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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WORK MEET

On Saturday Nov. 16 we desire to have each member of the Boys and Girls Club Work of Taylor County to meet at the office of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in Abilene for the purpose of having a committee check over their reports and award the prizes to the winners.

We are very desirous of having each member present, also any boy or girl who is interested in this character of work. Besides the awarding of prizes we will have some very interesting and instructive talks on the subject and results of this work. We expect State Agent, J. L. Quicksall here on that day and he, Judge Bledsoe and E. M. Bynum will all have something to say.

Be sure to get your report in before that date. If not convenient for you to send them in be sure to bring them with you. Now let us insist on you being present on this occasion. Whether you expect to win a prize or not come and you will be entertained and instructed in such a way that it will be time well spent on your part.

Report at the Chamber of Commerce over the Union Hardware Store on Pine Street at 1 o'clock on Saturday Nov. 16th.

Don't forget the date and place of meeting and be sure and be present.

Jesse Cannon, Sec. Cham. Com.
F. A. Peel, Agent.

Morris Trains For Cass.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 11.—Carl Morris the Oklahoma white hope who has been out of the limelight since his decisive victory over Con Comisky, July last, will fight his first engagement this season at Shreveport, next Friday, November 15, where he will meet Cass Tarver, the West Texas giant, who is touted by followers of the game as the best man in Texas.

Morris is in hard training and has regained his speed and the wonderful punch which he seemed to have left behind him when he went East early in his career. He no longer presents his trained-down appearance he bore on his return to his native state, but rather reminds one of the "old Morris" who caused the tongues of fans to wag as the result of his easy victories as a novice in the game. His defeat in the East is attributed by those who are in a position to know, to over-training and poor management, and if such be the case, there is every reason to believe that he will make a wonderful showing again, for he has returned to the condition and weight at which he made his best showing.

On account of the favorable comparison of the contestants it seems reasonable to conclude that this match will prove not only well worth witnessing, but a decisive victory for either Oklahoma or Texas in the matter of white hopes.

Morris will leave for Shreveport on November 12 and finish training in that city.

NOTICE TO OUR FARMERS

There is a general interest in the improved farming methods for this section and every farmer should get the full benefit of the work of the national and state governments and the personal assistance of the county agent, F. A. Peel.

Agent Peel has been unable to give much time to our territory in the past for he has worked under many disadvantages but is now arranging for regular and systematic work in our trade territory. Every farmer in Taylor county should get the benefit of his assistance and the experience of the government agents and other farmers through him.

THE PLAN OF WORK.

It is the policy of the government to help those who desire and appreciate their assistance and you make known your willingness to co-operate with them by pledging yourself as a Demonstrator or Co-operator. If you will help them demonstrate their methods of farming you agree to cultivate 5, 10 or 20 acres or more according to the direction of the County Agent and he visits your place at least once each month. If you only promise to co-operate with them your name will be placed on the list and you will be sent all of the bulletins of the government gotten out for this section and you can read and adopt such as meets with your approval. If you are in Taylor county you should write to Agent F. A. Peel, Abilene; if in Nolan county, Agent W. C. Calvert, Sweetwater; if in Jones county, Agent J. C. Hood, Anson. They will help you in any way possible.

THE MERKEL PREMIUMS.

If not premature we desire to say to the farmers of our trade territory, that the Merkel merchants, business and professional men are going to give some very liberal cash premiums during the coming year for the best yields of cotton, milo maize, kaffir corn and sorghum off 10 acres of land. They will be worth while and you might as well now prepare and set aside about 20 to 40 acres of your best land for the purpose of winning some of this money. There will be no strings tied to any of it and any farmer in the Merkel country will be eligible.

The local county agents will take the names of all who enter and make suggestions to you but you will be at liberty to cultivate your crop as you think best.

The object of the premium money will be to add interest to the study of the improved farming methods.

SOCIALIST EDITOR ENDS OWN LIFE

Girard, Kan., Nov. 11.—J. A. Wayland, founder and owner of the Appeal to Reason, a Socialist weekly newspaper published here, shot and killed himself when in his home last night.

Between the leaves of a book lying on the bed the following note was found:

"The struggle under the competitive system is not worth the effort; let it pass."

Friends of Mr. Wayland attribute his act to despondency over the death of his wife, who was killed in an auto accident a year ago.

Mr. Wayland was to have appeared today in the federal court at Fort Scott, Kan., to answer to a charge preferred by the government against the several editors and owners of the Appeal to Reason, of circulating through the mails defamatory matter concerning an official of the federal prison at Leavenworth.

Mr. Wayland was 58 years old. He had founded his paper here fifteen years ago.

The Mail enjoys a liberal patronage from our advertisers this week and we direct the attention of our readers to same. At this season of the year merchants are making every effort to realize cash and never before could people get more for their money if they will only watch their opportunities and make their dollars go as far as possible.

Mr. Stanfield of Carbon was among the prospectors in the Merkel country this week.

CONFERENCE CLOSE J. T. CUNNINGHAM OFF TO HUNTSVILLE

Northwest Texas Methodists End Session at Abilene Sunday Night.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Rev. R. A. Clements, Popular Local Pastor is Returned to Merkel to Continue Successful Work.

The annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodists came to a close at Abilene Sunday night after one of the best meetings in the history of the denomination from point of attendance and interest. There were present many of the most noted men of that denomination from all parts of the nation as well as the state, the most active workers of the church.

Merkel people as a whole, as well as the congregation of the local church rejoice that Rev. R. A. Clements was returned to our city by the conference. Rev. Clements is a strong preacher. His sermons show deep and serious study and a remarkable enthusiasm and earnestness. In the year just closed he has accomplished much good and as a result of his efforts the local church made the best record in several years. His acquaintance and many friends now put him in position to resume his labors where left off and accomplish greater good during his second year.

Abilene District.

The following are all of the appointments for this district:

C. N. N. Eerguson, Presiding Elder.

Abilene First church, Simeon Shaw.

Abilene, St. Pauls, Comer M.

State Agent for the Penitentiary, J. T. Cunningham passed through here Wednesday morning on his way to Huntsville with eight prisoners.

The bunch here consisted of white men, Mexicans and a white woman, the collection ranging from west of here to El Paso, at Abilene Mr. Cunningham's charge was increased to ten. Some of the men were types of the hardest looking criminals while one young fellow was allowed to enjoy the distinction of not being chained to his fellow prisoners, and so did the women, the other white men and Mexicans wore chain bracelets about their necks, these styles of neck gear then being connected to the neck gear of the six others by a system of chains running over the seats. They had a section of a car to themselves and few people seemed to care for a berth in the same coach.

Woodward.

Anson, T. S. Barcus.
Baird, A. W. Waddill.
Caps, R. E. L. Stutts.
Clyde and Eula, M. H. Hudson.
Clyde Mission, J. D. Crockett.
Cross Plains, A. L. Boyd.
Hawley, Geo. Smallwood.
Merkel, R. A. Clements.
Nugent, E. L. Yeats.
Ovalo, E. L. Sisk.
Putnam, John W. Cadwell.
Trent, C. W. Young.
Tye, C. E. Lynn.
View, T. H. Davis.

Lester Ellis was in Abilene Sunday for conference.

MERKEL BUYERS REVISIT MARKETS

The big business of this season has compelled several of our local merchants to revisit the markets at Dallas and St. Louis to buy new orders to fill up the gaps in their stocks and our merchants were liberal buyers on their first visit for all could see an improvement in trade conditions but business has been even beyond their optimistic expectations.

Jno. D. Gaither buyer for the Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Company store was compelled to make a hasty visit to the nearest market and has placed other orders to keep up their stock until the first of the year when it changes ownership.

