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MORRIS WINNER OVER CASS TARVER

Shreveport La., Nov. 16—The scheduled ten round bout between Cass Tarver of Anson, Texas, and Carl Morris of Sapulpa Okla., Friday night lasted for two rounds of fast and furious fighting.

Round 1: Both fighters rushed to the center of the ring, Tarver feinting with the left and shooting straight right to the jaw, giving Morris a jolt. Morris retaliated with a ferocious rush and after missing several straight lefts succeeded in landing a hard right uppercut to the jaw, sending Tarver to the floor. Tarver came up promptly, fighting Morris back to his corner with stright rights. The gong found the boys fighting fast in a clinch, both blowing hard. Honors were even on this round.

Round 2: Both of the boys meet in the center of the ring with a rush, Tarver smiling and apparently more confident than he appeared at the outset of the battle. Morris tried again for uppercuts and missed, Tarver getting home with hard right and left to Morris' jaw. A clinch followed in which Morris got hard to Tarver's kidneys in the break. Tarver lands a hard left hook to the jaw and a vicious straight right to the face. Morris and Tarver both show signs tiring. Morris leads left and misses Tarver landing another hard right to the jaw. A clinch follows, and during some furious fighting in the clinch, Morris sinks to the floor and in apparent agony claimed that Tarver had struck him low, which claim was allowed as a foul by Referee Foster.

Tarver gave the crowd a great surprise by this absolutely wonderful showing as a novice in the game, and a return match with Morris was the sole topic of conversation here Friday night.

School Records Improving Fast.

Professor Krigbaum of the city schools gives us a report from two of the rooms that seems to be much better than usual. The records made were in the rooms taught by Miss Orra Long and Miss Mattie Murphy, in the room of Miss Long's there hasn't been a tardy student since the beginning of school and during the last month there were no tardy students in the room taught by Miss Mattie Murphy. In the school as a whole there seems to be a better average than usual during the last month there were 56 tardies out of an enrollment of something like 600 or a percentage of something like 56 out of 24,000 possible chances.

Professor Krigbaum seems very well pleased with the work that is being done this year and places this year's average much above that of last year and the average of this month far ahead of the average for last month, and the department and percentage of application seems to be reaching a higher standard. To us we are very glad to find conditions such and reflect with horror the state of affairs that

POULTRY AND PET STOCK SHOW

Merkel is to have a Poultry and Pet Stock Show in which there is much interest being manifested not only by our town people but by the farmers of the country and the farmers and poultry raisers of other parts of the state.

The show which is to take place here next Friday and Saturday will be held under the auspices of the Merkel Pet Stock and Poultry Association an organization which has been existing here for only a very short time. The show is to have the assistance of Judge H. B. Savage of Belton a man well known to the poultry raising industry as one of the best authorities on pet stock and poultry of any man in the state of Texas. Judge Savage was one of the judges of the poultry show just closed at the Dallas Fair. He will come here from Sweetwater where he is to judge the entries during the first of next week. His work here will begin promptly at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The number of birds to be entered at this show will be no less than 150 or possibly 200 for farmers and chicken raisers all over the country are interested very much in the development of that industry here and will no doubt take advantage of meeting with their competitors on the two days for the purpose of benefitting by the experience of others and to compete for prizes. The prizes which are to be given away will amount to a neat little sum made up chiefly by the merchants of Merkel who have seen fit to help a good thing along.

About the only requirement of making entries at the show and being a contestant for prizes is that the entries be made by Thursday and any person interested can easily enter by making application to either O. W. Williams or R. A. Ellis who we are informed will look after that part of the show.

This is going to be a grand thing for Merkel and should get the co-operation of every live wire citizen, for chickens sell about as readily as cotton, hogs, mules or cattle. Don't forget the dates, Friday and Saturday November 29 and 30. If you've got a good chicken be sure to enter it, the prizes are worth while.

once existed in our schools, only a few years ago in a conversation with a former superintendent of the Merkel schools who is now high up in educational work for the state, this former teacher of our's said that in all his teachings (and they had been broad) that he had never met with such a bad bunch of boys as graced the Merkel schools and he seemed to think he had been in touch with some bad conditions but none so bad as he found here, at the time he was connected with our schools and now that the condition has made a radical change we are indeed proud to say that such conditions no longer exist and that the friendly feeling between teacher and student seems to be gaining ground much to the pleasure of our teachers and patrons.

Farm Mortgage Loans.

Wanted: \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of applications for loans on land in the Merkel country during the month of November and December.

I am in position to give you prompt service and just as good contracts as you can get anywhere. Interest 8 per cent and reasonable charges for commission.

Jno. G. Jackson, Merkel.

C. M. Largent returned Friday from an extended trip in the interest of his herd of Blue Ribbon prize Herefords. While away Mr. Largent visited Kansas City, Dallas, Shreveport and Hot Springs. At the three latter places the cattle captured the highest lot of awards of any other contestants and from newspaper reports were far above any other grade of cattle shown.

Mrs. E. M. Britian came in Friday from Snyder to visit Mrs. W. E. Britian.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Twentieth Century Club was delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Willie Bigham Saturday afternoon. The hospitality of this home is so well known that the rain did not prevent the members from being present. Misses May Allyn of Eskota, Fort Smith and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were guests. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p. m. by the president Mrs. Geo. L. Hamilton, fifteen responded with quotations on motherhood. Mrs. A. C. Rose gave an interesting character sketch of Constance. The lesson, King John, Act III. Scene I was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Dickson. Mrs. Fred Bigham and Miss May Allyn of Eskota assisted the hostess in serving a delicious salad course with hot chocolate to Misses Lucy Bean, Orra Long, Louise Schmid, Fort Smith, Mesdames G. A. Adams, W. H. Dickson, J. G. Hale, Geo. L. Hamilton, W. L. Harkrider, W. M. Jenkins, R. A. Martin, A. C. Rose, W. A. Scott, Geo. F. West, Otho W. Williams, little Misses Alice Bigham and Louise Scott. Mrs. A. C. Rose will be the next hostess with Mrs. M. D. Angus leader.

The Wednesday matinee at the opera house is quite the rage, just now "a real social treat," given by a number of Merkel's enterprising merchants complimentary to their friends in and around Merkel. Mr. Groene always has something good reserved for these afternoons. This manner of entertainment gives pleasure to a great number of people and is very enjoyable.

The Neighborhood Needle and Thimble club met at the home of Mrs. B. C. Gaither's Monday afternoon. Mrs. C. D. Mims was elected to membership. Those present were Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, W. W. Wheeler, B. H. Wheeler, J. J. Russell, P. G. Penn, W. A. Scott, C. D. Mims and the hostess.

