advertising which is a benefit to the reader as well as the merchant.

If a merchant is qualified he will keep up with the progress of his business, the changes in styles, the most popular goods and materials and it is his duty to his customers to buy this class of goods and then a further duty to inform his trade through his advertising. I imagine that it is a bit embarrassing for a lady of the country who makes a bill only two or three times a year to trade at the store of a merchant who never advertises what he has to sell. When she comes into town to trade she does not know what her merchant has to sell and the only opportunity for her is to enter the store and make inquiry and investigation.

Imagine the contrary and if a live, progressive merchant knows his business and buys the best of goods and materials and the latest styles and advertises them, his customers and friends in the country and elsewhere see advertised just what they want and shopping instead of an embarrassment and trouble-maker for both becomes a real genuine pleasure. It seems to me that this idea should go home to every merchant who has goods to sell, provided they are the right kind of goods. Our advertising will not sell shoddy or shop-worn goods and the columns of our paper are not worth ten cents each for any merchant who does not keep his stock up, have the right kind of goods and make the right kind of prices. Advertising would be detrimental instead of beneficial for him, for our readers know goods and values and his advertisement of goods out of style or date and for prices more than their real value would serve only as a warning for our readers to stay out of his store.

The only kind of advertising that pays is honest advertising, backed by an honest merchant with honest price and service. This kind does pay and big, too. Honestly, it does and if you can not take our word for it ask any progressive and successful merchant or better still, try it one time for yourself. The Mail is the medium in Merkel and the Merkel country.

OPERA HOUSE IS TO OPEN UP SOON

During the last few days the moving picture business in Merkel has taken a decided change and H. F. Groene proprietor of the Airdome has assumed management of the Opera House, under a lease for the season from E. M. Barbee the manager for the past season.

Mr. Groene informs us that he will have the picture show moved into its new quarters by Saturday night if possible, but before the move is made carpenters will elevate the chairs so that the patrons view from the back of the house will not be obstructed by some of the fall bonnets that are going to be in evidence.

Other than having the moving picture show under new management Mr. Groene will take steps to secure the billings of some of the best opera troupes that come to west Texas and from his past success in the motion picture business we predict that the coming season will be one of the best that show goers have ever witnessed in Merkel.

Boy Dies After Short Illness.

The fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tye of the Canyon died Saturday after a very short illness. The child seemed to know that he was going to die for he called his people around him and bade them goodbye. Burial was given the body in White Church Cemetery Sunday. We were unable to learn the exact cause of the child's death or any of the details other than what are given here. The Mail extends sympathy to the bereaved parents.

TOWN TALK

One man's gain is another's misfortune and Capt. J. H. Oliver says that the high prices paid by Merkel merchants and buyers for produce, cotton and seed is one of the big factors in the cost of living for the town man. One day not long ago Capt. Oliver came in home and was acquainted only with the price of cotton seed at other points and resolved that he would buy a load or so for his cow. He came up town with that in mind but learned that cotton seed was worth several dollars more per ton in the city in clover. He gave up the idea and entering one of our grocery stores, called for a package of Post Toasties and put in an order for a float load more, saying, "My old cow will have to make out on this breakfast food until I can do better for the old hussy."

Once enjoying life at Merkel or in our delightful country it is hard to ever become contented elsewhere and this fact is known to I. S. Allen who recently vacated these parts in order that his girl might enjoy the advantages of a College at Denton. He boarded the train for the latter point with a "tow-sack" full of dirt which excited our curiosity. He explained: "You see its a lot of trouble and expense to move and whenever my wife gets home-sick to come back to Merkel I am going to throw a lot of this sand in her face and sprinkle it around over the house in the hope that it will give relief."

The editor is going to write an article some day entitled "From cow-puncher to clod-hopper," just as soon as we can get the tail-end of the material and ex-

A CHILD BURNED BY CARBOLIC ACID

(Delayed from last week.)

The two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson of Noodle was fearfully burned Wednesday afternoon and had it not been for the prompt attention of doctors who were near the result might have been much worse.