W. Parten buyer for the Parten Dry Goods Company has been enjoying a much better trade than expected and was compelled to return to the St. Louis markets this week.

W. D. Woodroof buyer for the Woodroof store left for the markets again the latter part of last week.

Other local merchants took advantage of the rates during the fair at Dallas and placed additional orders.

All have bought heavily of Christmas goods and anticipate one of the best holiday seasons for several years.

Merkel Country.

R. B. Wells, a prominent farmer living on Mulberry Cr. of Abilene, was in the city Monday on business and conditions fairly good.

Mr. Wells has the practicability in this section in least. He has peaches from what he has family and put up for he has realized some \$100.00.

The following excerpt from letter received from the Editor of Farm and Ranch speaks for its self, and also the peaches.

Dear Sir: Farm and Ranch family is under prolonged obligation to you for the luscious peaches sent. These peaches are the finest ever seen of a late variety, and the flavor, color and form are all that can be desired.

I regret that I do not recognize the variety of these peaches. I am persuaded that they are seedlings hence not a variety at all. Would advise that you propagate from the trees you have, budding on to any kind of peach variety.

We are making a photograph of them and expect to use it in Farm and Ranch.

Again thanking you for this remembrance, I am,

Yours very truly,
Rufus J. Nelson,
Editor Farm Ranch.—Abilene Reporter.

Our county commissioners are in session this week and Judge Bledsoe urged all of the newly elected officers to have their bonds made and get ready to take charge of their offices. It is rumored that Blue Tittle was "ready and rearing to go."

DO BUSINESS WITH THE GUARANTY FUND BANK

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY

All of the possible safeguards for your money and business courtesies and favors for your interests are offered by all good banks but in addition we offer you the guarantee of the **DEPOSITORS FUND OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**. It has proven itself a good law and good protection for the savings of people. We offer you this additional safeguard and protection at no extra cost to you and then will do as much for you as any other good, safe and reliable bank. :: :: This is why we want and expect your account.

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson and children are in Abilene this week.

\$40.00 Sulky Plows going at \$25.00. Anchor Hardware Co.

W. O. Boney left Saturday for Waco on a business trip.

G. A. McDonald was in Abilene Monday on business.

Mrs. C. N. Smith is in Waco visiting her father Mr. Southall.

W. Parten of the Parten Dry Good Co. left Monday night for St. Louis to buy more goods.

Judge and Mrs. W. T. Potter and daughter Miss Dorothy Lee were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

W. L. Woodroof departed for Dallas and St. Louis Saturday night for the purpose of getting supplies for his business.

bed room cozy and comfortable? If it is not in troubles.

Embry of Sweet-off here Monday her J. R. Barber had been attendance at Abilene.

Store has got to goods before Jan. 1st. to fill their part of a contract. See us for your fall.

Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

S. W. Norton and daughter Miss Cora of Corsicana were here last week visiting Mr. Norton's mother, Mrs. M. J. Golightly. Mr. Norton and daughter returned Thursday morning to their home.

Bring us your produce, eggs and farm products, we will give cash for them and then sell you goods lower than you can get them elsewhere. The Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Mrs. J. R. King of Houston who has been here for some time attending the bed side of her sister Mrs. S. S. Smith, returned to her home Wednesday. Mrs. King expressed the deepest thanks for the assistance of the Merkel and Merkel country people had been to her sister during her illness.

The New Standard Central Needle Sewing machine sold on installment. Call us up if you are in the market and let us send you a machine for trial. Anchor Hardware Co.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

ANSWERS THE CALL

Merkel People Have Found That This is True.

A cold, a strain, a sudden wrench. A little cause may hurt the kidneys. Spells of backache often follow, or some irregularity of the urine. A splendid remedy for such attacks, a medicine that has cured thousands, is Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands of people rely upon it. Here is one case: J. W. Hendrick, farmer, Route one, Anson, Texas, says: "I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as a first-class kidney remedy. I have used them and also know of many other people who have taken them with good results. Several years ago I had a very severe case of kidney trouble. My back was lame and I was not able to do my usual work. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills so highly recommended, I obtained a box and as the result of their use, I was cured."

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. Ady

Cattle Shipments for Week.

R. H. Collins shipped three cars of steers to the Fort Worth markets, W. W. Russell shipped one car mixed cattle, Bigham and Wheeler shipped one car mixed cattle, while Jenkins and Bryson of the Dora community shipped a car of horses and mules to the same markets.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSE FOR RENT—With good windmill and barn. House is close in town. See Dr. J. H. Warnick.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, or will trade for vendor lien notes, or revenue bearing city property. 232 acres in Jones county, near Noodle. One set of improvements, and forty acres in cultivation. 80 acres ten miles southeast of Merkel in Taylor county. One set of improvements, and seventy acres in cultivation. 80 acres nine miles south of Abilene, in Taylor county, unimproved. All good land. Write me for prices if interested. W. S. McGregor, Temple, Texas. 1t3

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND	
Train No. 2, leaves Merkel	10:01 p.m.
Train No. 4 " "	11:38 a.m.
Train No. 6 " "	12:13 a.m.
Train No. 8 " "	9:02 a.m.
WEST BOUND	
Train No. 1, leaves Merkel	4:02 a.m.
Train No. 3 " "	5:32 p.m.
Train No. 5 " "	5:26 a.m.
Train No. 7 " "	4:20 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read
Nos. 3 and 5, 4 and 6 stop at Sweetwater, Eskota, Merkel, Abilene, Clyde, Baird, Cisco, Eastland, Mingus, Weatherford and Fort Worth. West of Sweetwater all trains are locals except 3 and 4; they do not stop at Itan.

R. L. (Bob) Godwin was here Wednesday shaking hands with friends, he returned to his home at Roscoe on the evening train.

A THOROUGHbred TRAMP A SUCCESS

Wednesday evening the Thoroughbred Tramp Company played to a full house of Merkel show goers, to the satisfaction of those attending.

The company was some what hampered by the ill working lights at the beginning, which gave them a bad start, soon to be overcome. The Tramp in his vagabond ways was a source of amusement throughout the evening, while the Bowers girl helped him in his success more ways than one.

T. B. Roberts, representative for the Spaulding Buggy Co., was in town this week looking after business of his company. Mr. Roberts is well known and liked by the Merkel people.

Union Ridge School Opens.

The Union Ridge school opened Monday morning with Misses Christopher and Greenway as teachers elected to fill the teaching term for the year. The attendance was unusually good for the starting school and the success of the work should be much better than where many of the patrons are forced to wait until later in the year to enter upon the school work.

A SAFE SUBSTITUTE FOR CALOMEL

A Mild Vegetable Medicine for the Liver That is Free from the Dangers of the Powerful Chemical, Calomel.

The Rust & McCauley drug store has a mild vegetable remedy that successfully takes the place of the powerful mineral drug calomel, the old-fashioned liver medicine. This remedy is Dodson's Liver-Tone, a very pleasant tasted liquid that gives quick but gentle relief from constipation without the bad after-effects which so often follow taking calomel.

Dodson's Liver-Tone is fully guaranteed to be a perfect substitute for calomel, and if you buy a bottle and it does not entirely satisfy you, Rust & McCauley's drug store will promptly give you your money back upon request. It is fine for both children and grown people.

Gin Notice.

Beginning Tuesday November 5th. gin days at this gin will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week until further notice.

Brown's Gin
By Fred Guitar.

RINGS DYSPEPSIA TABLETS
Relieve indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

P. C. Jones the barber invites your patronage.

Mrs. Fay Garrison of Amarillo and Mrs. R. E. Bowles are in Abilene this week visiting friends.

