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## VISITING MAYOR TALKS ON FARMING

One of the most earnest and enthusiastic advocates of better farming methods who ever visited our country was William Lust, for the past eight years mayor of Brenham, Washington county, who paid our city a short visit Monday with the intention of buying some of our land.

Mayor Lust gave a very graphic account of farm work as has been done in this country of late under the supervision of Government Farm Demonstrators, men who have made a complete success of their methods of agriculture. Mayor Lust said in the beginning of the work at Brenham many of the people threw sturs at the agent, saying that it was impossible for any system to better their individual way of farming but since those same people have been made converts to the better farming ways and the masses in general are now cooperating with the Government man in his work.

Boys corn clubs were organized and all of the members worked under direction of the demonstrator; the work was done on the same farms where their fathers had been working for years and raising from 35 to 40 bushels of corn to the acre; the boys in the harvest just over competed for prizes given by the merchants of the town and in every case the yield per acre was from 70 to 95 bushels per acre, one boy winning the prize with the best grade of corn and a production of 95 bushels on the acre in question.

Mr. Lust said his country had suffered as our country has this year and estimates were placed as low as a half crop over his community in general, but when the harvest came the farmers who had cultivated under improved methods harvested equally as much if not more than had ever been raised in Washington county. He also laid much stress upon the merchants organizing and giving prizes to the farmers for the largest yield on ten acres of cotton, Milo Maize, Kaffir Corn, Red Top Sorghum, for the best hog, colt, yearling mule, or anything raised by the farmers in general. This he declared created more interest in farm circles than any other system that could be inaugurated by a town or country.

A. J. Corder has rented a half section of farming land and some grass land 15 miles east of Anson and will operate in that section next year. His brother, R. B. Corder will have charge of the T. E. Sears farm, formerly worked by both of them. The Mail regrets to lose this man from the Merkel country, but the donor is glad to have him on the arm above mentioned.

Coke W. Harkrider, active vice-president of the Bankers Trust and Loan Company of Fort Worth was in our city Saturday and Sunday shaking hands with friends and visiting his relative, W. L. Harkrider.

Geo. S. Berry, formerly of our little town but now of Tulsa, Okla., was a visitor here yesterday, spending several hours with his friends. He has been out of Merkel for several years and in larger cities but he says this little place looks as good to him as ever, "but," he added "Tulsa is the best town in the United States, and a good place to live." Mrs. Berry and the children are well and physicians believe that little George S. will eventually completely recover from his injuries received in an automobile accident.

## MERKEL CALVES SELL FOR \$22.50

It is our continuous claim that you can sell anything in Merkel for just a little bit more and a car load of calves this week brought \$22.50 around on the Merkel market. The calves were raised by Banker J. T. Warren on his stock farm three miles east of town, and were six to nine months old, averaging 7½ months and the local buyers were Claud Bigham and Burl Wheeler who shipped to the Ft. Worth market and made a small profit above the handsome price paid.

The calves were grade herefords, the head of the herd being Joe Bailey, a registered bull bought by the banker from C. M. Largent the famous hereford breeder who is at present in Dallas taking premiums with his bunch of Blue Ribboners.

Another car of Merkel country calves, extra good grades shipped by Banker John Sears recently netted him a price but little below this figure.

The Merkel country is the best stock country on the map and this is the best local market in this section for anything. Bring 'em to Merkel and ship to Fort Worth.

## MAN IS RUN OVER BY HOUSE TRUCK

J. L. Tucker escaped a serious injury Monday by some miraculous means.

Mr. Tucker was assisting several men in the moving of Mrs. Wilson's house from here to Blair on a purely gratis mission and on the way he got his foot caught under the trucks while they were making a turn, the wheel passing over his foot and up the leg to the hip without breaking a bone although the limb was subject to a very severe strain from the weight. An attending physician said the case was remarkable, in that Mr. Tucker did not suffer having his leg crushed from the hip down.

The last report we had from the injured man he was resting very well but his doctor thinks it will be some weeks before the bruised limb can be used.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allen left Sunday for Dallas to visit the fair, and will also visit in Rockwall and Fort Worth.

## '12 OUR GOOD READERS '13 The Old and The New

In the past month our subscription box has been filled to overflowing by our good readers and at one time it was necessary that we deposit some of the money in the bank, a procedure very seldom resorted to by this or any other newspaper. It is the season of renewals and then we are adding new subscribers every day. The people are good to us and we are thankful, to say the least.

Miss Winnie Sandlin is our new solicitor and is authorized to write receipts for subscription to our paper or any foreign papers or magazines desired by our readers at the reduced prices. We try to save our subscribers all possible on their foreign reading matter. She will appreciate your favors and your papers will be ordered promptly and a record kept on our register to prevent any mistakes.

The following are the new subscribers and renewals:

City: C F Annis, W W Wheeler, B C Moore, L H King, W H Roach, J J Russell, Mrs M J Lowe, W M Jenkins, Mrs E Hall, J G Cleckler, H M Warren, Dr S L Davis, B F Cox, Chas Beard, W A Sheppard, W L Dodds.

Rural Routes: G. H. Mansoill, W Z Harris, W B Dillingham, Roy Harrell, J K Higgins, G L Daker, G W Browning, C R Roland, R B Corder, Mrs Louise Moore, J M Rister, J M Teombs, W P Moore, A G Tipton, C B Kniffen, J D Ayres, R D Allen, L H Burrus, L S Harris.

Others: R W Green, W J Bicknell, J D Dunn, Noodle; Mrs Doss Sheppard, Dallas (by Judge Potter); J D Porter, L T F Hutson, Nubia; E M Blackburn, Jno S Hughes, J L Cargill, Blair; J E Musick, A T Smith, Trent; Rev A Lee Boyd, Abilene; W R Provine, Mountain Park, Okla.; W W Foster, Elk City, Okla., (by C A Watts, Rt. 1); W M McDuff, Vivian, La., (by W M McDuff, Rt. 2); W M Rasberry, Rio Vista, (by Mrs R E Bowles); J T Ray, Hubbard City; F B Hogg, Blair, Okla.; J L Winters, Hawley; Jas H West, College Station, Jack Canon, Detroit; S M Morrow, Inkum; Mrs Bartley Smith, Odessa; Ross Jennings, El Paso; Mrs Belle Scarborough, Celeste; Miss Winnie Warren, Baylor College, Waco; Jno M Smith, Rising Star, (by W H Roach); T M Collins, Campbellville, Tenn; Y H Berry, Rector, Ark., (by W C Reid); G F Freeman, Lorraine; S S Ramsey, Cottonwood, (by Mrs E M Rust); D McMillen, Birmingham, Ia., and Jake Calhoun, Bloomfield, Ia., (by E P McMillen); E Burroughs, Canyon; Mrs B D Ewing, Leonard, (by L H King); Mrs Jane Moore, Elkins, Ark., (by J N Shelton); J M and J T Cranford, Otis, La., (by Dr. Cranford); V D Jones, Bagwell, (by R H Collins.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark went to Putnam Monday where Mrs. Clark is to undergo treatment at the sanitarium.