The Library Ladies will serve dinner Nov. 30th, be sure and patronize them. Merkel needs the library, and just at this time the library needs friends.

The Friday evening dance at the Thornton building was a delightful affair. Music was furnished by the Merkel string orchestra. Those in attendance were Misses Elma Sheppard, May Allyn of Eskota, Olga Sheppard, Jessie O'Briant, Lulu Thornton of Sweetwater, Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Deavenport Gaither, E. H. Rud of Maryneal, Messrs Dee Grimes, T. B. Lucas, W. H. Kendrick, J. E. Faucett, Clayton Brown, J. D. Gaither, R. O. Anderson, Dem Rust and Homer L. Easterwood.

Sharp-Jobe.

Mr. Olly Sharp and Miss Ina Jobe were quietly married in Sweetwater Sunday evening. Miss Lizzie Calvert accompanied them as chief witness, flower girl and brides maid. The party going up on the late evening train and returning on the 10 p. m. Miss Jobe is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, while the groom is a successful young business man, being connected with the firm of Sharp & Sons.

The announcement which came Monday was a surprise to their many friends who are now showering the happy couple with congratulations and best wishes.

Reynolds-Pruitt.

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. R. A. Clements was called upon at his home to officiate in the marriage of Mr. Ely Pruitt of Haskell and Miss Effie Reynolds of Inkum.

After the marriage the newlywed Mrs. Pruitt telephoned to a former suitor at Inkum that she was here and asked that a conveyance be sent but incidentally failed to mention the marriage. When the young man arrived with his buggy he found the lady to be in charge of another and promptly refused to place his buggy and horse at their disposal. The disappointed bridal couple remained in Merkel for the night, going to the bride's home Tuesday for a visit after which they will return to Haskell where they will be at home.

The Mail extends most hearty congratulations to the young couple with hopes that their young lives may long remain united in happiness.

Mrs. Lee came in last week to visit her sister Mrs. G. F. West.

THE POST OFFICE CRAZE AT MERKEL

Throughout the country the Democrats are being affected with something like a postoffice craze, at least they are making efforts to get the much coveted position out of the hands of the old time Republicans, in towns where the civil service has not made the jobs permanent.

Merkel is not behind in the race and perhaps is far ahead of many of the towns in the state for the number of applicants being made for the position. We can count on our fingers ten Merkel citizens who are applicants for the place and the talk of a primary is being made, probably coming as a sympathetic movement in accordance with what other towns seem to have in view as to the way of selecting their postmasters. This method was first advanced by some senator or congressman who saw the job he was going to have if he took time to look into the qualifications of each applicant personally and then have the responsibility of making a selection, the election will leave the selection to the patrons of the office, in that way carry out the rule of let the people rule, which seems very Democratic.

Our Thanksgiving.

In this the season of thanksgiving we are inspired to attempt to speak our appreciation of the favors of our friends and customers during the year.

It is true that the happiness of our country were not what we would like, nor is the average crop, reflect that our goods marketed over cotton and that our profits have raised enough for them and much more we can use, it is enough to be all thankful. Likewise our business has not been as good as we would desire and yet we have had a very successful and prosperous year. Our success is due solely to the liberal patronage of our good friends and customers and we hope we have been deserving.

If we have not enjoyed your patronage we ask that you give us a trial and then we trust that our goods, prices and service will make you a regular customer.

Yours gratefully,

Rust & McCauley Drug Co.,
By Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Smith of Oklahoma came in last week to visit Mrs. Smith's mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will locate at Abilene, they together with Mrs. Sandlin went down Tuesday to visit Miss Leila Sandlin.

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.

G. T. Vickers, Manager for Swift & Co. was in Merkel last week looking over some property he has here and getting the places straightened out for the coming year.

A Strong And Safe Bank

The increase in our deposits and business during the year reminds us of the old story about 'The Big Oaks from little Acorns grow,' and our safe and conservative policy coupled with the guarantee of the DEPOSITORS FUND of the State of Texas makes us know that we can and will weather all of the financial gales and storms for OURSELVES, FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS : : : : : : : : :

DO YOUR BUSINESS WITH A GUARANTY FUND BANK

It is always better to be safe than sorry and the first object of our bank is to provide safety for the savings and deposits of our customers. We want your business—no matter how small and promise you the very best of service consistent with safe banking. Open an account to-day.

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in post office at Merkel, Texas pending Nov. 23, 1912: Made. ie, asta. will be sent to Dec. 7, 1912. W. Derstine, P.M. Turnips! Turnips!! a nice lot of home grown turnips for sale and those wanting to store turnips for the winter should get them at once. The price is 65 cents per bu. at my garden five miles south of town. C. L. McNeese.

Gin Notice.

After Nov. 23—I will gin on Saturday's only until futher notice. Bring your seed cotton any day, I will pay the highest market price. R. E. Bowles. (2t) Ice Books Are Redeemable. All outstanding Ice Books issued by me will be taken up if brought to me during this month, no books will be redeemed if brought in later than Dec. 1. Be sure and return them at once. H. M. Warren.

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.

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

No. 7481



Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00

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

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

OLDEST BANK IN MERKEL

Abilene Has 9727 Bales.

Cotton receipts from wagons in Abilene up to Saturday night at six o'clock totaled 9727 bales. The staple has been coming in rather slowly this week, only averaging about fifty bales a day.—Abilene Reporter.

Helps A Judge in Bad Fix.

Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies.

"I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at H.C. Burroughs. Ad.

New Living in Quiet.

Mme. Steinhil, who had such a stormy time on her sensational trial and acquittal, is now living in a rural retreat near London with her daughter and son-in-law, who is an Italian artist. In the quiet of her retreat she has written the story of her life, which has just been published.

Merkel Mail \$1.00 per Year

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's family pills for constipation. Ad.

He'd Have to Pay.

A story was told the other day in Washington, apropos of a very artificial and self-conducted boom: "Blank, you know, was to visit his state last week. Well, a friend said to him, just before he set off: "I suppose they will give you a magnificent ovation, Mr. Blank?" "Blank frowned, twisted his mustache, and answered in a nervous absentminded way: "Well, I don't know. My bank account has sunk terribly low of late."

Escapes an Awful Fate.