Miss Mary Ellis of Sweetwater who has been here visiting relatives, returned to her home Wednesday afternoon.

J. L. Banner, our county commissioner returned to Abilene Thursday for further county business. Mr. Banner in speaking of the returns of the election of the Merkel box, said they were in excellent condition but that on some of the returns in this county the work of canvassing them was one of the hardest jobs he ever got into.

9,600 Bales Cotton To-day.

With cotton coming in even at the slow rate now prevailing we are assured of 10,000 bales, the receipts up to Thursday morning were 9,600 bales in the two yards. The price paid during most of the week ranged from 11 to 11.50 with very little few the grades going higher than middling.

Gin Notice.

Beginning Tuesday November 5th gin days with us will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week until further notice.

Brown's Gin,
By Fred Guitar.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith left Wednesday for Putnam where Mrs. Smith will undergo treatment in the sanitarium at that place. Mrs. Smith has been suffering for some time with rheumatism and goes to Putnam with hopes for a complete recovery. Her many friends here trust she will soon be able to return home.

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.

OUR CONTRACT SALE

WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
Saturday, November 23

Owing to the fact that our shipment of Staple Goods ordered for this sale was delayed and we were unable to receive them at the opening we have decided to give the early shoppers during our sale a chance to get back to town and reap the benefit of the low prices on New Quality Goods which we are offering. Also owing to the fact every day has been a big day with us we feel like everybody has not had a chance to attend this sale we have sold great lots of our merchandise and are better prepared now to sell you everything you need than we were at the opening. New goods have arrived and in

Many Instances The Sale Price Has Been Lowered

We are going to reduce this \$50,000 stock to \$25,000. We must cut the price to do it. When we cut prices you save money. Don't overlook this business proposition, but come at once, or any time before Saturday, Nov. 23, which will positively be the last day. Remember the closing date and don't put off your purchase of Dry Goods and Groceries.

Positively We Will Not Be Undersold

STAPLE GOODS

7c Cotton Checks.....	5c
12½c Ginghams, per yard.....	10c
10c Ginghams, per yard.....	8½c
7½c Ginghams, per yard.....	6c
6c Calico, standard grade, per yard.....	5c
We have in Calico, apron checks, dress patterns in red, blue, black and gray figures, we have quilt calico in all the solid oil colors.	
10c Outings in white, blue, brown, gray, plaids, stripes and checks at.....	8½c
15c grade Lonsdale, per yard.....	12½c
12½c grade Cambric, per yard.....	10c
10c grade Cambric, per yard.....	8½c
12½c grade Domestic, per yard.....	10c
10c grade Domestic, per yard.....	8½c
7½c grade Domestic, per yard.....	6c
25c grade 5-4 Indian Head Domestic, per yd.....	17½c
20c grade Universal Pillow Tubing, per yard.....	15c
30c grade Pepperill 9-4 sheeting, per yard.....	23c
12½c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard.....	11c
10c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard.....	8½c
8½c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard.....	7½c
20c grade Feather Ticking, per yard.....	15c
12½c grade Feather Ticking, per yard.....	10c
10c grade Mattress Ticking, per yard.....	8½c
16½c grade Our Pride Dinum, per yard.....	14c
20c grade Our Pride Khaki Suiting, per yard.....	15c

LADIES' SHOES

\$4.25 Ladies' Shoes, this sale.....	\$3.35
4.00 Ladies' Shoes, this sale.....	3.00
3.50 Ladies' Shoes, this sale.....	2.90
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2.50 Ladies' Shoes, this sale.....	1.90
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SILKS, DRESS GOODS

\$1 00 grade Silk, Satin and Messaline.....	75c
85c grade Silk, satin and Messaline.....	60c
75c grade Silk.....	50c
50c grade Silk.....	35c
\$1 50 grade Woolen Dress Goods.....	\$1.20
\$1 20 grade Woolen Dress Goods.....	95c
\$1 00 grade Woolen Dress Goods.....	85c
75c grade Woolen Dress Goods.....	60c
50c grade Woolen Dress Goods.....	35c
50c grade Cotton Suiting.....	35c
35c grade Cotton Suiting.....	25c
25c grade Cotton Suiting.....	20c
20c grade Cotton Suiting.....	15c

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Men's 50c Silk Ties, this sale.....	35c	
Men's 35c Silk Ties, this sale.....	25c	
Men's 25c Ties, this sale.....	20c	
Men's 50c Silk Half Hose, this sale.....	35c	
Men's 35c Half Hose, this sale.....	25c	
Men's 25c Half Hose, this sale.....	20c	
A special lot of 25c hose, 6 pair to the box, per box, this sale.....		\$1.00
15c Half Hose, this sale.....	11c	
10c Half Hose, this sale.....	7c	
Men's 50c Suspenders, this sale.....	35c	
Men's 35c Suspenders, this sale.....	20c	
Men's 25c Handkerchiefs, this sale.....	20c	
Men's 20c Handkerchiefs, this sale.....	15c	
Men's 15c Handkerchiefs, this sale.....	12c	
Men's 10c Handkerchiefs, this sale.....	7c	
Men's 5c Handkerchiefs, this sale.....	3½c	
All 15c Linen Collars, this sale, each.....	10c	

MEN'S HATS, ETC.

\$5.00 John B. Stetson, this sale.....	\$3.90	
4 50 John B. Stetson, this sale.....	3.75	
4.00 John B. Stetson, this sale.....	3.50	
All \$3 00 and \$3 50 Hats, this sale.....	2.20	
All \$2 50 Hats, this sale.....	1.90	
All \$2 00 Hats, this sale.....	1.50	
All \$1 50 Hats, this sale.....	1.10	
All \$1 00 Hats, this sale.....	.90	
Men's \$3 50 Union Suits, this sale.....		2.50
Men's \$2 50 Union Suits, this sale.....		2.00
Men's \$1 50 Union Suits, this sale.....		1.10
Men's 50c grade Fleeced Lined Underwear, per garment, this sale.....		.40
Men's 50c grade Ribbed Underwear, per garment, this sale.....		.40
Men's \$2 50 Dress Shirts, this sale.....		2.00
Men's \$2 00 Dress Shirts, this sale.....		1.50
Men's \$1 75 Dress Shirts, this sale.....		1.40
Men's \$1 50 Dress Shirts, this sale.....		1.25
Men's \$1 25 Dress Shirts, this sale.....		.90
50c blue Work Shirts, this sale.....		37 1-2c

MEN'S SHOES

\$5.00 Men's Shoes, this sale.....	\$3.90
4 50 Men's Shoes, this sale.....	3.50
4 00 Men's Shoes, this sale.....	3.25
3 50 Men's Shoes, this sale.....	2.75
3 00 Men's Shoes, this sale.....	2.25
2 50 Men's Shoes, this sale.....	1.90

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 IS POSITIVELY THE LAST DAY OF THIS SALE

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Store
 THE STYLE STORE

The Merkel Mail

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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

Nov. 11—Misses Selena and Olive Teaff and Rev. Nim were the guests of their uncle, Nim Teaff and family Sunday.

Several from here attended the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night.

Mr. Peoples and family of Mt. Pleasant were visiting Charles Higgins Sunday.

W. B. Beaver has been visiting relatives and attending the convention at Fort Worth last week.

S. W. Taylor who has been on the sick list for some time is improving fast.

Little Luther Higgins is improving nicely.

Miss Cora Hays was one of Merkel's many Saturday shoppers.

Butman Items.

Nov. 11—The health of our community is very good.

School opened Nov. 4, with thirty pupils on roll. Miss Barnwell Richberg, principal, assisted by Miss Mattie Randolph.

George Anderson and wife were shopping in Merkel Monday.