George Hill formerly of Merkel returned last week to visit relatives.

O. M. Coggin left Sunday morning for Sweetwater to meet a train of cattle belonging to the Hall Commission Co., of Denver. Mr. Coggin has accepted a position with the company and will look after their interest in these parts. He was to accompany the cattle from Sweetwater to Kansas where they will be placed on feed.

M. C. Busby and E. D. McCoy of Stith are in Dallas this week taking in the Fair. After a visit there they will go to north Texas and Oklahoma to help gather the cotton crop.

## CRANK ATTEMPTS KILL ROOSEVELT

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Theodore Roosevelt, shot by John Schrank in Milwaukee last night, lies today in the Mercy hospital here, "resting easily" and in a cheerful frame of mind. Six prominent surgeons, headed by Dr. John B. Murphy, conducted X-ray examinations of the colonel's wound, following which they announced that the bullet did not pierce a lung or touch any vitals.

The wound is serious only because it is four inches deep and at the bottom lies the bullet. The physicians are concentrating their efforts to prevent inflammation or blood poisoning. Up to noon an operation to remove the bullet had not been decided upon. The bullet entered the chest one inch below the right nipple and is lodged against a rib.

The surgeons agree that Roosevelt's superb physical development and powers of endurance prevented what otherwise would have proven a fatal wound.

R. J. Adcock left Monday for Fort Worth to visit his daughter Mrs. Belle Kuntze, after which he will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Kuntze to the Fair at Dallas.

## GOOD RAIN FOR WINTER FARMING

Just a week from the date we received our first winter season, another slow rain began to fall over the Merkel country, which practically insures plenty of winter grass.

The second rain coming as it did close upon the first one makes a combine moisture of over two inches to our country, making the sowing of small grain an easy and practical crop for the future. The following cloudy days greatly hinder the remaining part of our cotton crop from being gathered but will do little damage to it further than to destroy the grade of the staple that is on the ground.

Oscar Hooper of Grand Prairie who has been here for the last two months visiting his uncle, W. A. Hall, returned to his home Saturday. Little Miss Vivian Jameson who has also been here visiting her uncle, W. A. Hall, returned the same day to Grand Prairie.

## IMPORTANT MEET FOR OUR FARMERS

Abilene, Tex., Oct., 14.—On Saturday the 26th., inst. Hon. Wm. Ganzer of Denton, Dist. Agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will address the farmers and business men of the Merkel territory on the objects of the County Demonstration Work, soil building, the conservation of moisture, etc., and other things of interest to the farmers. Mr. Ganzer is a man well up on the ideas of scientific agriculture, a forcible speaker, a man whose heart is in agricultural work and is very much interested in the up building of country life in a general way. Don't fail to hear him. You will be both entertained and instructed.

We are also promised a strong man from the state Department of Agriculture who will address you on the importance of the selection of good seed for all field crops, and other phases of improved agriculture. This will be a rare opportunity for not only farmers but men in all lines of business to hear some splendid arguments in behalf of improved and more scientific methods of agriculture. The time is at hand when the farmer should avail himself of every opportunity of obtaining the more advanced ideas of diversified farming and if you will attend these lectures I assure you that you will catch on to some new ideas that will be easily put into practice and be beneficial to you. Don't miss it.

Yours to serve,  
F. A. Peel,  
Special Demonstration Agent.

Editors Note: We would like to have advice and assistance of several of our farmers and business men in arranging time and place and advertising this meeting.

## Stock Farm Sold.

A deal in process of consummation between T. B. Story and G. J. Robbins transfers the ownership of a section of the former's land to the latter and Mr. Story accepted the farm and residence property of Mr. Robbins.

It is the idea of Mr. Story to improve the section for a farm for which it is a suited. The land is southwest of Merkel and are a number of sections of land in the Merkel country suited for the same kind of enterprise and improvement, and it is certain that general stock farming is the most profitable system for this country. It has always been our observation that the man who always had a few mules, yearlings, hogs, chickens, etc., to sell as well as feed and cotton was the man who usually has a cash balance in the bank.

Uncle Tom Story is the pioneer real estate man of the Merkel country and knows better than anyone of its possibilities but says he has passed the age for this kind of improvement and development.

L. Brown spent Sunday in Dallas, returning home Monday.

# FARMERS STATE BANK, Merkel, Tex.

We want your business and will appreciate same

"THE FARMERS FRIEND"

ONLY GUARANTY FUND BANK IN MERKEL

## OVER 8,000 BALES COTTON TO DATE

Actual count on cotton weighed in Merkel up to Thursday noon was 8075 bales.

The weekly receipts have fallen off of the late to the average of between 400 and 500 due to the weather of the last fifteen days and also to many of the farmers having about finished their picking. An estimate of 10000 yet seems low enough for this year's crop though a continuance of rainy weather might place the receipts under such an estimate.

### To the People of the Merkel Country

Don't forget the importance of "deep breaking" done as early in the fall as is possible. The gathering of the cotton crop is nearing completion, and we will have a splendid opportunity of making ideal preparation of our land for the 1913 crop. Turn under some humus; if there is nothing on the land, get up some barn yard manure, or litter of almost any kind will do good. Bear in mind that the land will soon become deplete of plant food, if we do not do our duty in helping nature in supplying same. Lets have some clear demonstrations of deep breaking, say 8 to 10 inches with some kind of humus turned under. We must do work of this kind if we desire to store up and retain moisture from the winter rains, and also improve the fertility of our lands. These are not ideas to us, but just good common horse-sense reasoning that I am agitating. Lets read more, think reason with ourselves and get busy and do something worth while in improving methods and we will get re-

r. A. Peel, Special Dem. Agt.

### Operations for Appendicitis

During last week two Merkel ladies were operated on for appendicitis at a Sanitarium in Abilene.