Doctors Adkisson and Miller were returning to Merkel through the Noodle country when at a distance of some four miles south of there they were stopped by telephone message and told that a small child had just spilled carbolie acid over its body and it was then thought that the child had swallowed some. They promptly started back in their auto and while making the run prepared emergency treatment.

The application gave the suffering little patient prompt relief.

perience and can not promise the interesting and inspiring article before next fall. John Woodard has promised us that he will move out on his farm and start things going to show these scientists how to farm and we are sure his methods will be different from any ever tried in this section before.

O. B. Boden says about the worst thing about a country man moving to town is the idea of his wife that he should always wear a clean collar and a neck-tie.

John Childers says he is about even up with all of the people he knows. He owes about as many as he don't and that makes it even.

Cotton may occasionally go down at Liverpool, New York and New Orleans but Merkel is an independent market and always up. Trade at Merkel.

SPELLING MATCH AT TABERNACLE

One of the funniest things of the year will be had at the tabernacle Friday night of this week. It is an Old Time Spelling Bee.

Every one is invited and more are expected to come. The spelling will be under the direction and criticism of Prof. R. L. Krigbaum, who will give words from an old Blue Back Spelling Book. A committee has been appointed to take charge of the work. They have selected leaders for the two sides and as the congregation assembles other selections will be made from it, with a privilege of any person spelling who will lend a helping hand.

The committees selected to take charge of the work are as follows: Ira Shaffer, J. M. Moore; Misses Bertha Harris, Georgia Moore and Ola Pope. The selections for chief contestants of the evening are given to us as ones well qualified to lead a bunch of spelling people through thick and thin. On side No. 1, Judge Potter is to lead with the help of Dr. J. A. Adkisson, Mrs. J. T. Warren, J. T. Cross, Rev. Roberts, Miss E. Love Hawkins, Margie Saffle, Mrs. W. T. Potter and Jno. G. Jackson. For side No. 2, H. C. Williams is chosen to lead his side on to victory, with the assistance of Dr. M. Armstrong, Mrs. M. Armstrong, B. M. Black, J. M. Shelton, Miss Louise Schmidt, Simpson Christopher, Mrs. J. W. Jennings and Lewis H. King.

Remember that others are to be taken from the congregation and further remember and bring a dime with you or even more, for cream and other refreshments will be on sale during the evening.

Come one, come all. Proceeds will benefit Mission work.

COTTON RECEIPTS PASS 6,000 MARK

The cotton receipts at Merkel this week passed the 6,000 mark; to be exact the receipts up to 11:30 yesterday (Thursday) morning totaled 6,049 bales.

There is a bit of commotion in the matter of markets of this section this week and a fair and impartial investigation by the Mail developed the following facts:

One competing market several days and at times this season did pay higher prices for cotton but the buyers at the same point had 1-8 of a cent better limit from the wholesale buyers at Abilene because of the fact there was a gain in weights of cotton from that point and a loss from Merkel. In other words, you get full weights here for cotton is supposed to lose some and considering this fact this is the best cotton market in this section.

We know what we are talking about for our merchants are the buyers here and they go the limit. It will pay you to market all of your cotton here.

Thursday prices 11:00 to 11:35.

FARMERS STATE BANK, Merkel, Tex.

We want your business and will
appreciate same

"THE FARMERS FRIEND"

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

5 reel show at Opera House Saturday night.

J. W. Moore was a business visitor in Abilene Wednesday.

Good soap of all kinds at Grimes'. Sale on.

New Hat Pins at McClain's.

S. P. Curtis left Wednesday for Putnam where he goes to take treatment at the sanitarium there.

Talcum and Soap at Grimes' with prices cut in half.

Chinchilla coats, the RED-FERN BRAND at Woodroof's are the latest things in fall and winter wraps.

Mr. Otto Carter a former Merkel business man was in town Tuesday on business.

Ladies REDFERN coats and coat suits in latest styles at Woodroof's.

New Stick Pins at McClain's.

Pumpkin Yam Potatoes at The Bradshaw Grocery Co.