County Supt. Smith of Abilene visited the school here Wednesday.

Sam Butman made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

The young people of this community met Friday night and organized a literary society, "The Chip of the Flying U." Mr. Eli Cordell was elected president and Miss Mattie Randolph as secretary.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman's an apron party was given in honor of Mr. Ira Thornton, who will leave soon for his new home near Merkel. All present enjoyed the evening's social very much.

Walter Hunter was awarded a large cake for doing the best sewing.

Clark Perkins left Sunday for Abilene where he will enter school at the College.

Wikum Items.

Shaw who has been here is moving into the

of Sweetwater and city were prespectors week.

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ams and family left last young county where they and several weeks visiting.

edames Reynolds and Perry went Hawley Wednesday to attend the bed side of Mrs. Wileman, who is very ill from a spider bite.

Reports received from Richard Dalby, who is in the sanitarium at Abilene state that he is improving fast. We hope for his speedy recover.

Mr. Parmelee of near Caps passed through here, enroute from Mr. Lail's on Bluff Creek from whom he had purchased a large span of mules.

Frank Reynolds of Cleburne who has been visiting his brother, T. E. Reynolds, returned home Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Perry visited her mother, Mrs. J. T. L. Annis, in Merkel last week.

J. E. Hallmark and wife were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Federal Court Cases.

In the case of E. H. Beshlin vs. McWeeney Packing Company was decided Saturday afternoon after having occupied the board of Federal court since Wednesday, and the verdict was for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$27,660. Beall & Beall of Sweetwater and A. H. Kirby of this city were attorneys for the plaintiffs and Ed J. Hamner and S. P. Hardwicke attorneys for the defendants.

In the case of Bison State Bank vs. B. J. Billington, et al.,

Misfit Tailored Suits

Our buyer, Mr. J. K. Ward, has just returned from the Eastern Markets where he bought the largest and best selected stock of stylish Misfit Suits that we have ever shown. Tailored Suits and Overcoats worth from \$25 up to \$45.00, we are offering at

\$15.00 AND \$17.50

This stock embraces all the new weaves and colors. In fact the most stylish suits possible for high-class workmen to turn out. An inspection will convince you. Why pay \$30 or \$35 for a suit when you can get one of these stylish tailored suits for \$15 or \$17.50 that is as good and often much better?

HATS—One of the largest and greatest variety of Stetson Hats for Fall and Winter wear that you have ever had the opportunity to select from. We have the style of Hats that will just suit you and at the price you want to pay.

SHIRTS—"Eagle" Shirts, the name tells it all, worth every cent you pay for it in wear, looks and the way they fit. **SELECT YOUR NEEDS FOR FALL AND WINTER FROM A MAN'S STORE.**

LAMM & COMPANY—We represent Lamm & Co., Chicago, "Best on Earth," and have a complete line of samples. If you want to order a suit, let us take your measure

"WE FIT THE HARD TO FIT"

Misfit Clothing Co.

Pine Street, Abilene

"Everything for Men"

J. K. Ward, Manager

suit on note, Judge Meeks ordered verdict for the defendants and the case will be appealed.—Abilene Reporter.

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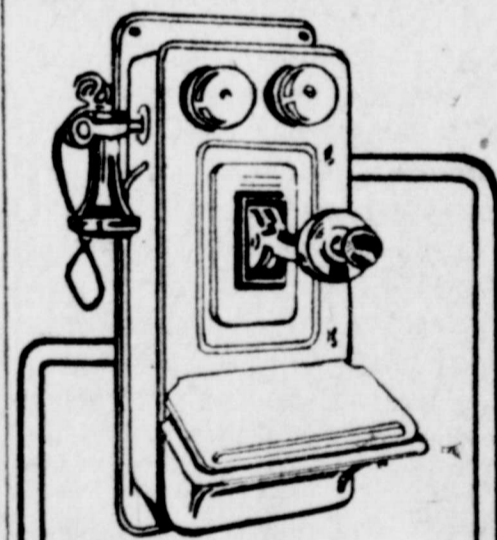
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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF
SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK
at the Close of Business Wednesday, September 4, 1912

RESOURCES	
Loans.....	\$121,952.03
United States Bonds (at par).....	12,500.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....	14,000.00
CASH: Cotton Drafts.....	\$25,721.93
In Vault and other banks.....	53,126.30
Total	78 848.23
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	7,435.94
Circulation.....	12,500.00
Bills Payable (not due).....	35,000.00
DEPOSITS: Of Other Banks.....	None
Cashiers' Checks.....	24.14
Certificates of Deposits.....	311.30
Individual Deposits.....	122,028.98
Total	122,364.32
Total	\$227,300.26

PROFESSIONAL

DR. S. L. DAVIS
DENTIST
Office over Behrens-McMillen Furniture Company.
Phones—Office 154, residence 167

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The boy's appetite is often the source of amazement. If you would have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only create a healthy appetite but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers. Adv

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cus for Sulky Plows. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson went to Sweetwater Monday afternoon.

Rexall Candy, the best made, at Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Arthur Derrington returned to Abilene Monday, having spent Sunday with his parents here.

All the corn you want at 70c per bushel. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

Mrs. Jud Sheppard and little son are visiting Mrs. McWahn in Abilene this week.

Just in complete line of Rexall goods. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

Frame your pictures before they are soiled from handling and dust. "Mack" can do it.

Rev. A. A. Baker will preach at Blair Sunday at 11 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

C" the New Standard Central Needle Sewing machine at the Anchor Hardware Company. Sold on installments.

Mrs. E. M. Brown is at home from Midlothian where she visited her son Rev. Robert Brown and family.

We will be glad to show you our line of Cut Glass and Silverware. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

M. E. West one of the Merkel country's young men left Monday morning for Abilene to enter Simmons College.

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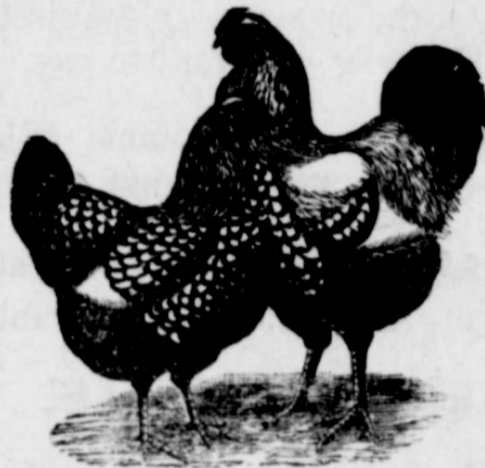
Every nickle counts on your dollar. We give you tickets with each purchase. 20 tickets get 2 fish and bowl. McClain Drug Store.

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We will always be wide-awake to your interest with cash on hand at all times to pay for what we buy
Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.
W. P. DUCKETT, Produce Manager.

Macey Book Case for your christmas books. See Mack.

If you want to buy a farm, house and lot, mule, horse, cow, pig, dry goods or groceries you can always make a better deal with the man who wants to sell. The man who does not want to sell will make no special price on his property, for he is satisfied to keep it. This is the reason there is advertising and why it pays. It pays the man who reads as well as the man who advertises. Some merchants put a price on their goods and are willing to keep them if they are not sold. Others who are more progressive make the goods sell by reducing the prices and letting the people know about it. The man who is too stingy to advertise is too stingy to give you any of his profit. He could be making a smaller profit and advertising sell more goods and in the end make more money.

All competing towns are making some very strong bids for the business of this country, but we are making one of the strongest bids for your business of any firm in the West. We have got to do it. We must get our stock down by Jan. 1st. We are under contract to do so.
The Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Angus of Lynnville, Tennessee, are here visiting their son Mack D. Angus. Mr. and Mrs. Angus will be here for some time.