A thousand tongues could not express the gratitude of Mrs. J. E. Cox, of Joliet, Ill., for her wonderful deliverance from an awful fate. "Typhoid pneumonia had left me with a dreadful cough," she writes. "Sometimes I had such awful coughing spells I thought I would die. I could get no help from doctor's treatment or other medicines till I used Dr. King's New Discovery. But I owe my life to this wonderful remedy for I scarcely cough at all now." Quick and safe; its most reliable of all throat and lung medicines. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

Advanced.

Mrs. Willis—Is she advanced? Mrs. Gillis—Frightfully so. She is the suffragette leader of a new religious sect in a Socialistic community, where they talk nothing but universal language.

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.

The Demons of the Swamp

are mosquitos. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; gives you a fine appetite and renews your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50 cents at H. C. Burroughs. Adv.

Exploded Story.

Uncle Ezra—"Howdy, Eben. Just back from California, I see. Must be a great place. They say there is sunshine there the year 'round." Uncle Eben—"That is just one of them fake western yarns. Every day I was there, along at the end of the afternoon night came, just the same as it does here."

What Texans Admire

is hearty, vigorous life, according to Hugh Tallman, of San Antonio. "We find," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Life Pills surely put new life and energy into a person. Wife and I believe they are the best made." Excellent for stomach, liver or kidney troubles. 25c at H.C. Burroughs. Adv.

GROUP stopped in 20 minutes sure with Dr. Sisco's Group Remedy. One test will surely prove. No vomiting, no distress. A safe and pleasing group—50c. Druggists.

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

RESOURCES OVER \$200,000.00

John Sears, President. C. L. Barker, Active V-Pres
J. E. Faucett, Cashier.

TO THE MERKEL COUNTRY FARMERS

Most any bank can handle your business, when you have money to deposit, and do not need to borrow, but when times are hard and money matters tight you feel the need of a connection with a big, strong reliable bank. We want every farmer customer of this bank to feel free to call on us for money for his legitimate needs.

If you are already a customer, we want to assure you of our appreciation of your account and invite you to call on us when we can serve you.

If you are not already a customer, we invite you to open an account and establish a credit with us for your future benefit.

THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See us for your pencils and tablets. Rexall Store.

Mrs. J. W. Moore visited friends in Abilene Sunday.

Judge E. M. Overshiner was up from Abilene Tuesday on business.

Don't worry about Wood or Coal, for H. M. Warren has any amount of it.

Mrs. J. P. Frederickson and daughter Miss Christena were in Abilene Tuesday visiting.

Watches, rings, outglass any and everything in jewelry.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Miss Velma Allmon of Eastland returned home Sunday after a visit here with her sister Mrs. J. L. Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McLaughlin of Lockney stopped off here last week to visit Mrs. McLaughlin's Brother W. M. Williams of Hodges community, they went on to Mineral Wells Sunday where Mr. McLaughlin goes for his health.

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.

Henry Ellis of El Paso was here last week visiting his father E. V. Ellis, on returning home Miss Anna Ellis accompanied her brother.

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

Vanity purses at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Jesse Boaz one of Merkel's old time citizens was in Abilene Friday on business.

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

The ladies of the Methodist church are preparing a Christmas bazaar to begin Dec. 17th.

Our X-mas goods will be on display Dec. 15th. Remember the date. The Rexall Store.

Mrs. W. M. Moore and daughter Miss Ruth of Comper were very pleasant callers at the Mail office last week.

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

I desire to announce that after the expiration of my term as county attorney, I will continue in the general practice of law. Office over the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Abilene, Texas. E. M. Overshiner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Franklin who have been here some time visiting Mr. Franklin's brother, left last week for Tuscola where they will have charge of the Tuscola school for the coming term.

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

W. H. Derstine, T. A. Johnson and T. B. Story left Sunday for San Angelo by order of the judge of the federal court at that place.

We will sell remnant wallpaper at 5 cents a roll. Nyal Store.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hot drinks of all kinds at the Elite.

Mrs. Will Parmelee left Sunday for Terrell to visit her mother.

School books and supplies at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Uncle Joe Harris left for Stanton Saturday on business.

All of the new novels at Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

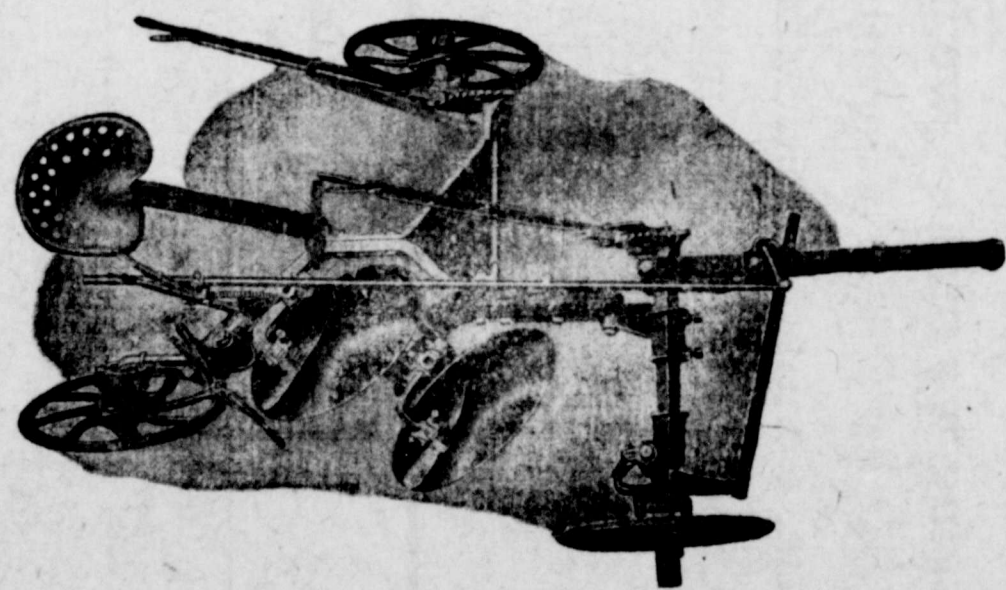
Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lancaster visited relatives in Abilene last week.

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

E. H. Hogg has returned from Blair, Okla., where he has been for some time working with his brother E. B. Hogg.

Implements at Reduced Prices!