Mrs. S. L. Davis was operated on during the latter part of the week and is now reported to be resting well. Mrs. J. T. Dennis who was operated on Sunday afternoon was not resting so well Tuesday afternoon. The operations in both cases were complete successes so the attendants pronounced them.

We are going to give you something besides corn. Whitely, Son & Co.

J. T. WARREN, President THOS. JOHNSON, Cashier

No. 7481



Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

We invite your account and are amply prepared to care for all good business offered us

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OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

### Unimproved Land \$37.50.

A deal closed this week was the sale of 40 acres of land by W. J. Dulin to Jno. W. Wheeler, the land being 40 acres adjoining the property of the latter on the west. It is first-class land but no improvements except a part in cultivation and a well.

This price may seem high for some but raw, unimproved land even farther out brought the some figures last year, all of which goes to show that all have not lost confidence in the Merkel country and good land, like good stock always brings a good price.

Now is the time to make an investment in his country and every renter is able to make sufficient payment and every man with money to invest should investigate the opportunities offered at this time.

### Notice to Taxpayers of Taylor County.

I will be at the following places and dates as given below for the purpose of collecting state and county taxes for the year 1912, to-wit:

Nubia, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1912.  
Trent, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1912.  
Merkel, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19, 1912.

Very respectfully,  
Baylor Crawford,  
Tax Collector, Taylor Co., Tex.

## The Biggest Attraction OF THE YEAR DALLAS FAIR

Oct. 12 to 27



Will Sell Excursion Tickets at Very Low Rates YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT

See Local Agent for Particulars

A. D. BELL GEO. D. HUNTER  
Asst. Gen. Passr. Agt Gen. Passr. Agt  
Dallas, Texas.

### Church Directory

METHODIST CHURCH - Preaching each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Senior League at 6:45 p. m.; Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45; Womens Missionary Society each Monday at 4 p. m.  
R. A. Clements, Pastor.



### Home, Sweet Home.

I've bought goods at Glasgow, Belfast and Cork, London and Liverpool, and then in New York.

I've purchased in Paris, yes, even in Rome, But I say to you truly, there's no place like home.

Have sent to Chicago, I'm sorry to say.

I got what I ordered but first had to pay.

When the boxes were opened, I stood there alone

And said to myself, goods are better at home.

The stove that I sent for had only three legs.

What's the use of a stove if it hasn't its legs?

When I looked in the oven it was cracked in the dome,

Then I wished to old Mike I had bought it at home.

I'm now all filled up with this buying away,

I'll buy where I sell my good butter and hay.

If the Lord will forgive me, no more will I roam.

Hereafter I'll spend all my dollars at home.

-Ypsilanti (Mich.) Press.

### The Michigan Stove Company

For sale by

West Texas Hardware Co.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Oct. 19, 1912:

Casey, Esco.  
Casey, J. F.  
Casey, Tollie.  
Davis, Mrs. S. M.  
Swell, Wesley.  
Sowell, Wisley.  
Walker, Rev. L. N.  
Williams, Vallade-Cecil  
Peres, Sr. Morselino  
Nanez, Sr. Fulito

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Nov. 2, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

### Eating Notice.

The Womans Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church is making ready for a great dinner to be given Saturday, Oct., 19th, at the West building, one door east of Jones' Barber Shop. Every one is invited to come and bring a quarter.

### Our New Solicitor.

This is to announce to our readers and friends that Miss Winnie Sandlin is authorized to write receipts for subscriptions to the Merkel Mail and any foreign papers or magazines to be ordered through our office and to state that the orders will receive the same prompt attention as if given to us at our office. All orders will be put on our record and you are protected against any mistakes.

It is our policy to save our readers every cent possible in ordering their papers as well as the trouble of making the order

Now is the time to order your reading matter and we are at your service, always ready.

### Obituary.

The death of Lillie Wheat which was mentioned in last weeks issue of this paper cast a realm of sorrow over the Salt Branch community in which she had lived with her sister Mrs. Clint Allen.

Had she survived her fever one day more she would have attained the age of seventeen, but it was not to be and her place in this world is blank, much to the grief of her brothers and sisters, closer relatives being called away before her demise so that they might not know the grief and sorrow of losing one so pure and gentle in her ways, the baby child of the family and one who filled the heart with gladness of every one who knew her.

There will ever remain to those who knew her, a reminding thoughts of the friendliness of her ways and the purity of her body. She has gone to meet her mother in the great beyond.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kidneys 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. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis' condition was reported to have been very serious Tuesday night but by Wednesday morning she was resting better. Mrs. Dennis has a host of friends in Merkel who are hoping for her recovery from the appendicitis operation which she underwent Sunday at Abilene.

# THE GREAT ROOM-MAKING SALE

FIFTEEN DAYS

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## PARTEN DRY GOODS CO.'S

### Big Shipment of THOUSANDS of Dollars Worth of New Merchandise

That will arrive about Nov. 1st makes it imperative that we make monster sacrifices on our present big stock in order to obtain the room necessary for the accommodation of these big new shipments.

**Our Store at Present is Loaded to its Utmost Capacity. Only 15 Days Remain**

In which to provide the necessary room. Thousands of dollars worth of Merchandise, the best the markets of the world afford, must be unloaded at sacrifice prices. This great demand for room will mean Hundreds of Dollars saved to hundreds of needy buyers of Merkel and the Merkel Country.

This Great Fifteen Days Room-Making Sale

## Begins Saturday October 19 and Closes Saturday Nov. 2

Every man, woman, boy and girl within reach of Merkel and in need of Fall and Winter Garments should not let petty obstacles keep him or her from this Mid-Season Sacrifice Sale. Every article within our store will be marked to the Lowest Price at which it can be sold, and we leave you to be the SOLE JUDGE of the Genuineness of the Sacrifice on this Dependable Merchandise.

# IF IT IS NOT GENUINE DON'T BUY!

## FREE!

Besides these Great Bargains we offer with each \$50.00 purchase, free of charge, one beautiful 9 feet by 12 feet Art Square absolutely FREE. This \$50.00 purchase must be

**MADE IN ONE DAY**

## FREE!

### 10 DRESS PATTERNS

Saturday morning Oct. 19, we will give absolutely FREE 10 nice Dress Patterns. Each contestant, however, must make a purchase. No matter how small the purchase is.