Do you know what low prices we are making on goods, if you don't it will pay you big to come and see us.
Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

There has been a regular "exodus" of small two, three and four room house out of Merkel the past few months. This is as it should be for the houses and lumber can be used to good advantages by our farmers in the improvement of their places and they are almost worthless in town.

Our prices on men's suits and babies' stockings are far below anything offered to the Merkel country trade in many a day. See us and you will buy your bill of fall goods.

Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt of Haskell last Sunday, making the trip through the country in Mr. Comegys car.

GIRL WANTED—To do house work for small family. Good wages, apply to J. K. Pittard, Anson, or Mrs. E. M. Rust, Merkel.

Now wink your christmas eye at "Mr. Husband" and say ---Kitchen Cabinet. Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Holcomb who have been making their home here for some time left Wednesday for Big Sandy where they will make their future home.

We will sell you a new Standard Sewing Machine! from \$25. to \$50. on installments. Anchor Hardware Co.

Our citizens who were summoned for duty on the Federal grand jury have been released and have returned to their homes.

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Exclusive agents for the New Central Needle Standard Sewing machine. Anchor Hardware Co.

The Library ladies will serve dinner Saturday, Nov. 30th, instead of on Thanksgiving day as was advertised.

Cuff Buttons, Bracelets, Rings and anything in jewelry. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

J. N. Routh, superintendent of the Tye school was up shaking hands with friends Tuesday.

Macey Book Case for your christmas books. See Mack.

Miss Eugenia Rister returned to Abilene Monday to school in Simmons College.

Just received all the new, latest popular Fiction Novels at Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

C. L. Tucker was a passenger to Abilene Wednesday morning.

Window Shades at "Macks."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Latest novelties in Florsheim Shoes. Star Store.

Homer Jobe was in Abilene Sunday visiting friends.

All kinds of feeds at the Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

W. A. Cozart was in Abilene the first of the week on business.

150 pairs of MENS SHOES to close out at and below cost. Star Store.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs was in Abilene this week the guest of Mrs. C. M. Tandy.

H. M. Warren can supply you with any amount of cord or cut wood, Oak or Mosquite.

Mrs. Dr. Morris of Wayland is here visiting her sister Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

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

Miss Annie Lou O' turned last week from friends in Waco.

A Clean-Up-Sal. 20 ends in mens sh. 1.90 Store. 1.50

C. T. Stone, 110 Stamford city Sunday vi

Don't worry Coal, for H. M. W. amount of it.

T. Sears and son of wright were visitors in Me. this week to see their relatives.

H. M. Warren has the largest amount of Coal ever brought to Merkel in 3 of the best grades on the market.

2 fish and bowl given with every \$1 purchase. McClain Drug Store.

It is the happy hunting season and Merkel nimrods are burning their full prorata of powder if not bagging their share of the game.

Special price of \$25.00 on 14 inch Sulky plows. Anchor Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cozart, Jr., were in Abilene last week on business.

Is your bed room cozy and bed comfortable. If it is not tell Mack your troubles.

Misses Lizzie Calvert, Ona Johnson, Ezma Allday and Effie Hutson were in Abilene Sunday attending the Conference.

We now have the exclusive control of the celebrated Peacemaker flour. Phone your orders to us. Kent Street Grain & Grocery Company.

OUR CONTRACT SALE

WILL CONTINUE UNTIL

Saturday, November 23

Owing to the fact that our shipment of Staple Goods ordered for this sale was delayed and we were unable to receive them at the opening we have decided to give the early shoppers during our sale a chance to get back to town and reap the benefit of the low prices on New Quality Goods which we are offering. Also owing to the fact every day has been a big day with us we feel like everybody has not had a chance to attend this sale we have sold great lots of our merchandise and are better prepared now to sell you everything you need than we were at the opening. New goods have arrived and in

Many Instances The Sale Price Has Been Lowered

We are going to reduce this \$50,000 stock to \$25,000. We must cut the price to do it. When we cut prices you save money. Don't overlook this business proposition, but come at once, or any time before Saturday, Nov. 23, which will positively be the last day. Remember the closing date and don't put off your purchase of Dry Goods and Groceries.

Positively We Will Not Be Undersold

STAPLE GOODS

7c Cotton Checks	5c
12½c Ginghams, per yard	10c
10c Ginghams, per yard	8½c
7½c Ginghams, per yard	6c
6c Calico, standard grade, per yard	5c
We have in Calico, apron checks, dress patterns in red, blue, black and gray figures, we have quilt calico in all the solid oil colors.	
10c Outings in white, blue, brown, gray, plaids, stripes and checks at	8½c
15c grade Lonsdale, per yard	12½c
12½c grade Cambric, per yard	10c
10c grade Cambric, per yard	8½c
12½c grade Domestic, per yard	10c
10c grade Domestic, per yard	8½c
7½c grade Domestic, per yard	6c
25c grade 5-4 Indian Head Domestic, per yd.	17½c
20c grade Universal Pillow Tubing, per yard	15c
30c grade Pepperill 9-4 sheeting, per yard	23c
12½c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard	11c
10c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard	8½c
8½c grade Cotton Flannel, per yard	7c
20c grade Feather Ticking, per yard	15c
12½c grade Feather Ticking, per yard	10c
10c grade Mattress Ticking, per yard	8½c
16½c grade Our Pride Dinum, per yard	14c
20c grade Our Pride Khaki Suiting, per yard	15c

LADIES' SHOES

\$4.25 Ladies' Shoes, this sale	\$3.35
4.00 Ladies' Shoes, this sale	3.00
3.50 Ladies' Shoes, this sale	2.90
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SILKS, DRESS GOODS

\$1 00 grade Silk, Satin and Messaline	75c
85c grade Silk, satin and Messaline	60c
75c grade Silk	50c
50c grade Silk	35c
\$1 50 grade Woolen Dress Goods	\$1.20
\$1 20 grade Woolen Dress Goods	95c
\$1 00 grade Woolen Dress Goods	85c
75c grade Woolen Dress Goods	60c
50c grade Woolen Dress Goods	35c
50c grade Cotton Suiting	35c
35c grade Cotton Suiting	25c
25c grade Cotton Suiting	20c
20c grade Cotton Suiting	15c

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Men's 50c Silk Ties, this sale	35c	
Men's 35c Silk Ties, this sale	25c	
Men's 25c Ties, this sale	20c	
Men's 50c Silk Half Hose, this sale	35c	
Men's 35c Half Hose, this sale	25c	
Men's 25c Half Hose, this sale	20c	
A special lot of 25c hose, 6 pair to the box, per box, this sale		\$1.00
15c Half Hose, this sale	11c	
10c Half Hose, this sale	7c	
Men's 50c Suspenders, this sale	35c	
Men's 35c Suspenders, this sale	20c	
Men's 25c Handkerchiefs, this sale	20c	
Men's 20c Handkerchiefs, this sale	15c	
Men's 15c Handkerchiefs, this sale	12c	
Men's 10c Handkerchiefs, this sale	7c	
Men's 5c Handkerchiefs, this sale	3½c	
All 15c Linen Collars, this sale, each	10c	

MEN'S HATS, ETC.