We find at the close of the year that we have some odds and ends in implements and as we are discontinuing the agencies for the Avery and Kingman lines we have decided to make a large reduction on what we have left of the above brands, which are as follows:



- Five Mr. Bill Planters, regular price \$30, reduced to **\$24.50**
- 7 60-tooth 5-8 Avery drag harrows, \$15, reduced to **\$12.00**
- 6 50-tooth 1-2 Avery drag harrows, \$14, reduced to **\$11.00**
- 7 Kingman Heretis cultivators, price \$37.50, red. to **\$24.50**
- 4 Kingman 14" sulk plows, reg. price \$40, reduced to **\$25.00**

Also remember we intend to keep at all times a complete line of JOHN DEERE and STANDARD implements of the most improved make, which we consider have no equal in the implement world.

Full line Wagons, Buggies, Windmills, Stoves and a complete line of shelf & heavy hardware

Anchor Hardware Co.

Specials At Woodroof's

The following prices are made in advance of the Christmas Rush season. We are enabled to make them low from the fact, they were bought at the lowest figures possible, and the same rule will apply with us in selling goods to our customers. Read the price list below.

STAPLE GOODS

Best grade Calico, this sale . . . **4 1-2c**
 6 1-2c Suiting, this sale . . . **4 1-2c**
 12 1-2 and 15c Ginghams, this sale . . . **10c**
 10 and 12 1-2c Outing, this sale . . . **9c**
 12 1-2c Cotton Flannel, this sale . . . **10c**
 10c Cotton Flannel, this sale . . . **9c**
 5 packages Hair Pins, this sale . . . **5c**
 6c Cotton Checks, this sale . . . **5c**
 8 1-2c Cotton Checks, this sale . . . **7 12c**

COTTON BLANKETS

\$2.50 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . . **\$1.95**
 2.00 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . . **1.69**
 1.75 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . . **1.49**
 1.50 Cotton Blankets, this sale . . . **1.30**

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

\$25.00 Ladies' Red Fern Suits . . . **\$19.25**
 20.00 Ladies' Red Fern Suits . . . **16.25**
 18.50 Ladies' Red Fern Suits . . . **15.00**
 15.00 Ladies' Red Fern Suits . . . **12.25**
 12.50 Ladies' Red Fern Suits . . . **10.95**

Ladies' Coats at Greatly Reduced Prices

MEN'S CLOTHING

\$25.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . . **\$17.95**
 22.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . . **16.95**
 20.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . . **15.00**
 18.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . . **14.45**
 15.00 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . . **11.95**
 12.50 Hart, Schaffner & Marx . . . **9.95**

BOY'S CLOTHING

\$10. Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **\$6.75**
 8.50 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **6.25**
 7.50 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **5.95**
 6.00 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **5.25**
 5.00 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **4.25**
 4.00 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **3.45**
 3.50 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **3.15**
 3.00 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **2.65**
 2.50 Boy's Knee Suits, this sale . . . **2.15**

Men's 10c Hose, this sale . . . **6 1-2c**
 Men's 15c Hose, this sale . . . **10c**

Special Reductions on Men's Odd Pants

Prices on Men and Boy's Hats are Reduced

Our buyer visited the Eastern Markets last week and found goods at a great saving and we are going to give our customers the full benefit of this great saving. **WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY ON ANY DRY GOODS PURCHASE**

W. D. Woodroof & Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

P. C. Jones the barber invites patronage.

T. Potter and daughter were in Abilene visiting.

Chickens and Eggs brought to the Kent Street Grocery company.

Miss Leila Sandlin was here from Abilene Sunday visiting her mother Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

We need and appreciate your nickels and dimes.

The Rexall Store.

J. W. Powell left here for Tennessee last week where he will manage some large sales.

\$40.00 Sulky Plows going at \$25.00. Anchor Hard-ware Co.

Miss Velma Clark who was here Sunday visiting relatives returned to her home Monday at Abilene.

The Merkel Store has got to sell a lot of goods before Jan. 1st. in order to fill their part of a contract. See us for your fall bill.

Merkel Dry Goods & Gro. Co.

Mrs. W. E. Davis of Winters returned home after a short visit here with her father M. C. Childress.

M. B. Bell came in last week from Dallas where he has been living for some time. Mr. Bell has returned to Merkel to stay.

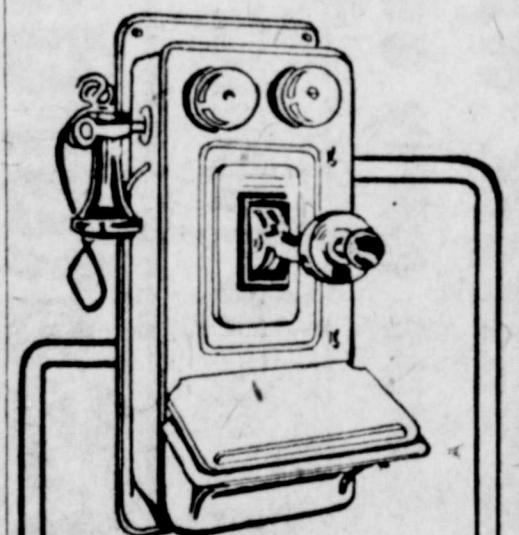
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens came in from Abilene Tuesday afternoon to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen.

Mrs. M. J. Lowe left for Baird Sunday where she will visit her daughter Mrs. S. A. D. Ground.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Smart stopped off here Monday on a short visit, they were on their way to Baird from Big Springs where they will make their future home.

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

Mrs. Chas. Beard and children came in last week from Waco where they have been visiting cotton palace and relatives.



THE JOY OF HOME

The entire household revolves around the Telephone. Neighbors, friends, market, doctor, and store can be reached in an instant by the home having Telephone service.

THE RURAL TELEPHONE.

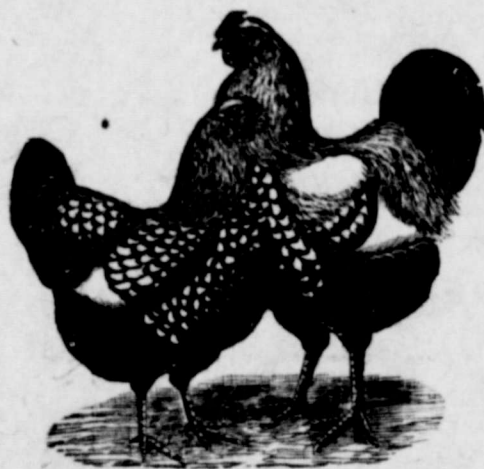
Provides this home necessity and pleasure at very low cost to people who live in the country.

Apply to our nearest Manager or write to

THE Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co. DALLAS - TEXAS



TOP PRICE FOR YOUR POULTRY



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 Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co. W. P. DUCKETT, Produce Manager.