### DRESS GOODS

All \$1.00 messaines, this sale..... 85c  
 \$1.00 wool goods..... 63c  
 75c wool goods, this sale..... 48c  
 50c silk jackards, this sale..... 39c  
 75c satins new colors, this sale..... 48c  
 35c silk jackards, this sale..... 25c  
 25c 36 inch brown linen, this sale..... 19c  
 35c poplin, whip cord suiting, this sale..... 25c  
 20, 25c poplin, whip cord suiting, this sale..... 15c  
 12 1/2c and 15c suitings, this sale..... 10c  
 15c ginghams, new patterns, this sale..... 12 1/2c  
 12c ginghams, new patterns, this sale..... 10c  
 10c ginghams, new patterns, this sale..... 8 1/2c  
 All best grade calicoes, this sale..... 5c

Short space will not permit us to describe each and every kind of dress goods, but our stock is composed of all the newest fabrics in vogue this season and the prices will be cut as indicated in the above list. These prices should be an incentive for you to buy your dress goods now.

### LADIES' COATS

Great Sale of Ladies, Misses' and Children's Coats

Our big stock of coats must be reduced to make room for new shipments.

Misses' \$2.50 cloth coats, this sale..... \$ 1.48  
 Misses' \$3.50 cloth coats, this sale..... 2.75  
 Misses' \$5.00 fur coats, this sale..... 3.98  
 Ladies' \$7.50 fur coats, this sale..... 6.48  
 Ladies' \$10.00 plush and caracul coats this sale..... 8.48  
 Ladies' \$12.50 coats all styles and materials, this sale..... 9.98  
 Ladies' \$15.00 coats all styles and materials, this sale..... 11.48  
 Ladies' \$20.00 coats all styles and materials, this sale..... 14.98

Now is the time to buy your coat Don't wait until they are all gone or picked over.

Ladies' \$6.50 black broad cloth coats, this sale..... \$3.48  
 Ladies' \$7.50 black broad cloth coats, this sale..... 5.98

### CLOTHING

Men and Boys' Greatest Clothing Sacrifices of The Season

One lot men and youths' \$12.50, \$15.00 suits, this sale..... 7.50  
 All \$16.50 regular all wool suits, this sale..... 12.48  
 All \$20.00 suits guaranteed not to fade or break or roll in front, this sale..... 14.98  
 These are the greatest suit values ever offered at this or any other season of the year.

Woodbine Suits for Boys at Greatly Reduced Prices

Another big shipment of Woodbine Boys suits requires us to sacrifice on our present stock in order to make room. This is the highest grade boys' suits made. All full Peg Pants.

\$5.00 Blue serge suits, this sale..... \$3.50  
 3 50 wool suits, this sale..... 2.50  
 7.50 plain and fancy serge, this sale..... 4.98  
 9.00 all suits, sizes 17 to 18, this sale..... 7.48

### STAPLES

20 yds. good round thread plaids, this sale \$ 90  
 20 yds. bleach domestic, this sale..... 1.00  
 15 yds. outing, this sale..... 1.00

### Notions and Novelties

5 papers pins, this sale..... 5c  
 7 spools best thread, this sale..... 25c  
 All 10c percales, this sale..... 8 1/2c  
 25c talcum, this sale..... 15c  
 50c hand bags, this sale..... 25c  
 These and hundreds of other notions and novelties that space will not permit us to enumerate will be shown you at bargain prices.

### Mens Furnishings

Mens' heavy fleeced and heavy ribbed under wear, this sale..... 45c  
 \$1.25 Mens' dress shirts, this sale..... 85c  
 Mens' Sweaters, Over Coats, Ties and any other article in Mens wear will be sold you at a less price.

### SHOES SHOES

Our shoe department contains nothing but honest shoes, even the cheapest is made of solid leather and guaranteed to give satisfactory wear.

Boys' kid shoes up to 5 1/2, this sale.... \$1.50  
 Boys' box calf shoes up to 7's, this sale 1.75  
 Boys' gun metal shoes up to 7's, this sale 2.25  
 Boys' \$2.50 work shoes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 this sale 1.85  
 Mens' box calf \$2.50 shoes, this sale.... 1.75  
 Mens' \$3.00 vici-kid shoes, this sale.... 2.48  
 Mens' \$4.00 Packard shoes, this sale.... 3.50  
 Mens' \$5.00 Packard shoes, this sale.... 3.98  
 Ladies' \$2.00 kid shoes, this sale..... 1.48  
 Ladies' \$2.00 button kid shoes, this sale 1.75  
 Ladies' \$2.50 velvet shoes, this sale.... 1.98  
 Ladies' \$3.00 velvet shoes, this sale.... 2.48  
 Ladies' \$3.50 velvet shoes, this sale.... 2.98  
 Ladies' \$3.50 10 but. tan boot, this sale. 2.98  
 Ladies' \$3.50 Selby kid boot, this sale. 2.98  
 Ladies' \$4. Selby tan, patent boot, this sale 3.48

This great opportunity is offered you at a time when you most need the goods and we feel confident that every economical man and woman in Merkel territory will avail himself or herself of these great savings. Remember the date, the place and bring the whole family

# Parten Dry Good Company

Merkel's Cash Store Merkel Texas



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

**Taboo Party.**

"From the fullness of the heart the lips speaketh" knowing this. The members of the house hold of Mrs. E. Hall's imposed a fine of five cents each time school was mentioned at the table. The receiving bank was soon filled to over-flow. Then came the question. How shall we invest our money? The answer came Friday evening when several of their friends were asked to come and help enjoy an oyster feast. Those present were Misses Agnes Hall, Mattie Murphy, Jewel Garrett, Melissa Smith, Josephine Saunders, Mrs. E. Hall. Messrs Dem Rust, Oly Sharp, Dee Grimes and Homer Jobe. The girls treated their guests to the moving picture show first. They were chaperoned by Mrs. E. Hall.

Mrs. E. Hall honored her daughter, Miss Agnes, Oct. 13th, with a well appointed dinner to celebrate her birthday. The dining room was beautifully with its touch of autumn coloring, cut flowers and ferns added fragrance and charm to the decorative scheme. A snow white cake containing eighteen lighted candles, in the rainbow colors, formed the center piece and gave out a soft light for the dinner party. Covers were laid for Misses Genevive Rust, Mattie Murphy, Melissa Smith, Jewel Garret, Agnes Hall, Mrs. E. Hall, Messrs Dem Rust and J. F. Faucett. Miss Agnes received a number of dainty remembrances.

An informed farewell party was given by the senior class Friday evening for Miss Winnie Barnett, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. Miss Barnett left Saturday morning for De-Leon where she will enter the senior class, but her class and teachers will miss her here. Candy making and games were greatly enjoyed by Misses Zora West, Murtice Saffle, Isla McDonald, Nicie Morrow, Pauline Johnson, Louise Smid, Love Hawkins and the honoree. Messrs. B. D. Black, Forrest Gaither, Simpson Christopher, Ira Shaffer, Emmitt and Ennis Grimes and H. C. Burroughs, Jr.