\$5.00 John B. Stetson, this sale	\$3.90
4 50 John B. Stetson, this sale	3.75
4.00 John B. Stetson, this sale	3.50
All \$3 00 and \$3.50 Hats, this sale	2.20
All \$2 50 Hats, this sale	1.90
All \$2 00 Hats, this sale	1.50
All \$1.50 Hats, this sale	1.10
All \$1.00 Hats, this sale	.90
Men's \$3 50 Union Suits, this sale	2.20
Men's \$2.50 Union Suits, this sale	1.90
Men's \$1.50 Union Suits, this sale	1.10
Men's 50c grade Fleece Lined Underwear, per garment, this sale	.40
Men's 50c grade Ribbed Underwear, per garment, this sale	.40
Men's \$2.50 Dress Shirts, this sale	2.00
Men's \$2.00 Dress Shirts, this sale	1.50
Men's \$1.75 Dress Shirts, this sale	1.40
Men's \$1.50 Dress Shirts, this sale	1.25
Men's \$1.25 Dress Shirts, this sale	.90
50c blue Work Shirts, this sale	37 1-2c

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\$5.00 Men's Shoes, this sale	\$3.90
4 50 Men's Shoes, this sale	3.50
4.00 Men's Shoes, this sale	3.25
3.50 Men's Shoes, this sale	2.75
3.00 Men's Shoes, this sale	2.25
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OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Salt Branch News.

Nov. 11—Misses Selena and Olive Teaff and Rev. Nim were the guests of their uncle Nim Teaff and family Sunday.

Several from here attended the singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night.

Mr. Peoples and family of Mt. Pleasant were visiting Charles Higgins Sunday.

W. B. Beaver has been visiting relatives and attending the convention at Fort Worth last week.

S. W. Taylor who has been on the sick list for some time is improving fast.

Little Luther Higgins is improving nicely.

Miss Cora Hays was one of Merkel's many Saturday shoppers.

Butman Items.

Nov. 11—The health of our community is very good.

School opened Nov. 4, with thirty pupils on roll. Miss Barnwell Richberg, principal, assisted by Miss Mattie Randolph.

George Anderson and wife were shopping in Merkel Monday.

County Supt. Smith of Abilene visited the school here Wednesday.

Sam Butman made a business trip to Abilene Friday.

The young people of this community met Friday night and organized a literary society, "The Chip of the Flying U." Mr. Eli Cordell was elected president and Miss Mattie Randolph as secretary.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman's an apron party was given in honor of Mr. Ira Thornton, who will leave soon for his new home near Merkel. All present enjoyed the evening's social very much.

Walter Hunter was awarded a large cake for doing the best sewing.

Clark Perkins left Sunday for Abilene where he will enter school at the College.

Home Items.

Shaw who has been in the hospital is moving into the home.

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Madames Reynolds and Perry went Hawley Wednesday to attend the bed side of Mrs. Wileman, who is very ill from a spider bite.

Reports received from Richard Dalby, who is in the sanitarium at Abilene state that he is improving fast. We hope for his speedy recover.

Mr. Parmelee of near Caps passed through here, enroute from Mr. Lail's on Bluff Creek from whom he had purchased a fine span of mules.

Frank Reynolds of Cleburne who has been visiting his brother, T. E. Reynolds, returned home Monday.

Mrs. E. C. Perry visited her mother, Mrs. J. T. L. Annis, in Merkel last week.

J. E. Hallmark and wife were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Federal Court Cases.

In the case of E. H. Beshlin vs. McWeeney Packing Company was decided Saturday afternoon after having occupied the board of Federal court since Wednesday, and the verdict was for the plaintiffs in the sum of \$27,660. Beall & Beall of Sweetwater and A. H. Kirby of this city were attorneys for the plaintiffs and Ed J. Hamner and S. P. Hardwicke attorneys for the defendants.

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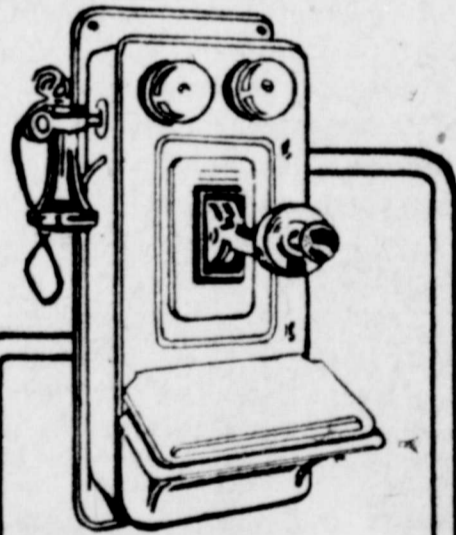
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This stock embraces all the new weaves and colors. In fact the most stylish suits possible for high-class workmen to turn out. An inspection will convince you. Why pay \$30 or \$35 for a suit when you can get one of these stylish tailored suits for \$15 or \$17.50 that is as good and often much better?

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SHIRTS—"Eagle" Shirts, the name tells it all, worth every cent you pay for it in wear, looks and the way they fit. **SELECT YOUR NEEDS FOR FALL AND WINTER FROM A MAN'S STORE.**

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Our Room-Making Sale

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Our buyer is now in St. Louis making purchases from the Big **WHOLESALE CLEARANCE SALES** now going on in that city.

We must have every inch of space that our low prices will make to accommodate the big shipments that will soon arrive. Men and Boy's Clothing, all Shoes, Dress Goods, Notions, Ladies' and Misses Coats, Staples and every other article is now selling at the lowest possible price at which they can be sold now or any time. If you want genuine bargains in everything you buy, it will pay you handsomely to visit our store and buy between this and Nov. 23. We must have room. We expect our low prices to make it.

FREE! 9x12 foot Art Square Absolutely Free with every \$50 purchase **FREE!**
until all we have on hand are gone. It will pay you to get busy now.

MEN'S OVERCOATS AT BIG REDUCTIONS

PARTEN DRY GOODS COMPANY

MERKEL

THE CASH STORE WITH LOW CASH PRICE

TEXAS



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mrs. J. J. Merritt Entertains.

Friday Mrs. H. T. Merritt honored her daughter Miss Ruth Merritt and niece Miss Aileen Sanders with a beautiful luncheon, Tennessee with a beautiful planned party. The honorees were in a few days for Tennessee. The Merritt home was loveliness its self, ferns and chrysanthemums were artistically used in the reception rooms. Miss Aileen Sanders gracefully presided over the register.

Miss Bess Touchstone was charming as she stood at the punch bowl passing the cool and refreshing beverage to the guests. Musical selections were rendered by Misses Carroll Rister, Lula Sharp, Bess Touchstone and Ruth Merritt. Readings were given by Misses Murtice Saffle and Aileen Sanders.

Several contests were enjoyed especially "The Hit and Miss" contest. Each guest was given a "Hit and Miss" souvenir. A number found lots of pleasure in checkers, while others were delightfully engaged out on the radiantly lighted lawn in playing croquet. Those present were Misses Eva Walters, Gene and Carroll Rister, Clara and Murtice Saffle, Minnie and Almeda Harris, Lula and Ola Sharp, Mattie Paylor, Irene Swann, Pet Sears, Jessie Sutphen, Aileen Sanders and Ruth Merritt, Messrs Robert Hicks, Parker and Roscoe Sharp, Ottis Barnett, Oscar Pate, Choc Jones, Taylor Jennings, Conna Adams, Sam Swann, Lytton Howard, John West, Homer Easterwood and Ben T. Merritt.

Merkel's Basket Ball Teams.

Forward—Northside, Tommie Louise Coggin, Amy Gun. Southside, Isla McDonald, Hattie Bell.

Guards—Northside, Bessie Touchstone, Nicye Morrow. Southside, Dorothy Lee Potter, Ruth Lerner.

Center—Northside, Evaline Turner, Mamie Moore. Southside, Genevive Rust, Willie Swann.

The above was the line-up of the con-

testing teams Friday afternoon when the northside girls played the southside girls on the high school grounds. A good crowd with lots of interest was manifested. Their coach Cleo Wilson Bowler was referee for the afternoon. A close game was played resulting in a score of 19 to 17 in favor of the southside.