After this week gin days with us will be on Saturday only until further notice is given. **Brown Gin, by Fred Guitar.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark of Route three are the proud parents of a fine boy and girl born to them November 1st. Mrs. Clark and the twins are doing nicely.

Prof. Rufus Adcock of the Caps school was in town last week visiting relatives.

Miss Sallie Orr came in Saturday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. J. A. Adkisson.

Big stock of souvenir spoons. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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Notice.

The Samaritans will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall on Monday night, Nov. 25th. Everybody invited, especially the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tucker of the Canyon were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tucker Thursday.

Columbia graphophones and records, together with accessories for all kinds of machines.

Borned to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pittard of Anson on the 11th. A fine boy.

Mrs. E. H. Rudd of Maryneal was a guest here of Mrs. E. M. Rust last week.

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CLOSING OUT OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

DECEMBER 1ST, WE WILL DISCONTINUE OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

And use the entire house for Dry Goods and from now until December 1st, we offer our entire stock of GROCERIES at COST and BELOW COST. These goods must be sold by that time. Below we quote a few of our many special prices. Remember everything in the Grocery line must be sold.

25 pounds Salt, closing out sale	20c	Regular 8 1-3c Corn, closing out sale	7 1-2c	Gulf Beans and Peas, closing out sale	8 1-3c
25c Baking Powder, closing out sale	20c	3 pounds Pie Peaches, 3 cans	25c	Cooks Pride Soda, 6 pounds for	25c
35c Coffee, closing out sale	28c	1 pound can Pork and Beans, per dozen	85c	50c Maple Syrup, closing out sale	35c
30c Coffee, closing out sale	25c	25c Pepper Sauce, closing out sale	17 1/2c	85c Maple Syrup, closing out sale	65c
25c Coffee, closing out sale	20c	All Beech Nut Jellies, 25 per cent off.		25c Oat Meal, closing out sale	20c
Kelloggs Corn Flakes, 4 pkgs. closing out sale	25c	10c Toilet Soap, closing out sale, each	6 1/2c	2 pound can Beets, closing out sale	7 1/2c
Lye, 4 cans closing out sale	25c	Red Salmon, closing out sale	15c	3 pound can Beets, closing out sale	10c
All col. Can Goods, per can, closing out sale	15c	10 pounds Cottolene, closing out sale	\$1.20	50c Jar Honey, closing out sale	37 1/2c
25c Garrett Snuff, closing out sale	20c	100 pounds Sugar, closing out sale	\$5.60	10c Peanut Butter, closing out sale	7 1/2c
50c Brooms, closing out sale	35c	Dried Apples, closing out sale, per pound	8 1/2c	20c Peanut Butter, closing out sale	15c
35c Brooms, closing out sale	20c	Dried Peaches, closing out sale, per pound	8 1/2c	25c Catsup, closing out sale, 2 for	35c
Regular 2 for 25c Corn, closing out sale	10c	Arbuckle Coffee, closing out sale	25c	20c Bucket Jelly, closing out sale	12 1/2c
Regular 10c Corn, closing out sale	8 1-3c	All 25c Extracts, closing out sale, 2 for	35c	35c Bucket Jelly, closing out sale	20c
		All 10c Extracts, closing out sale, 2 for	15c	60c Bucket Jelly, closing out sale	45c

OUR DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEPT UP IN FULL STOCK
Delivery Wagon Will Run No More After Nov. 30th

Hogue-Hamilton Co.

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.

Butman Items.

Nov. 18.—Most everybody is through picking cotton.

Clark Perkins who is in attendance in school at Abilene, returned home Wednesday suffering from a severe boil on one of his hands but was able to return Monday.

Little Ila Mae Anderson was on the sick list last week.

Last Friday night a crowd of young people went snipe hunting and afterwards went serenading and everyone had a jolly good time.

J. A. Neighbors and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Trent the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George West.

E. C. Pettit and wife visited home folks Sunday.

What a Baptist Preacher Did.

This is to certify that I have used one box of Hunt's Cure for Skin trouble, and same cured me after using about \$8.00 worth of other ointments and salves. Nothing like Hunt's Cure for Skin troubles. Rev. H. T. Sizemore, Hemphill, Texas.



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

HOUSE FOR SALE—Good new three-room house, boxed and stripped, ceiled and painted; in good condition; will sell for cost of material; located on my farm 5 miles northeast of Merkel. Jno. W. Lyles, Route 1. 2t—pd.

Eyes Sunken With Pain.

Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and after using, the pain left and has not returned: Says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren Street, Letchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is sold by all druggists everywhere. Adv.

Merkel Mail One Dollar Per Year

Inkum Items.

Messrs H. W. Hardy, M. C. Kelso and G. Benton of Jones county passed through here Thursday enroute to Devil's river on a hunting trip.

Mrs. Collins of Colorado City is here visiting her son John Collins.

Arthur Wilson returned Wednesday from a trip to Oklahoma.

Rolan White and A. I. Pettit left Friday for Blackwell.

G. W. Wilson and wife were shopping in Abilene Friday.

Ernest Cox of Potosi came in Sunday for an indefinite stay in our midst.

Arthur Wilson made a business trip to Potosi Saturday.

T. E. Reynolds was transacting business in View last week.

Calomel is Bad.

But Simmon's Liver Purifier is de-lightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. [In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.] Tried once used always.

One Exception.

A certain cruel landlord, by name Lord Skinner, had a very ugly, deformed nose. He was a great "boaster," and was so conceited as to have placards on his gate that "and money could do anything."

A poor Irishman, happened by one day, and seeing wrote just beneath "But all the mon Naas wouldn't put a be on old Skinner's face."

Needless to say, the placard seen no more.

Not Fit For Ladies.

Public sentiment should be against it, and we believe it is, there can be no reason why ladies should have to suffer with headaches and neuralgia, especially when Hunt's Lightning Oil give such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning Oil in 25c and 50c bottles. Adv.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

CORN! CAN CORN!

5c PER CAN The Derby Brand a regular 10c seller. Let us sell you a supply now while our present stock lasts. **5c PER CAN**

COMB HONEY—Just in a Fresh lot of Comb Honey, in pound block. Price 20c per pound, two pounds for 35 cents.

CAN CORN—And don't forget about the Corn at 5c per can. We've got more than we want to keep on hand.