Miss Elma Sheppard was hostess Wednesday afternoon, October 9th to the members of the Needlework Circle and a few friends at the home of her sister's Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. Lawrence Wall nee Miss Emma Sims was guest of honor. After spending a pleasant afternoon in conversation and dainty needlework the hostess and Mrs. West served a delicious Ice Course to Mesdames G. F. West, H. C. Burroughs, Lanier Brown, Geo. L. Miller, W. R. Walker, Fred Bigham and the honoree. Misses Virginia Hamblett, Maude Martin and Cleo Wilson Bowler. Mrs. O. W. Williams will be the next hostess.

Miss Olga Sheppard and Oscar Pate entertained their friends at Miss Sheppard's home Friday evening, October 11th with an Oyster supper. While the guests were playing 42 and Five Hundred Messrs Ottis Barnett and Claude Sears assisted Miss Sheppard in frying the oysters. Those present were Annie Burroughs, Virginia Elma Sheppard and Ezma Messrs Ottis Barnett, Jessie son, Freeman Rogers, Webster and Claude Sears. Everyone had a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport Gaither entertained a few of their young friends Sunday with a beautifully appointed noonday dinner, covers were laid for Misses Lula Thornton of Sweetwater, Mamie Rister, Maude Martin, Elma Sheppard, Messrs Frank Ferrier, Forrest Gaither, Dr. and Mrs. Cranford, the host and hostess.

Don't Forget the Flower Show, Friday evening at the Thornton building. A good program has been arranged. The prize winners will be announced for the Civic Improvement League. Come and bring your friends. Admittance 10c. Refreshments served.

Miss Eather Williams visited with home folks Sunday and Monday. Miss Williams is a student in the Christian College in Abilene. She was accompanied home by Miss Daisy Russell who visited Miss Clara Moore.

The Library association will serve dinner Thanksgiving.

Go to the Library Saturday for new books! the Library will be open from 4 to 5. Please note the change.

**Addison-Moore.**

Wednesday afternoon at 8:30 O'clock Mr. F. D. Addison and Miss Mirtus Moore of Blair were quietly married at the Methodist Parsonage of this place, Rev. R. A. Clements officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Addison returned to their home at Blair where their friends and relatives received them with warm congratulations.

The groom is a highly respected gentleman of Blair, holding a position as Agent for the A. T. & S. F. Ry., at that place. The bride is an accomplished lady of the neighboring city holding the Postmastership of that place. The Mail extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Addison, wishing them a very happy married life.

**XX Century Club, Oct. 19.**

Lesson, Act II Scene I down to the lines beginning France hast thou yet more blood, etc.

With what purpose does the Duke of Austria assume a part in the action?

With what speech does Arthur first appear in the play? What does Constance first say? What traits does she show?

What are King Phillip's prostrations? Who urges a stay until the messenger arrives from England?

What is Chatillion's announcement? In what spirit is it couched.

How is the demand of the French King answered by King John?

How are Elinor and Constance brought into the dispute? Characterize the bearing of each.

Why does a quarrel break out between Austria and Bast?

What English possessions in France does the French King demand of John in behalf of Arthur?

What appeal is made to the citizens of Angiers, and how is it answered? What is the dramatic effect of the sallies of Bast?

What was the result of the fight? What second answer comes from the citizens of Angiers?—Mrs. Otho Williams, Leader.

If you have young children you have perhaps noticed that disorders of the stomach are their most common ailment. To correct this you will find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets excellent. They are easy and pleasant to take, and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by all dealers. Adv

**Epworth League Program.**

A Blind Beggar, and One Deaf. The use of the Senses. Leader, Miss Tennie Pope

Song, Jesus Will Help.

Prayer.

Song, I Must Tell Jesus.

Duet, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Potter. Scripture, Mark 10; 46-52. Mark 7; 31-37. Judg. 16; 15-21

Historical Connection—Leader.

Geographical Connection—Ollie Shaffer.

Paper on Helen Keller—Miss Smith.

Efforts for the Blind, Dumb, today—Dr. Armstrong.

Reading, "Religion and Doctrine"—John Hay.

Prayer.

"Those Who Will Not See"—Annie Smith.

Debate, Which is more valuable, Sight or Hearing?—Frank Smith and Ollie Shaffer.

Some Lessons for us—T. A. Johnson.

Song.

Miscellaneous.

Benediction.

**Junior B. Y. P. U. Program**

Song, "There's Sunshine in my Soul Today."

Prayer.

Scripture readings, Matt. 14:27-33—Lucile Smelser. Luke 5:29-32—Louise Warren. Matt. 17:1-13; John 20:26-31—Annie Mae Swann. Acts 1:12-13; Acts 2:1-14—Mr. Whitley.

How to keep our members—Mrs. Claude Whitley.

The twelve Apostles: Alex Barlow, Booth Warren, Wilma Garrett, Roy Holmes, Ruth Howard; Ruby Hamm, Madge Dean, Agnes Lassiter, Robert Balch, Winnie Sharp, Lois Balch, Elvin Smelser.

Drill on the names of the twelve presidents.

Song, prayer.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct this and the headache will disappear. For sale by all dealers. Adv

**UNDER OBLIGATION TO NONE**

Columbia Has Many Students Who Owe Their Education to Their Own Efforts.

One man in three meets at least a part of his expenses by his own earnings at Columbia. Beside the obvious occupations, like tutoring, stenography, newspaper, library, gymnasium, religious and social work of various kinds, there is a man who makes his living dressing windows; another who practices osteopathy, another man who divides his time between college work and the management of a theatrical star; a teacher in the Ferrer school, a taxidermist, an expert in color photography, a vaudeville performer, a hospital orderly, a Pullman porter, a printer, technical assistants from three of the great city laboratories, a professional baseball player and a tree doctor.

One of the most popular undergraduates started life as a newsboy. Last winter a sophomore of eighteen was tempted away from the college by the offer of a \$2,000 position in a publishing house, where he had worked before coming to Columbia. One student spends his summers upon a Central American plantation; another adds not only to his own income but to the reputation of the university by contributions to the most dignified of American reviews.—Columbia Monthly.

A number of new books have been ordered for the library. Don't forget this library is a credit to the town and should have the support of all who are interested in the up building of their home town. Come and make the library a visit. Open every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 5 to 6. Phone 64 for further information.