The Wedelwe Circle was royally entertained by Mesdames Lanier Brown and Fred Bigham last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Bigham. Jardiniers and vases of golden chrysanthemums were artistically used in the decoration scheme. Several visitors were present. A dainty and delicious salad course was served to Misses Maude Martin, May Allyn of Eskota, Willie Bigham, Louise Schmid, Elma Sheppard, Cleo Wilson Bowler, Little Alice Bigham and Mesdames T. J. Coggin, J. A. Adkisson, George L. Miller, Wesley Edwards, W. M. Jenkins, O. W. Williams, W. A. Scott, Deavenport Gaither and the hostesses. Miss Willie Bigham will be the next hostess, next Wednesday afternoon.

The Monday Needle and Thimble club faced the sand storm Monday afternoon to devote a few profitable hours with their needles and thimbles at the home of Mrs. P. G. Penn. Those present were Mesdames J. J. Russell, B. H. Wheeler, B. C. Gaither, J. P. Sutphen, the hostess and Miss Susie Penn.

Miss Fannie Burroughs was the house guest of Miss Margaret Tandy in Abilene last week. Friday night Miss Tandy entertained a number of girl friends with a slumber party naming Miss Burroughs as honoree. Miss Elma Sheppard was a Merkel guest.

Miss Zora Coggins is in Colorado City where she went the first of the week to attend the Hurd-Shropshire wedding which took place Tuesday evening. Miss Coggin was one of the brides maids.

Miss Agnes Hall is visiting her sister Mrs. W. T. Clifton in Waco. Miss Agnes will visit her father Capt. Hall at Kosse before returning home.

Marriage Licenses.

Walter Frazier to Miss Sammie Pylant.

J. H. Dye to Miss Thelma Lewis.

W. H. Young to Miss Minnie Breden.

Luther Sanders to Miss Etta Darnell.

W. T. Campbell to Miss Meedie Carr.

Andy E. Brown to Miss Mary Lee Hicks.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Nov. 16, 1912:

Camp, Miss Edna

Davis, Mrs Ceneva

Hale, Tonie

Knight, John A. E.

Smith, Miss Alma

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Nov. 30, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Abilene 9200 Bales.

Up to Sunday afternoon at six o'clock there had been weighed at the Abilene cotton yards 9200 bales of cotton. Five hundred bales of cotton were received during the week, receipts being about the same as last week.—Abilene Reporter.

A. H. S. Second Team Wins.

The second team of the Abilene High School defeated the local boys on the home boys' grounds by a score of 12 to 3.

This being the first game for the Merkel boys they take their defeat in good style and think the contest will be a good thing for them in improving their style of play. Their next game is with Sweetwater for the coming Saturday.

Mrs. M. D. Miller of Trent returned to her home Monday after a short visit here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid.

Window Shades at "Macks."

Be Happy!

Happy the girl, or woman, who has never suffered from any of the diseases of womanhood! Or, if she has been a sufferer, happy is she if she has learned of the wonderful benefits of Cardui, the woman's tonic!

Cardui is a gentle, tonic remedy, for women's ailments. It is a natural medicine—safe, harmless, purely vegetable. It has been in successful use for more than 50 years. It has cured thousands. It should do the same for you.

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Mary Neely, of Denver, Tenn., says, "I think there is no tonic on earth, as good as Cardui. I used it with the very best results. I had backache and nearly everything a woman could suffer with, until I took Cardui. Now, I feel better than I have for two years. I shall always recommend Cardui to other suffering women. I can't praise it too highly. As a medicine for weak, tired, worn-out women, Cardui is safe and reliable. Try it, today.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 156

THE VALUE OF RADIUM

Radium, a word applied to the highest grade of flour made, is none too good for it. The flour is as good as its name. Try a sack, you'll continue to use it.

R. L. BRADSHAW THE GROCER

PHONE NO. 214

Why brake your back with the old style sewing machine when you can get the New Central Needle Standard on installment plan. Anchor Hardware Co.

Misses Maud and Minnie Ferguson and Erma Alsobrook were here from Abilene Sunday visiting their parents. The returned to school Monday.

Gigantic Sale Inaugurated for November!

The First Days of This Tremendous Selling Campaign

Brought hundreds to this, "The Big Store with the Little Prices," and each day demonstrates that this is the logical place for the economical buyer to purchase their winter needs. Articles that you need right now are marked down right in the face of the coming season and they are going fast and will go faster when the people of this section realize the savings we are offering

YOU'LL EFFECT SPLENDID SAVING ON PRACTICALLY EVERY ITEM YOU BUY

Ladies' Suit Specials

HUNDREDS TO SELECT FROM

Thirty all-wool Serge Suits, cut in the latest models, in navy, black, brown, grey and copenhagen; the best \$12.50 Suits we have shown. Special for this sale at only **\$8.95**

Pretty all-wool Novelty Suits in fancy mannish mixtures, \$15.00 values, special **\$11.95**

Fancy diagonal weave Suits, in blue, brown and grey, \$16.50 to \$20, special \$13.35 to **\$16.35**

Handsome Suits, values up to \$35.00; every suit goes in this sale at cut prices. All suits altered when necessary without extra cost.

Dresses and Coats

All-wool Serge Dresses in navy, brown and red, range in price special \$6.95 to **\$13.40**

Messaline dresses in black, navy, brown and copenhagen, \$9.75 to **\$18.40**

Charmense dresses in street shades, special at \$15.75 to **\$20.50**

Some wonderful coat values here in our splendid line of Coats, Johnny Coats in fancy mixtures in leading shades Chinchilla and Astricon Coats; also splendid line fancy Auto Coats in mannish mixtures. See them and price them.



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Great Clothing Specials

Hart, Shaffner & Marx, and other high-grade Suits and Overcoats, in all the new weaves and models, in sizes to fit the stout, slim and regulars. Remember we make a specialty of good clothes for correct dressers.

Here Are The Prices

All \$27.50 Suits, choice	\$21.75
All 25.00 Suits, choice	19.85
All 22.50 Suits, choice	17.25
All 18.50 Suits, choice	15.25
All 17.50 Suits, choice	14.25
All 16.50 Suits, choice	13.25
All 15.00 Suits, choice	11.95
All 12.50 Suits, choice	9.75
All 10.00 Suits, choice	7.95

Overcoats cut in Same Proportion

Boys' Suits

Bring your boys here to fit them out for winter. We have added several purchases to our stock and now show hundreds of the new and nobby suits for boys; strongly made for hard service. Serges, worsteds and novelty mixtures at from \$1.90 to \$9.00. The best values we have ever shown.

Good Shoes

For every member of the family. The rapid selling in this department has forced us to keep shipments constantly coming in. We show brand new styles, bought in large quantities direct from the factory, and quote lowest prices on all leather shoes. We fit you comfortably.

Telling Blows at The High Cost of Living

6 1-2c quality dress outing, good run of patterns, special at only 5c

40-inch Huck Towels, worth 30c per pair, our special price per pair at only 20c

Good weight Cotton Flannel, worth 7 1-2c, special at only . . . 5c

Good heavy outing in dark and light patterns, a splendid 10c quality, special in this sale at only . . . 8 1-3c

Leatherette Suit Case sizes 24 and 26, heavy, serviceable cases, special at only . . . 95c

36-inch Bleached Domestic, worth 7c, special at only 5c

A Few Prices From Our Silk Section

A line of Messaline, 19 inches wide, special price . . 29c
27-inch corded silks in two-tone effects, \$1.25 to \$1.50 values, special price 95c
Silk Eolions, 42 inches, \$1.50 grade, special per yard, at only 95c

ART LINEN SPECIALS

50c grade Art Linen 39c
35c quality Art Linen 29c
Beautiful quality costume velvet, \$1.00 quality, special at 85c

Extra Values in All-Wool Goods

Telling Blows at The High Cost of Living

12 dozen four-in-hand Ties, solid colors, in good line of colors and full length, in this sale at only 15c

Broken lot Men's Negligee Shirts, the 75c values, special in this sale 3 for only \$1.00

Concentrate your shopping at the big store and save money.