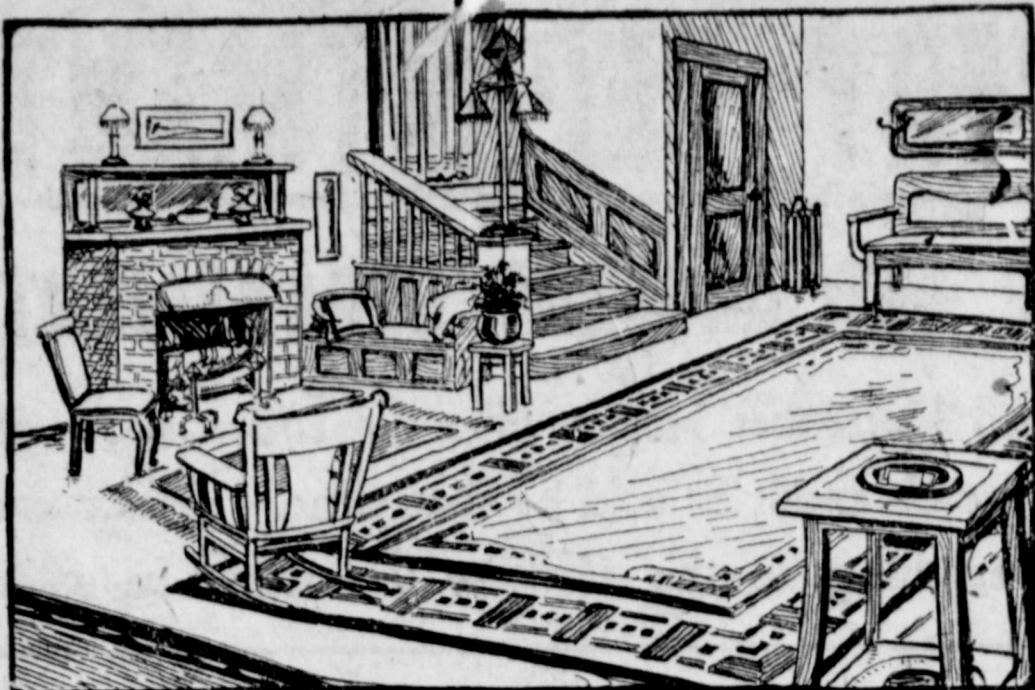
ORIOLE—The best brand of Flour you can get, try a sack and you will get another. Price \$3.00 per 100 pounds.

Cranberries We have a fresh supply of Cranberries, get some for your Thanksgiving dinner. They go good with turkey. **Cranberries**

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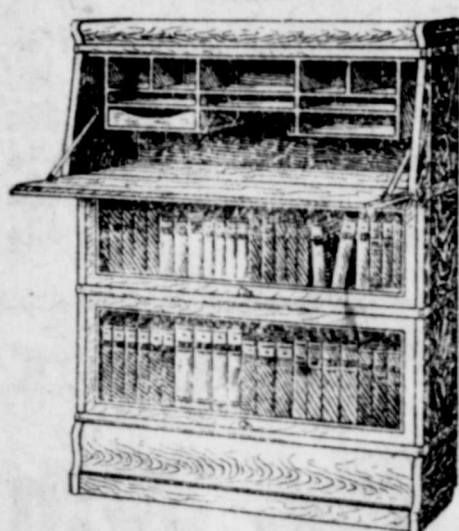


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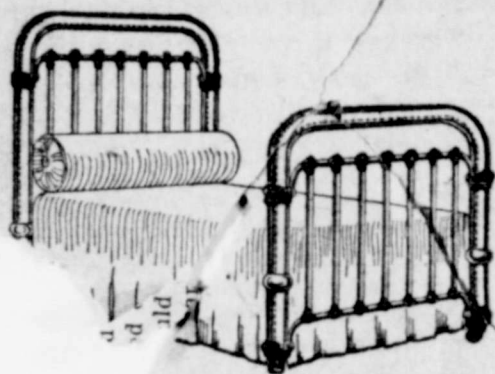


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IN THE HOUSE—IT HELPS THE APPETITE.



Sectional Book Cases are sold by the section. Buy as few as you need. Make a start **NOW**.

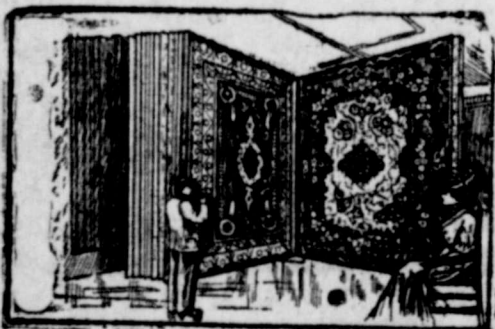
Massive 2-in. Post



This Martin finish. Our price with slats

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Compare this price with your catalogue prices.



Often you want to look at rugs but do not care to buy at the time; if so you are welcome at our place, and you will be under no obligations to purchase.



THANKSGIVING AND THE HOLIDAYS BRING HOME

The children and company for meals. You want to fix over the home a little so it will make an impression. You want to take the parlor rug which is beginning to wear and put it in another room, then put a new one on the parlor floor. Try it. Of course a new dining table and chairs will also improve things. Let "Mack" figure with you. You will be surprised how little it will cost to make the necessary change.



We Take the Risk

We know you will be delighted with the O-Cedar Polish Mop.

We know you will welcome the relief it brings.

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We know you will be pleased with the way it dusts, cleans and polishes—all at the same time.

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Try the O-Cedar Polish Mop for 2 days at our risk. If it is not satisfactory, we do not want you to keep it.

The price—\$1.50—will be returned without question if it is not all, and more, than we claim. You to be the judge.

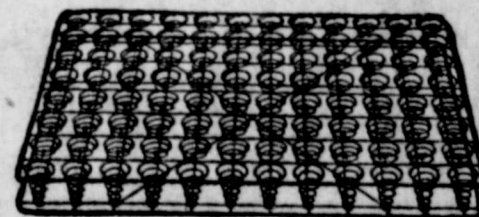
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But get her a Kitchen Cabinet—it saves miles of steps for the tired feet.