**Homesickness Spoils Photographs.**

Aunt Maria thought, and so did her relatives in the big city, that the photographer was unparadonably discourteous. For three successive days he refused to take Aunt Maria's photograph. On the fourth day he told why.

"In justice to her," he said, "I do not want to take her pictures now. She is too homesick. Most out-of-town people want to be photographed while in the city. If they are longing for home I put them off with one excuse or another until the homesickness wears off.

"If you want your aunt's pictures to turn out well, just hunt up some one from her home town who happens to be visiting here at present and bring him here so she will meet him unexpectedly. The meeting will put sparkle and animation into her face, and neither she nor I will be disappointed with the photographs."

**It Looks Like a Crime**

to separate a boy from a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. His pimples, boils, scratches, knocks, sprains and bruises demand it, and its quick relief for burns, scalds, or cuts is his right. Keep it handy for boys, also girls. Heals everything healable and does it quick. Unequaled for piles. Only 25 cents at H. C. Burroughs. Adv.



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ON market or crop conditions, or to secure the latest information of any sort is to employ Bell Telephone Service.

It will take you a long or short journey with a substantial saving of time, effort and money. RURAL TELEPHONE SERVICE is easily had at very low cost. Apply to our nearest manager or write to

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. DALLAS, TEXAS



**Stubborn Case**

"I was under the treatment of two doctors," writes Mrs. R. L. Phillips, of Indian Valley, Va., "and they pronounced my case a very stubborn one, of womanly weakness. I was not able to sit up, when I commenced to take Cardui.

I used it about one week, before I saw much change. Now, the severe pain, that had been in my side for years, has gone, and I don't suffer at all. I am feeling better than in a long time, and cannot speak too highly of Cardui."

**TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic**

if you are one of those ailing women who suffer from any of the troubles so common to women.

Cardui is a builder of womanly strength. Composed of purely vegetable ingredients, it acts quickly on the womanly system, building up womanly strength, toning up the womanly nerves, and regulating the womanly system. Cardui has been in successful use for more than 50 years. Thousands of ladies have written to tell of the benefit they received from it. Try it for your troubles. Begin today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 52

**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**

**High-Class Tailoring**

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

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**NEW AND SECOND HAND STORE**

We buy, sell and exchange new and second hand goods. We repair sewing machines, guns, stoves and locks. First-class work of all kinds.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

THOMAS & DORSEY, Kent Street

# Say, You!



## HOW about that printing job you're in need of?

Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

### Hardy's Story of His Grandfather.

Mr. Thomas Hardy attended a meeting of the Natural History society at Dorchester, at which Mr. Alfred Pope related a story communicated to him by the novelist. The story concerned Mr. Hardy's grandfather, and told how one night he outwitted two men who were bent on robbing him.

He sat down on a furze faggot, placed his hat (on which he had previously put a number of glow worms) on his knees, stuck two fern fronds on his head to represent horns, pulled from his pocket a letter he chanced to have with him, and began reading it by the light of the glow worms. In a few days there was a rumor in the neighborhood that the devil had been seen at midnight reading a list of his victims by glow worm light.—London Evening Standard.

### Itching Piles.

I want you to know how much good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years, and when I was traveling through Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a 50c box and it cured me. John Bradley, Caney, Kan. Adv.

### Interest in Collections.

It is quite the fad among smart folk to flock to sales of rare books, furniture or pictures, even when they have no intention of buying. For each of these collections is the result of a lifetime of study, and the opportunity to see them as a whole cannot recur again, while individually the pieces, passing into private hands, may be lost to the public for years. For this reason young girls are sent with their governesses to see the treasures that will soon be scattered far and wide, and even whole classes from fashionable schools are taken for morning views. Such visits, naturally, do more for the artistic education of these fortunate young folk than weeks of lecturing and photographs.

J. W. Copeland, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to pay a five dollar doctor's bill. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

**KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS**  
WITH DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY  
FOR COUGHS, COLDS, AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES  
PRICE 50¢ & \$1.00 TRIAL BOTTLE FREE  
GUARANTEED SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED.

**Electric Bitters**  
Succeed when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.  
**FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE**  
it is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

## ACT NOT ON THE PROGRAM

Dog's Instinct True, Even Though Scene He Witnessed Was of Make-Believe Order.

"Hereafter," said a New York computer, "when I attend a moving picture show, I will take pains to see that my collicle Jack is securely fastened at home. The other evening Jack contrived to get past the ticket-taker and followed me to my seat. He was quiet and interested with the various scenes until a highway robbery was thrown upon the screen. Then he became restless and began to whine.

"When the actors were seen creeping near their intended victim he growled. I clutched his collar, but when the man was actually attacked Jack barked and, breaking away from me, dashed up the aisle, bounded over the orchestra railing and did his best to spring upon the pictured robbers. He wanted to tear them to pieces. I don't know what he would have succeeded in doing if there had been no interference. Somebody had presence of mind to turn on the lights. That made the pictures fade and Jack, still growling, rejoined me where I was sitting. Jack has no use for robbers, and a pictured one is just as bad to him as the reality."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation. Adv.

### Care of the Eyes.

One of the most important things to consider in connection with caring for the eyes is the bath, and this should preferably be of rain or distilled water. A pinch of salt, well dissolved, adds value to an eye bath, and a most soothing wash, which is administered in a little eye-cup that fits over the open eye, is made by dissolving a level teaspoonful of pure boric acid in a quart of filtered or distilled water. Boric acid must be dissolved in boiling water, and then added to the rest in a quart bottle. Although everybody knows that one eye may often have an ailment not shared by the other, few remember to refrain from using the same cup for both eyes without washing it after the first has been bathed.—Harper's Bazar.

### More Than Enough is Too Much.

To maintain health, a mature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few poses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by dealers. Adv.

### Famous Pearls in History.

We read of pearls—oyster pearls, as they were called—in Chinese records dating back nearly 3,000 years, and Persian history and Persian poetry abound in mention of the pearl as a symbol of purity, and this association of ideas has persisted until the present day. But it is a curious fact that though we have read so much about famous pearls which have played great parts in history, there is hardly an authentic instance of any pearl being still in existence which has any antiquity of its own or made history of any importance. This is partly due to the fact that valuable pearls were nearly always stolen in the brave days of yore, and their unlawful owners had good reason for concealing their historical identity.