Rev. R. A. Clements went to Trent Tuesday afternoon to take charge of a meeting there. He will be here Sunday to preach at the regular hour.

Window shades that will not crack, wrinkle or break at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Start the next month right. Get your groceries at the Cash Grocery.

Talcum and Soap Sale still on at Grimes.

Begin planning now how to set out more shade trees this fall and carry out the plan.

Cranberries and Mackerel at the Cash Grocery.

New Gingham at the Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co., just received. Come in and see them.

5 reel show at Opera House Saturday night.

Miss Eufala McSpadden who has been here for some time visiting her cousin Miss Rubie Jones, returned to her home at Nevada, Texas, Wednesday morning.

Ginghams, Allover lace and notions, new lots at the Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Nice fat Mackerel at the Cash Grocery.

Our banks are able and willing to give you the best service and it will pay you to keep your account here.

New Stick Pins at McClain's.

STATEMENT

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

At Call of Comptroller Sept. 4, 1912

RESOURCES

Loans	\$136,528.94
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,900.00
Real Estate	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange	78,462.11
Total	\$232,090.80

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,980.88
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
Deposits	172,859.92
Total	\$232,090.80

The above statement is correct.

THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier.

With DEPOSITS of over \$172,000 and AVAILABLE RESOURCES of \$230,000 we are amply able to handle all business given us. We invite your account.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren C. P. Warren G. F. West
Ed. S. Hughes Henry James
J. T. Howard Thos. Johnson

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

A. Fitts returned Sunday from Arlington, Mansfield and Britton where he has been visiting relatives. On returning from Britton he was accompanied by his sister Miss Mary Fitts of Bolivar, Tenn., who will spend several days here visiting her brother before returning to her home.

Dr. J. M. Greene who has been here for some time looking after the practice of Dr. McMaster during his visit to South Texas, left for Houston Wednesday of last week, Dr. McMaster having returned to take charge of the practice.

Mrs. Clarence Brammer of Shawnee, Okla., stopped here Monday enroute home from Douglass, Ariz., to visit the family of T. J. Coggin. Mrs. Bram-

mer had been in the border town visiting her mother Mrs. A. Scott, formerly of Merkel.

Jno. R. Daniel and Fred Big-ham have returned from an extended trip over the plains and north Texas. They made the trip in the latter Lambert roadster and of course report good luck.

New Locketts at McClain's.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to sincerely thank the good people of Stith and Merkel for their kindness and sympathy during the short illness and death of our father.

There shall always be in each of our hearts a warm reception for you.

Sincerely,
Children of C. E. Whitley.

WE

Have just
received
a fresh assort-
ment of
Fountain
Syringes
Toilet
Articles
Drugs
and a complete
supply of
Sanfords Ink
any thing you
need in the
DRUG, SUNDRY
Paint and Wall
Paper line.
Your patronage
is always appre-
ciated

Rust & McCauley
Drug Company
THE REXALL STORE

Called to California.

Miss Robbie Davis received a telegram Thursday morning from her brother, John Davis of Hollywood, Cal., stating that he was very ill and for her to come at once. Miss Davis had received a letter only a short time before receiving the telegram in which it stated that her brother had been very sick from an operation but up until Thursday his condition was not regarded as serious. Mr. Davis is well known in Merkel having lived here for quite a while, and his many friends trust that his condition will not prove fatal and that he will speedily improve.

The Merkel Mail and Dallas S-W Farm News, both one year, \$1.65.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

New Chains at McClains.

Good work mule for sale at the Star Store.

Mrs. E. E. Thomas of Purcell, Okla., is visiting her brother J. N. Shelton this week.

Soap and Talcum Sale at Grimes'.

Dr. A. A. Annis of Aspermont came down Sunday to visit his mother Mrs. S. F. Annis and to be with his brother from Colorado who came in the same day.

Use Golden Star Polish when dusting. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. S. F. Annis reports the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry of the Divide community, the little girl arriving at the home last Saturday.

Window Shades at Behrens-McMillen's. All colors and prices, as low as 25c for cloth shades.

Stoves of all sorts at Anchor Hardware Company.