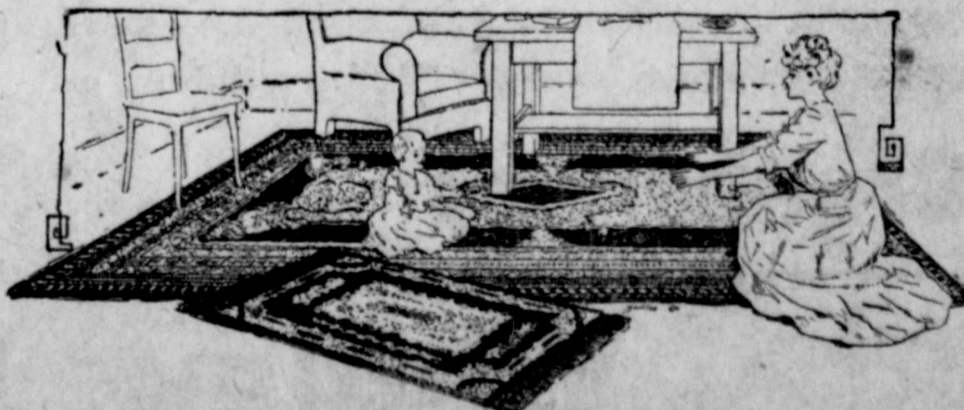
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INTERVIEW EX-PRESIDENT

Manila, P. I., Oct., 12, 1912
Editor Mail:—

My last letter was left off in the Bay of Hong Kong. We spent some twenty-six hours there. We took a Cable Car and went on top of a mountain over 2000 feet high where we looked down on the city at the foot of this mountain, out across the bay, over all the adjoining and over to the main land of China and as far out over the China sea as the eye could see. This is undoubtedly one of the prettiest sights in the world.

On October 5th, we boarded the German liner "Prinz Waldemar" for Manila and a little before sunset on October 7th, we were entering Manila bay, a circular body of water some 30 miles across, at whose gateway stands Carregidor island, the Gibraltar of the Orient and probably one of the strongest fortified places in the world. This is the island that our own Admiral Dewey slipped his fleet of war ships by in the dead hours of the night and at day light next morning destroyed the Spanish fleet.

Manila harbor proper lies behind a breakwater, one and one half miles long with an immense anchorage space. As this harbor is some 40 or 50 feet deep large passenger and freight steamers can go up to the wharves where baggage is inspected and stamped by the custom officials.

When the U. S. took over the Philippine Archipelago from Spain, to most of our 90,000,000 of people were merely a dot on the map and it is only within the last few years that even Americans who tour the Orient have begun to discover that these 3000 islands have the greatest charm of scenery, hold more of interest to the traveler, have greater natural wealth and therefore offer as profitable a field for investment as any other country.

Manila is the chief city of the islands in point of size and wealth and is the capital and generally the first port the traveler will see, and is over 400 years old with a population of 350,000.

Not far from the waterfront, are seen the walls of old Manila, begun in 1591 A. D., at a point near Fort Santiago. These massive relics of the Spanish Conquest period are from 30 to 50 feet thick and surround a city whose outline charm is heightened by the historic memories it enfolds, namely; the tomb of Legaspi, Monuments of Magellan, Del Cano, Charles IV and Archbishop Benavides who founded the oldest college now under the American flag, are in the Walled City. The Walled City is only one of the three Manila's. The city such as it was before the Spanish came exists to-day in the groups of bamboo huts along the beaches and rivers.

The modern city of steel and concrete which is being built by Americans may be forecasted by a visit to the Luneta, a circular drive flanked by the new \$1,000,000 Manila Hotel and the Elks and Army and Navy clubs, Y. M. C. A. building, the Filipino Normal school and the general Hos-

pital and the new Medical College and many other buildings.

Out side the walls are two drives which are the most beautiful I have ever seen with their double rows of tropical trees. Some of the most interesting portions of the old walls can be seen from this driveway. Another beautiful scene is the Philippine sunset, when the shadows begin to empurple the distant hills and the bamboos glow like gold.

I often think when traveling around Manila and in the country and am shown some place in which a battle was once fought, where the soil is bathed with the blood of American soldiers as well as their Spanish and Filipino opponents, that in the northern part of this island lies the body of a half-brother of mine that also paid the penalty of death for his love and devotion to the stars and stripes.

The Philippine Islands with their 8,000,000 inhabitants, have now reached a point in their economic development when the attention of the public should be called to the business opportunities which are here presented. Questions of a political nature in so far as they relate to the form and organization of local government, may be regarded as substantially settled. The business and working people are as a whole contented and willing to do their part towards bringing about a condition of economic prosperity.

Yesterday I learned that General Aguinaldo, the ex-president of the islands and the leader of the Filipino rebellion against the United States was in the city from his home in Cavite, and during the day I happened to get acquainted with his old war secretary that was with him ten years ago, and I told him I was just from America and was touring the islands and would like to have an interview with Aguinaldo, really thinking it would be impossible so he asked me to call during the afternoon and I did so, and to my surprise I learned that he had made a date for me and that Aguinaldo would receive me between 9 and 10 o'clock the next morning, so I was on the spot a little before 9 a. m. and met this Filipino gentleman and we drove into the city to General Aquinaldo's headquarters and when we arrived we got out and walked up to the door and knocked and the doors opened, and standing a short ways back between two large doors stood a small figure dressed in white, with large eyes and every hair on his head standing on its end (and I did not know whether to run or drop dead) but he stepped forward with a smile and I was introduced to General Emilio Aquinaldo, who at one time commanded 40,000 Filipino soldiers and who kept the American army on the hunt for three years before he was captured. We were invited into a large room and sat down where I knew the next thing would be the conversation and for me to state my business, and I of course, not being accustomed to talking to ex-presi-

dents, was a little weak in the knees, however, I soon recuperated and assuring him thru the interpreter that I considered it a high honor of having the pleasure to meet him etc. I began my business by telling him I was a newspaper reporter and for the next hour I shot the "hot air" and questions to him, stating I, like all Americans were interested in the Philippines and wanted to know if they were satisfied with the present form of government. He answered that as he had fought for and was looking forward to independence, he of course would be satisfied with no government except that of their own and was living under this because he could not help himself. I then asked if he ever expected the United States to free the islands to which answer he said yes. I then told him I was a Democrat of the Bryan type, and he said he was glad to talk to a Democrat for they seemed to have more sympathy with the Philippines than the Republicans. He then asked me what the chances were in the States for the Presidential election and I, of course, assured him that according to my views there was not a chance to beat Woodrow Wilson. I asked him if he believed Wilson would give independence and he said he had not read anything about Wilson's intentions but believed that he would be true to the principles of democracy. We then discussed at length the possibilities and the natural resources of the islands and he seemed to think our government was not doing all it should in the way of developing the farming lands and mines etc., and then talked of the tariff and a number of other things and I found I had spent all of my time and was just started good. So again assuring him of my appreciation of our talk and of being honored by his acquaintance etc., and he in return said about the same to me so bidding farewell to the little statesman we went on our way, except that he requested me to send him a clipping of my letter.

Time crowds me now and must cut this short and I may say something more later.