Paris, Tex., I, the undersigned, take pleasure in stating that I have used Cheatham's Chill Tonic, and a few doses broke a severe case of chills and fever on me about six weeks ago, and I have had none since. I consider it the best medicine for the purpose I ever used. Yours truly, J. E. Cay. Adv.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per year

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Glass and putty at Grimes' Bread, Cakes, Pies and Baker Sweets at Bradshaws.

Mr. Tom Toombs left Thursday for Dallas where he will spend the week.

Box Wood Heaters at the Anchor Hardware Co.

Your chickens and Eggs bring cash at the Kent Street Grocery Company.

J. M. Briggs returned Thursday from a weeks visit in Dallas and other points in east Texas.

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

**The Gold Fish have arrived. McClain's Drug Store.**

Mrs. J. W. Daniels, very sick at her home in south Merkel, being unable to come to work Thursday morning.

24 cans of corn being given away at our store each Saturday. Ask about it. Whitley, Son & Company.

Do not wait until severe winter gets here. Get a stove now. The Anchor Hardware has them for sale.

Mrs. W. E. Britian is among the visitors in Dallas this week, and is also visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

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

Mrs. Cranston of the Truby country left Thursday for points east.

If you want good Bread, phone to Bradshaw, it will be delivered to your home.

Mrs. S. S. Harris and daughter returned to Abilene Thursday after a weeks visit with relatives here.

Tablets, Pencils, Erasers, Rules, anything and everything in the school line. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

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

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

**Suit TO ORDER**  
\$15  
UNION MADE  
Fall Line now on Display at  
**Scotch WOOLEN MILLS**  
**THE STAR STORE**

Mrs. J. D. Holmes and daughter, Miss Elba who have been here for about ten days visiting Mrs. Holmes' nephew, Jno. Dunn of the Noodle country, returned to their home Monday. Mrs. Holmes had almost completely recovered from the effects of the hurt she received in a fall at the depot on arrival here.

A new line of shoes in Black and Tans for Misses and Girls. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns left for Dallas, Thursday for a short stay after which they will visit in other parts of the state.

Something being given away at our store. Better come and see about it. Whitley, Son & Co.

Mrs. J. S. Thomas and daughter, Mrs. Maud Brewster of Cape left here for Dallas Monday where they will visit the family of Jno. Millegan, formerly of this place.

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

Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at Blair Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m. You are requested to be present.

Just received a shipment of Cole's Airtight Heaters, best yet, they save coal. Anchor Hardware Co.

T. L. Stevens of Trent was seen going east Sunday, probably to the Dallas Fair.

School supplies of all kinds Rust & McCauley Drug Company

B. C. Gaither was over from Tuscola last week. Mr. Gaither is well pleased with the business of his store there.

**New rugs, art squares and floor covering. Behrens-McMillen.**

Ladies shoes in Black and Tans. Hogue-Hamilton Co.

Mrs. J. H. Clemons of Proctor who has been here visiting her son, A. L. Proctor, left for Abilene Monday to visit other relatives.

The nicest sweet pickles you ever saw—in bulk, at the Cash Grocery.

OAK WOOD—For sale. See H. M. Warren.

Mrs. C. L. Tucker is in Graham this week visiting friends and relatives.

Remnant Wall Paper Sale at 10 cents a roll. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Nice, large Grape Fruit at the Cash Grocery, this week only 10c each.

Mrs. C. A. McCable of California who has been here for a short time visiting the families of J. T. and J. C. Tucker, left Monday for Putnam to visit other friends.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co., for a good fresh smoke.

**500 Gold Fish at McClain's.**

Mrs. N. L. Hopkins of Sweetwater was down last week visiting the family of J. R. Curb. She returned Tuesday afternoon.

Stoves of all sorts at Anchor Hardware Company.

H. C. Burroughs and C. L. Barker left for Dallas Tuesday night. Mr. Burroughs to purchase the holiday line of goods and Mr. Barker for business matters of the Southern National Bank.

Seed Rye and seed wheat at Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

## A MEASURE OF

Merkel Citizens Should Well This Evidence.

Proof of merit lies in the evidence. Convincing evidence in Merkel is not the testimony of strangers, but the endorsement of Merkel people. That's the kind of proof given here—the statement of a Merkel citizen.

W. G. Cypert, preacher, Merkel, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills in our family for some years and have always been benefited by them. For a long time I suffered from pains across the small of my back and in my sides and my kidneys were weak. Several boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills which I procured at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.'s. Store quickly cured me. Other members of my family have been cured of kidney complaint by this remedy. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. Adv.

### Modern Miracle.

The patient was a man 77 years old, with a cataract of eight years' standing. While at work in his garden one day the patient had occasion to rub his right eye several times on account of sweat which had trickled into it. He awoke next morning to find that the sight of his right eye was restored. His wife and neighbors also remarked that his eye no longer looked gray. On examination by a doctor five days later nothing was to be seen of the lens till the patient looked down, when it was seen as a gray, shining body floating in the vitreous humor at the bottom of the eye, where it moved with the movements of the eye.—The Lancet.

### For Chapped Hands.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by dealers. Adv.

### Window Glass at Burroughs.

Tested. "Eighty dollars for a set of tires is pretty stiff," said Jipson. "Haven't you got anything cheaper?" "Sure," said the affable salesman. "I have a set here you can have for ten dollars." "Ten, eh?" said Jipson. "That's good and cheap. How about 'em—are they good for anything? Ever had 'em tested?" "I should say so," said the salesman. "They've traveled over 30,000 miles already."—Harper's Weekly.

### No Calomel Necessary.

The injurious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmon's Liver Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once used always. Adv.

### Window Glass at Burroughs.

Mrs. R. E. Bowles left for Rio Vista Thursday morning of this week to be with her father, W. M. Raspberry. Mr. Raspberry has been in bad health for some time and his condition is now thought to be dangerous.