Miss Winnie Smith of Corsicana has returned to her home after a visit here with relatives.

The Soapy Sale at Grimes' is still on.

C. A. Campbell of Dolores, Colo., who has been here for some time visiting his brother J. Ben Campbell returned to his home Monday.

Box Wood Heaters at the Anchor Hardware Co.

New Necklaces at McClain's.

The spending of a good roads bond issue would help some but the good roads would always be a saving for our farmers and a joy forever.

5 reel show at Opera House Saturday night.

Merkel pays more for your cotton and produce but solicits your trade only on the grounds that they can then give you more for the money they paid you. Trade at Merkel.

Coal Stoves for cold times at the Anchor Hardware Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Woodard of Roscoe came in Saturday to visit relatives. Mr. Woodard returned the same afternoon but Mrs. Woodard remained with her sister Mrs. Will Higgins of the Salt Branch community until Wednesday. Mrs. Woodard reports her baby sister Miss Lillie Wheat very low with slow fever.

New Tie Clasps at McClain's.

A Good Bank
GOOD SERVICE
FOR GOOD PEOPLE
All Good Business Solicited

DEPOSITS: Of Other Banks.....	None
Cashiers' Checks.....	24.14
Certificates of Deposits.....	311.30
Individual Deposits.....	122,028.98
	122,364.32
Total	\$27,300.26

H. F. GROENE, The Picture Man

SOMETHING NEW IN ABILENE, TEXAS

A MAIL ORDER HOUSE

ANYTHING IN THE FURNITURE LINE AT UNHEARD-OF PRICES

A 2-inch-post bed, head 56 inches high, either White or Vernis Martin finish.....\$7.00

Guaranteed Bed Springs.....\$3.00
A 40-pound all-cotton Mattress Art Tick\$5.50

THESE ARE A FEW OF THE PRICES WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE, AND WE PAY THE FREIGHT

Give us an order, and if goods are not as represented, return them at our expense. We want to CONVINCE you that WE sell it JUST AS CHEAP as ANY MAIL ORDER HOUSE and Pay the Freight to your town. **THE HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET**, you have heard of it, but to APPRECIATE the COMPLETENESS of this cabinet you must SEE it—No Better Made—price.....\$28.00

WE SAY WHAT WE MEAN AND MEAN WHAT WE SAY

ABILENE FURNITURE COMPANY, Abilene, Texas

314 PINE STREET BOTH PHONES 32



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The culmination of a pretty romance that had its origin in early childhood was the marriage of Miss Annie T. Daniel and Sterling P. Miller of Dallas at the Christian church just 'round the corner in Fort Worth September 21 at three p. m., Rev. L. D. Andrews officiating. The bride is a most lovable girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel of this city. She is very popular in social affairs and is a talented musician. The groom is associated with the Navy Department and is at present stationed at Dallas as recruiting officer. He is well known here, having made Merkel his home for several years. He is a brother of Mrs. W. H. Dickson of this city. At present they are at home to their friends at 720 Bishop Street, Dallas.

The mail joins their many friends in wishing them a world of happiness.

A most pleasing surprise was given Mrs. O. F. McMaster Saturday afternoon when the members of the Baraca class, M. E. church came in a body to present her with a lovely punch bowl, thus showing their appreciation for her faithful work as substitute teacher during Miss Hawkins' absence. Mrs. McMaster had contributed to their social pleasures while guarding their spiritual life and in expressing her appreciation for their thoughtfulness she assured them that they should have the pleasure of helping her christen their pretty gift and that in the near future.

The early autumn dance Tuesday evening at the Thornton building on Kent street was planned in honor of M. M. Hamill of Dallas and Lige Gambol of Fort Worth. Music was furnished by the colored orchestra from Abilene. The chaperones for the evening were Mesdames T. J. Coggin and J. W. Daniel. The dancers were Misses Olga and Elma Sheppard, Annie T. Daniel, Genevieve Rust, Jessie O'Brian, Mesdames Fred Bigham and Davenport Gaither, Messrs. Lige Gambol, M. M. Hamill, Otti Coggin, Dee Grimes, Olly Sharp, J. E. Faucett, R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. Alice Templeton and her "family" were visitors at Castle Peak Sunday afternoon. A most tempting lunch was served, picnic style. Mountain climbing and kodaking added to the pleasure of Misses Cleo Wilson Bowler, Orta Long, Mrs. McConnell, Messrs. Lucas, Spender, Morgan, Dr. Green and the hostess.