50 dozen fleeced Drawers and Shirts, the 50c quality, special in this sale at only . . . 42 1-2c

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Negligee Shirts, fast colors and new styles at only 90c

60 dozen black and tan Half Hose, special per pair at only . . . 6 1-4c

There are hundreds and hundreds of cut prices throughout our three big salesrooms that will appeal to every economical shopper and add new names to our long list of friends and customers. Come in and share in the splendid savings that are made possible here.

Mail Orders
receive our
Prompt Attention

MINTER DRY GOODS CO.

ABILENE'S PROGRESSIVE STORE

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COME TO TRENT

SHE'S STILL ON THE MAP AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG SALE AT

Sam T. Howell's Store

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 16 and Will Last 10 Days

PRICES WILL BE LOWER DURING THIS SALE THAN EVER IN THIS COUNTRY

If you want the best goods at lowest possible prices save your money and come to the sale. I have been here in business only eight months and have enjoyed a good trade all along and to show my appreciation to the people, have decided to have this sale and cut prices in two. Everything will be tagged at actual cost and some things 25 to 50 percent below cost. This includes Dry Goods & Groceries, all standard brands. Be sure to compare my prices with others

STAPLES	
\$1.00 grade Head Scarfing, this sale	63c
85c Silk, this sale, per yard	33c
\$1.00 Fancy Serge, this sale, per yard	63c
65c Brilliantine, this sale, per yard	35c
60c Double Width Serge, this sale, per yard	35c
20c Plaids, this sale, per yard	11c
12 1-2c Plaids, this sale, per yard	8c
65c All Wool Panama Goods, per yard	37c
50c Voile, this sale, per yard	20c
75c All Wool Dress Goods, this sale, per yard	40c
12 1-2c Ginghams, this sale, per yard	10c
7 12c Apron Checks, this sale, per yard	6c
40c Linen Crash, this sale, per yard	23c
10c Cambric, this sale, per yard	8c
7 1-2c best grade Calico, this sale per yard	4 1-2c
8c Cotton Checks, this sale, per yard	5c
1 1-2c Outings, this sale, per yard	9c
10c Cotton Flannel, this sale, per yard	9c
25c 78 inch Sheeting this sale, per yard	18c
10c Domestic, this sale, per yard	8c
12 1-2c Kimona Goods, this sale, per yard	9c
7 1-2c Curtain Goods, this sale, per yard	5c
Table Linen, this sale, per yard	22c
Table Linen, this sale, per yard	39c
40c Towels, this sale	33c
40c Towels, this sale	23c

SHOES	SHOES
Our shoe department is complete and contains nothing but good honest values. Even the cheapest are made of solid leather and guaranteed to give satisfaction.	
Men's \$5.00 Peters Shoes, this sale	\$3.68
Men's \$4.00 Peters Shoes, this sale	3.28
Men's \$3.00 Peters Shoes, this sale	2.22
Ladies' \$3.75 Peters Shoes, this sale	2.29
Ladies' \$3.00 Peters Shoes, this sale	2.00
Ladies' \$1.75 Peters Shoes, this sale	1.09
Old Ladies' \$1.75 Comforts, this sale	1.00
\$1.75 grade House Shoes, this sale	1.00
3.50 Boy's Shoes, this sale	2.48
3.00 Boy's Shoes, this sale	1.98
2.00 Boy's Shoes, this sale	1.30

NOTIONS	
2 packages best grade Pins, this sale	5c
10c Fish Eye Pearl Button, this sale	5c
2 packages, 5c size Safety Pins, this sale	5c
2 papers Fancy Dress Pins, this sale	5c
2 packages good Hooks and Eye, this sale	5c
2 bunches Hair Pins, this sale	5c
6 spools Clarks On't Thread, this sale	25c
2 best Handkerchiefs, this sale	5c
25c grade Dress Shields, this sale	5c
3 bars Best Toilet Soap, this sale	15c
2 Men's Large Work Handkerchiefs	5c
2 boxes Best Matches, this sale	5c
2 Large Tablets, this sale	5c

EMBROIDERY	
25c grade Embroidery, this sale, per yard	10c
All Lace at Greatly Reduced Prices.	
50c All Over Embroidery, this sale	25c

MEN'S WORK GLOVES	
Men's \$1.75 Work Gloves, this sale	\$1.15
Men's \$1.50 Work Gloves, this sale	93c
Men's \$1.00 Work Gloves, this sale	75c
Men's \$1.25 Work Gloves, this sale	79c

MEN'S HATS	
Men's \$3.50 Derby Hats, this sale	\$2.35
Men's \$3.00 Hats, this sale	2.25
Men's \$4.00 Hats, this sale	2.99
Men's \$3.50 Hats, this sale	2.15
Men's \$1.50 Shirts, this sale	1.15
50c Neck Ties, this sale	29c
25c Supporters, this sale	18c

MEN'S WORK PANTS	
Men's \$1.50 Work Pants, this sale	\$1.05
Men's \$1.00 Work Pants, this sale	75c
Men's \$1.00 Jumpers, this sale	75c
Men's \$1.25 Work Pants, this sale	85c
Men's 50c Work Shirts, this sale	40c

GROCERIES	
Best grade Flour, Baker Boy' per 100 lbs	\$3.00
Best grade Meal, this sale	70c
50c Sorghum Syrup, this sale	40c
75c Ribbon Cane Syrup, this sale	65c
50 lb. box Choice Peaches, this sale	\$4.75
50 lb. box Choice Pears, this sale	4 75
50 lb. box Choice Apples, this sale	4.75
25c can K. C. Baking Powder, this sale	20c
2 10c cans K. C. Baking Powder, this sale	10c
Best grade Lye, this sale, 4 cans	25c
Sugar Corn (24 cans to box,) this sale	\$2 25
7 bars Crystal White Soap, this sale	25c
8 bars Lenox Soap, this sale	25c
2 packages Argo Starch, this sale	5c
3 two lb. can Tomatoes, this sale	25c
2 three lb. cans Tomatoes, this sale	25c
3 three lb. cans Kraut, this sale	25c
3 three lb. cans Hominy, this sale	25c
3 three lb. cans Pumpkins, this sale	25c
1 box Axle Grease, this sale	5c
35c grade Coffee, this sale	28c
6 dozen Clothes Pins, this sale	25c
50c sack Rice, this sale	30c
3 cans Oysters, this sale	25c
3 cans Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco	25c
\$1.30 Planto Lard, this sale	\$1 15
\$1.30 Snow Drift Lard, this sale	\$1.15
Spuds, this sale, per bushel	\$1.00
2 Lamp Globes, this sale	5c
5 gallons best Coal Oil, this sale	50c
18 lb. best Pink Beans, this sale	\$1.00

Children's Union Suits.	
75c grade Union Suits, this sale	52c
50c Toques, this sale	35c

LADIES' UNDERWEAR	
50c Ladies' Ribbed Vests, this sale	35c
50c Ladies' Ribbed Pants, this sale	35c
LADIES \$1.75 SWEATER COATS, THIS SALE . \$1.00	

This opportunity is offered you at the time you need the goods most and I hope that every economical man and woman in this country will avail themselves of this great saving.

REMEMBER THE DATE AND THE PLACE AND BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

SAM T. HOWELL

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