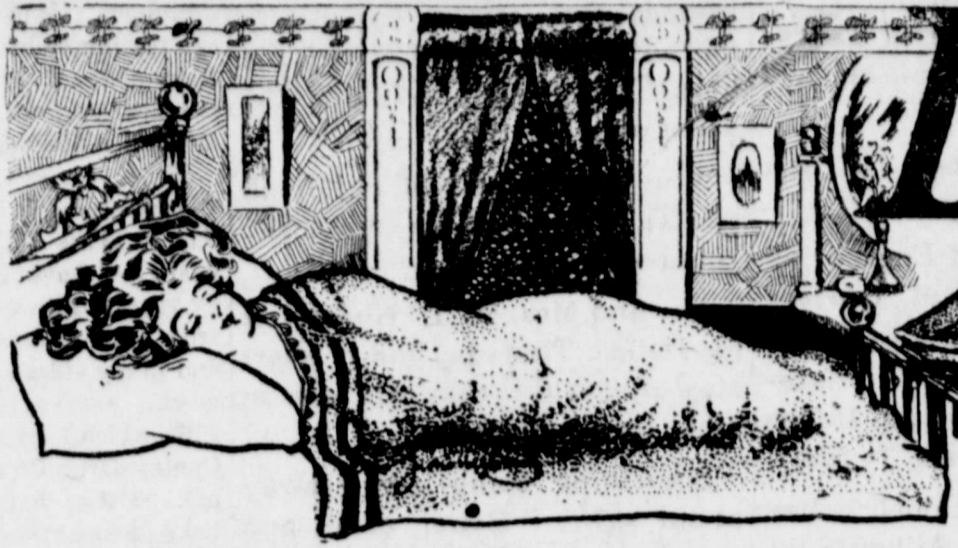
Pencils, tablets, ink, and b Ruet & McCauley Drug Com

When you have a bad cold yo the best medicine obtainable so cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind. "and consider it the best on the market." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Standley left Tuesday night for points east where Mr. Stanley is called to see his father who is seriously ill.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, viz., Mrs. H. P. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says: "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

**With every \$1.00 purchase we give two fish and a bowl. McClain's Drug Store.**



# BLANKET SALE

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We are making a special showing of Blankets and Comforts and would be glad to have you call and investigate the quality we are offering you at fair prices. We have a large assortment of Blankets ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00. In this assortment you will be able to find a Blanket to your own fancy. Excellent qualities, full sizes, neat designs and low prices is what we offer you in Comforts and Feather Pillows. An investigation means a sale. We would be glad to show you. We will not be undersold on Dry Goods and Groceries.

## Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company

—THE STYLE STORE—

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Inkum Items.

Oct. 14.—We had some showers of rain in the early part of the week that interfered with the cotton picking.

Mrs. T. E. Reynolds who has been visiting in Haskell for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

Mesdames Atkins and Teague of Tye visited J. P. Fuquas Saturday and Sunday.

T. E. Reynolds and J. P. Fuqua made a business trip to Merkel Thursday.

G. W. Wilson and daughter, May were shopping in Merkel and Abilene Thursday.

Jim Casey of Mulberry Canyon made a business trip to this section Wednesday.

Messrs. Jones and Robinson were in this section buying cattle the latter part of the week.

Mr. Perry made a trip to Abilene returning Sunday.

Mr. Barnes and Moore of Castle are in our community Sunday.

Hallmark traded his place to Mes of Abilene for Merkel real

Steen and wife were trading in Merkel Monday.

#### Almost a Miracle

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Hosclaw, Clarendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 Trial bottle free H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

#### Compere Items.

Oct. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. McAninch are the proud parents of a baby girl, born last week. At present the child is not

expected to live.

Ramond Palmer and John Williams left last week for Spurr to pick cotton.

Many of the local people are going north at the present to help gather the cotton crops, the picking of this section being about over.

Clarence Foster made a flying trip to Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Palmer and son were in Anson Friday shopping.

Rev. Kennedy filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Ben Adkins and Ocey Williams are in north Texas picking cotton.

Mrs. John Dinwitty is very low at present and is not expected to live.

Miss Ruth Moore and Master Billie Moore returned home Saturday.

#### Stand Ahead.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains it has no equal on earth.

25c and 50c bottles. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn. Adv.

#### Her Kitchen Alarm.

A New York man was startled last Sunday to hear an alarm clock in action, for the hour was precisely 1 p. m. "I thought the alarm clock was up stairs," he said to his wife.

Without replying, she hurried to the kitchen. Soon returning, she explained her haste. "I made a suet pudding this morning," she said, "and put it into the oven at nine o'clock. The recipe I used stated that it should steam four hours and no longer. I was afraid I might forget it, so I brought down the alarm clock and set it to go off at one. The plan worked beautifully, for the pudding is done just right."

#### Puts End to Bad Habit.

Things never look bright to one with "the blues." Ten to one the trouble is a sluggish liver, filling the system with bilious poison that Dr. King's New Life Pills would expel. Try them. Let the joy of better feelings end "the blues." Best for stomach, liver and kidneys. 25c. H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

### CALOMEL MUST HURT YOUR LIVER

Every Time You Take This Powerful Drug You Are in Danger. Take Dodson's Liver-Tone Instead.

Calomel is made from mercury, and while mercury has many uses, it is a dangerous thing to swallow. If calomel stays in the system very long it salivates. Even when it works naturally, its after-effects are often bad.

Rust & McCauley has a liver medicine called Dodson's Liver Tone which is positively guaranteed to take the place of calomel. It stimulates the liver just enough to start it working, and does not make you sicker than ever—as calomel often does. Dodson's Liver-Tone won't force you to stop eating or working after taking it. It is as beneficial for children as for adults. Try a bottle to-day under Rust & McCauley's guarantee. You know this store is reliable.

#### Needed at Home.

A southern lady was drinking tea with a New York friend, and the following talk ensued:

"The flo's are all hahd wood and—"

"You say the noo house is decorated in gold and wite?"

"Yes, but mo' like copper than real golt, and the do's—"

"W'en did you buy your machine, and w'at make is it?"

"Oh, the cyah is a little dahling! Have you seen it?"

"I sawr it in the avenoo. The wheels were w'izzing like lightning. Shall we call Ugh on the wire, or would you prefer visiting that East side school and hearing how they teach the foreign children English? It's a splendid work."

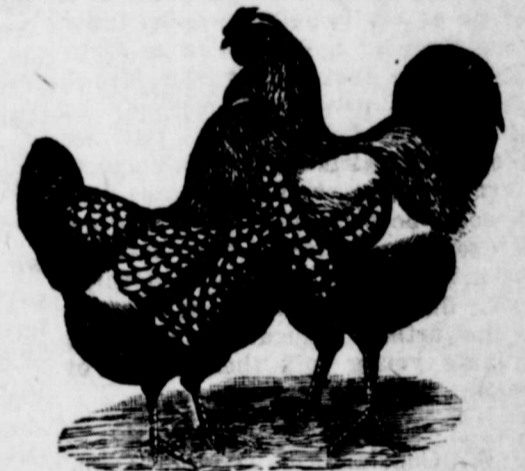
#### The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

## 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.

### Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

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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