Miss Maude Martin and Mrs. W. H. Dickson entertained the Five Hundred Club at the latter's home Friday afternoon. Those who participated in the evening's pleasure were Misses Annie T. Daniel, Genevieve Rust, Elma Sheppard, Mesdames George L. Miller, Jno. G. Jackson, Doss Sheppard, Fred Bigham, Davenport Gaither. The hostesses served cream and cake.

Saturday evening after the picture show Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson were at home to a few of their young friends. Various games were played. Those in attendance were Misses Fannie Bur-

roughs, Mattie Paylor, Elma Sheppard, Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Ezma Allday, Messrs. Roy Bradley, Choc Jones, Luther Grimes, Jesse Fergusson, Forest Gaither, Harve Paylor.

Mrs. George West entertained a few couples of the young people Thursday evening in honor of her son James who will attend the A. & M. school. Forty-two and Rook were the evening's diversions. At the conclusion of this enjoyable evening the hostess served cake and punch to Misses Fannie Burroughs, Mattie Paylor, Virginia Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, Ezma Allday, Isla McDonald, Grace Counts, Aileen Sanders, Jessie Sutphen Messrs. Luther Grimes, Roy Bradley, Choc Jones, Ben Merritt, Ottis Barnett, John and James West.

Miss Maude Martin was the charming hostess Tuesday afternoon to the members of the needlework circle and a few friends. After an hour or more spent in dainty needlework the hostess assisted by her mother served a delicious luncheon consisting of sandwiches, olives, fruit salad, hot chocolate and wafers to Mrs. T. J. Coggin and her friend, Mrs. C. M. Brammer of Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. G. H. Adams, Mrs. O. W. Williams, Mrs. R. L. Krigbaum, Misses Fannie and Irene Swann.

Rally Day Program.

Sunday Oct. 7, will be Rally Day in the Methodist Sunday School, beginning 7:45 p. m. when the following program will be rendered:

Several songs by Classes.
Rally Day, its Object—H.C. Williams.
Home Visitation, Its Value and How Done—J. H. Warnick.
Why Parents Should Regularly Attend Sunday School—R. L. Krigbaum.
Orchestra.
What the teacher should do for the Class—B. D. Black.
What the Class Should do—Mrs. R. A. Clements.
Some ways to better our song service—T. A. Johnson.
Orchestra.
How may we use the local paper to help our Sunday School—J. G. Jackson.
The Educational Value of the Sunday School—Miss Love Hawkins.
Song and Benediction.
The talks and papers on the above to be from five to eight minutes each. All who attend are requested to wear the school's colors, red and blue.
Music Committee: T. A. Johnson, Dr. O. F. McMaster, Dennis McDonald, Fannie Burroughs, Dorothy Lee Potter.
Decoration Committee: Mrs. T. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. G. Hale, Mrs. W. T. Potter, Mrs. G. H. Adams, Mrs. O. F. McMaster, Miss Lizzie Calvert.

Iron Beds reduced in prices for the next two weeks at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

New Rings at McClain's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham and Burhill Wheeler visited the Scratch Ranch in Nolan county Wednesday making the trip in Mr. Bigham's car.

The best candies made, Chocolates, in fruit and nuts just received and very fresh. Burroughs.

New Belt Pins at McClain's.



LOST—Key ring, one Yale key and two others, also Crown top opener. Finder leave at Owl Restaurant. 1tpd

CHICKENS FOR SALE—My 13 full blood White Leghorns, best layers. Price 50 cents each. Mrs. E. M. Barbee. 27t2pd

FOR SALE—Buggy and harness. Price \$15.00. Inquire at Mail office.

GOOD MILCH COWS FOR SALE—Durham and Jerseys, good milkers. See H. L. Propst. 13t3pd

LOST—Child's gold bracelet, "Evelyn" engraved on little gold heart. Reward for return to Mail office. 20t2

WANTED HOUSE IN MERKEL—I will exchange team of mares, wagon, buggy and farming implements for small house and two lots in Merkel. J. W. Tally, R. 1, Trent, Texas. 20t4pd

Have you got a sweet tooth? Fill it with candies bought from Burroughs. The King and Hughes line are our leaders.

Mrs. Alice Harrington of Nachodoches is here visiting her aunt Mrs. J. H. Oliver. Mrs. Harrington will be here for about two weeks.

It came in Wednesday morning. Winter did. Get your heating stoves at the Anchor Hdw. Co.

J. J. Simpson or Longview returned to his home Wednesday after a short visit with the family of J. H. Burrus of the Canyon country.

Ever eat candy? King's and Hughes' in boxes are the best. Burroughs sells them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rose are the proud parents of a fine girl, born Monday of this week.

5 reel show at Opera House Saturday night.

Mr. Fred Bigham returned Monday from an extended business trip through north Texas.

Ginghams, Allover lace and notions, new lots at the Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Mrs. T. E. Paylor of Big Springs came down Wednesday morning to visit relatives.

New line of novelty hats for men in Velour and other grades. W. D. Woodroof & Co.

Deputy Sheriff Whaley was in town Tuesday evening, going on west on the last train.

Cranberries and Meckel at the Cash Grocery.

H. F. Groene and E. C. Counts left for points east Wednesday morning.

SCHOOL DAYS

Stationery for School Children. Tablets, the big kind for a nickel. Pencils by the bunch.

To the first 200 School Children making 10 cent purchases of School Supplies from our store we will give a 5 cent package of popcorn free.

Make our place headquarters for your school materials. Send your children and let us wait on them.

The Elite Confectionery

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.

H. M. WARREN

THE ICE AND COAL MAN

High-Class Tailoring

is always the cheapest. Good service from good Tailors. Try me for the best.

C. L. Cash The Tailor

Do not wait until severe winter gets here. Get a stove now. The Anchor Hardware has them for sale. Misses France Burroughs and Jessie Sutphen visited in Abilene Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

FREE FREE

Twelve Beautiful Art Squares Absolutely Free

Beginning Saturday, September 28, we will give Absolutely Free one of these Beautiful 9x12 feet Art Squares with every \$50.00 purchase until the 12 Art Squares are given away. These Art Squares are beautiful in design and excellent in quality and will be worth \$20.00 to you this winter. Don't delay. They will not last long.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

OUR FALL OPENING SALE CONTINUES IN FULL SWAY---GREATEST VALUES EVER OFFERED

PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

C. E. Whitley Dead.

Friday afternoon C. E. Whitley was stricken with acute indigestion and paralysis while waiting on a customer in his store at Stith eight miles northeast of Merkel. The attack came on him at 4 o'clock and death at 7:55 the same evening, only three of his children, Miss Nola Whitley, Messrs. F. A. and C. D. Whitley, being able to reach him before his death. His other two children, Mrs. Mattie Butler of Louisiana and Marbury Whitley, who was attending school in Louisiana, did not reach Merkel until Monday morning following the burial.

Up to the time Mr. Whitley was taken sick there was not the least thought of his health being in danger at all and on the even-

AT and BELOW COST

EVERYTHING IN MY HOUSE IS GOING

All Organs, Pianos, Buggies and anything you find in my house I will sell at or below cost. Absolutely going to quit business. I will make prices that will make Sears, Roebuck & Company look like 30 cents. Come in and investigate the goods. All high-class or the highest workmanship and quality.

E. D. COATS, Merkel, Texas

JOHN R. DANIEL

Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
SOUTH SIDE

Automobile Service in Connection

Phone No. 44. Opposite T. & P. Depot.

MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

The City Tailoring Co.
Franklin & Renfro, Props

ing of his death he seemed in fine spirits and was talking to the people in the store when the attack came. Dr. Hendricks seeing that something was wrong caught Mr. Whitley as he was falling and the only words spoken by the victim was a request that something be done for him, saying that he had never been in such condition before in his life. Prompt attention was given but without avail, nothing could be done that would revive him.

Mr. Whitley was a man well liked by all who knew him and had been connected with business matters in Merkel for the last four years, coming here from Moro where he made his home for the first two years after coming to Texas from Louisiana.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church here Sunday afternoon, Rev. Saffle conducting the services after which the W. O. W. took charge of the body,

conducting the burial in Rose Hill cemetery at 5 o'clock.

The Mail regrets the loss of so esteemed citizen of our town and extends profound sympathy to the sorrowing sons and daughters.



If you want cash for your chickens, eggs and butter, bring them to the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company. We always pay the highest prices.

W. P. DUCKETT, Buyer.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Sept. 28, 1912:

Ashby, Sam.
Carter, Levi.
Dyess, J. J.
Harris, Miss Even.
Tuckness, Mrs. Lela.
Aguilar, Sra. Paula.

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Oct. 12, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.



The Telephone Road to Every Market

Are you up on current dairy prices during the scarce season?

The farmer with a Bell Telephone is "wise" and he sells at the market's height. Why not share your telephone-connected neighbors advantages.

Apply to our nearest manager for information, or write

THE
SOUTHWESTERN
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DALLAS, TEXAS.



Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

In order to secure your Fall Bill of Dry Goods and Groceries we will make discounts that will prove to you that

WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD

ALL WE ASK OF YOU IS A CHANCE TO SHOW OUR GOODS

COMPARE OUR GROCERY PRICES

Light Crust Flour, per 100 pounds	\$3.00
Baker Boy Flour, per 100 pounds	2.85
Pearl Meal, per 35 pounds	75c
Cottolene Compound Lard	1.25
Jewel Compound Lard	1.00
25 pounds best Granulated Sugar	1.45
100 pounds best Granulated Sugar	5.85
Silver Crescent High-Grade Coffee	1.00
5 pounds XXXX Coffee	1.00
25 pound box Dried Peaches	2.25
1 quart cans Old Manse Maple Syrup	40c
½ gallon cans Old Manse Maple Syrup	65c
1 gallon cans Old Manse Maple Syrup	1.25

We have many other bargains in this department. Come let us fill your bill.

IN OUR DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

We will not undertake to name all the bargains in the Dry Goods Department but we will say this, **WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD** by any merchant in Merkel. In many instances we are selling high-grade dependable merchandise cheaper than you can buy elsewhere.

Our new fall stock emphasizes quality from the smallest article to the largest. We did not buy the cheapest goods we could find, **QUALITY WAS OUR AIM.**

Come to our store and compare **QUALITY** and **PRICE** to that of any other store.

If you want your money to buy the most goods and get the best quality it will pay you to come to see us.

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THE STYLE STORE

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Sept. 15—We had a light rain Friday night which has delayed the picking of cotton but is good on late feed.

The farmer's wives are having roasting ears, snap beans and turnip greens on their tables these days.

Miss Ora Travis left for Millersview Monday where she will attend school this term.

Mr. Greathouse of Valley Creek was in this section Saturday gathering cattle to ship.

Mr. Wortham of Fisher county and formerly a resident of this county passed through Inkum Tuesday enroute to Moro.

Miss Nettie Walters of Knickerbocker is visiting her sister Mrs. Bob Williams.

Mr. Jourdan of Snyder who has been conducting a meeting at Bethel left for Benjamin Friday. He was accompanied by his family.

Alec Williams and wife returned from Scurry county Friday.

There is a great demand for cotton pickers and every stranger is stopped and interrogated about the possibility of obtaining help in that line.

Mrs. Walters of San Angelo is spending the week with her daughter Mrs. Bob Williams.

Inkum Items.

Sept. 23—J. J. Self has traded his farm to Felix Jones of Abilene for Merkel property. Although Mr. and Mrs. Self have been here only a year, yet they have gained many friends who regret to have them move from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Perry are entertaining a new daughter. She made her appearance Saturday.

Felix Jones of Abilene was in our midst Wednesday photographing views of his newly acquired real estate and other mountain scenery.

Mr. Russell of Merkel made a business trip to this section the latter part of the week.

Messrs. W. M. and Adrain Hallmark of Shep were doing business at Inkum the first of the week.

Merkel continues to pay the top price for cotton and in consequence most of the cotton from this section is going to Merkel, and owing to the high grade of the mountain cotton, which is free from sand, it is said that it commands the very best price going at that point.

Willis White of Stith made a business trip to this section Monday.

Otis Bugg of Sweetwater is visiting at Ernest Perry's this week.

Mr. Annis of Merkel came in to visit his aunt Mrs. E. C. Perry the latter part of the week.

Several horses and mules from this neighborhood have been sold to Mr. Overton the horse buyer at Merkel to be shipped to the recently overflowed districts of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mr. Pinson of View was in this section prospecting last week.

Oscar Perry who has been on the sick list for the last few days is improving now.

Mr. Evans of Abilene who has been employed to teach the Elm Grove school has rented the Frank Whizenhunt place and with his parents will occupy that house this winter.

Salt Branch News.

Sept. 24—Several from this place went to Stith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alma Hays was the guest of Ruth Allen Sunday.

W. E. Petty and family were visiting W. M. Hays and family Sunday.

Miss Nina Beavers visited Miss Dewie Floyd Sunday.

We regret to report Mrs. Nona Allen and daughter Ethel and Miss Lillie Wheat having slow fever.

Mrs. Alice Woodard of Roscoe is down visiting relatives this week.

Grandma Allen of Claytonville is visiting the family of Clint Allen.

Willie and Mollie Hardy were visiting Lyda Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Quite a crowd of boys were visiting Willis and Owen Taylor Sunday.

There was a singing at Will Hays Saturday night.

Holland Teaff left last Wednesday to enter school at Waco.

Miss Mae Rainer left Friday for Abilene where she enters school at Simmons College.

Misses Selena and Olive Teaff entered school at Merkel Monday.

Grandma Hays is visiting Mrs. Mae West of Merkel this week.

Small Farm For Sale.

53½ acres all good valley land 3 room house, 37 acres in field, well and barn. \$25 per acre, \$733 down balance easy at 8 per cent. Would take team. Write or see Sam Grayson, Merkel, Texas, R. F. D. 2. 4tpd

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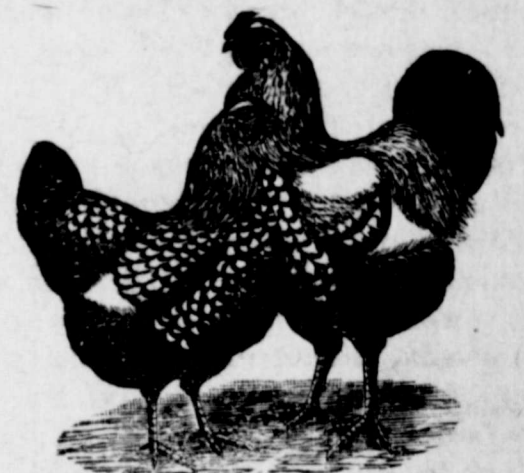
Scotch
WOOLEN MILLS

THE STAR STORE

NOTICE

To Farmers and Citizens of Taylor and Adjoining Counties

We are still paying the top prices for country produce and are enlarging our capacity to handle your produce at the highest market prices. We buy CHICKENS, TURKEYS, DUCKS, GEESE, BUTTER, EGGS, BEESWAX, TINFOIL and HIDES.



We will always be wide-awake to your interest with cash on hand at all times to pay for what we buy. We ask a continuation of your patronage, thanking you for the past favors and in advance for your future patronage we remain yours for business.

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W. P. DUCKETT, Produce Manager.

A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES

Our RADIUM flour is of the highest grade. Try it. Fresh Cabbage, Turnips and Keg Kraut in stock at all times. Absolutely fresh. Phone your orders to

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