I will sail away from Manila Sunday on the P. M. S. S. Mongolia for Shanghai, China where I expect to stay quite a while as I am going there to work with the British-American Tobacco Co., introducing their goods in the interior. With kindest regards, I am,
Very truly,
Ernest C. Counts.

TO THE CHILDREN.

\$10 BIG DOLL FREE.

We are going to give away absolutely free a grand large 32 inch doll with real hair and sleeping eyes. The doll is now on display in window of our store and will remain there until Dec. 25 at 3 P. M. at which time it will be given away. Call at our store and see it. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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

TO OUR FAITHFUL TEACHER

For about a quarter of century the man whom we hope to honor in a feeble way in this article has been actively and prayerfully engaged in the great work of the Sunday School in Texas and for the past sixteen years of that time has with great fervency, zeal and efficiency superintended the Methodist Sunday School at Merkel, Texas.

At the last and fourth quarterly conference for 1912 of that church at Merkel brother H. C. Williams over the protest of the pastor of the church, the official board, the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School voluntarily gave up the active supervising work of that institution of the church for a time at least and with that degree of reservation which is a marked characteristic of every good man presented his reasons for taking the step which were accepted as good and sufficient but were accepted with marked feeling and reluctance. Brother Williams in this great work to which he exhibits much admirable adaptability has succeeded in making the Methodist Sunday school at Merkel, one of the very best Sunday schools within the bounds of the Northwest Texas conference.

The writer was present at the meeting at which Bro. Williams declined to permit his name to be submitted to the official board for re-election and heard the many voluntary expressions of regret uttered with much feeling by almost the entire official board as well as of many others present who were not officials, and the thought came into our mind that we would rather have the legacy left to us by the testimony of all these good people in passing on our work when we shall be compelled, like Bro. Williams as he thinks, to give it up and lay aside as it were the soldier's armor than to have the plaudits of an entire, thoughtless and indifferent world.

As the years go by, as they have gone by, the hundreds of boys and girls, young men and young women who have labored, taught and prayed with Bro. Williams in the Sunday school will delight to honor and reverence the name of this good man. And if we held no higher hope of immortality than this it should be sufficient to impel us one and all like Bro. Williams to do all the good we can in every way we can to all the people we can.

His work is not yet complete, for in the years to come he can and will do much in the way of interested direction, advice and manifested sympathy toward those who are still active in this work and who take his place officially to more nearly approximate the full and complete efficiency and effectiveness of the Sunday school. To this good man we can only add, soldier your warfare is not over but the battles which you have already won, the victories which you have already gained, the sweet memories which you leave in the hearts of the pupils of your Sunday school are an excellent omen of that final and triumphant victory which shall finally be yours as

well as of all those who emulate your noble example. Whatever shall come to you hereafter you can always rest assured that you will live nobly in the hearts of the little children, the boys, the girls, the men and the women who through all these years have been associated with you in the Methodist Sunday school at Merkel. And, as you near the journey's end, we shall know that you go, "not like the quarry slave, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by the unfaltering trust, you will approach your grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." His Friend.

Clean Town Contest.

Early last spring Holland's Magazine instituted a "Clean Town Contest." It announced that it would give premiums aggregating \$1,000 to the place found to be in the best sanitary condition. Dr. M. M. Carriok of Dallas was chosen to make inspection. More than eighty towns entered the contest, and the current number of Holland's announces the preliminary because several competitors made the same score in each of the classes, and another and closer inspection of these will have to be made. In the first class, in which the prize was \$500, Brownwood and Gainesville made the same score, 89.5 per cent; in the second class, in which the prize was \$300, Callinger, Gonzales and Newburg tied with a score of 86. In the third class, in which the prize was \$200, Hico, Hallett, Gregor and Memphis tied for the final award as also towns that tied will be inspected, Holland's announces is to be made shortly.

To The Public.

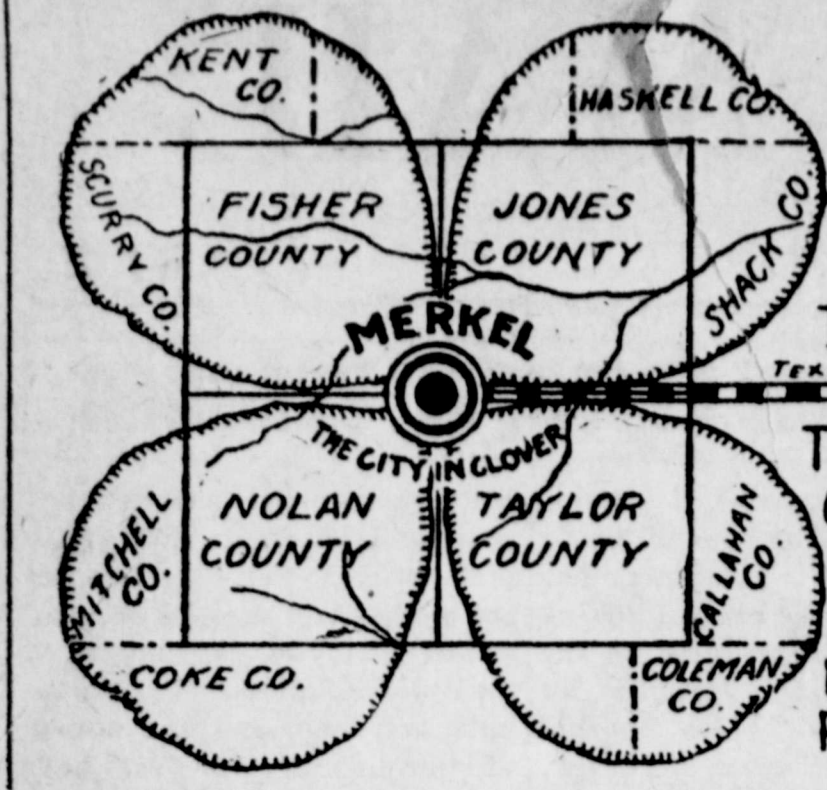
I take this method of letting my friends and the public in general know that I am no longer interested in the Anchor Hardware Co. Merkel, Texas. Also to inform my friends and the general public that I am now interested in The Crown Hardware Company Merkel, Texas. Would be pleased to have my old friends likewise new friends call and see me in our new store in the building formerly occupied by Hogue-Hamilton Co. across the street north from the Southern National Bank. With best wishes to my friends and the public in general.

I am very respectfully,
H. L. Propst.

Notice.

At the proper time, as I look at it, I expect to be an applicant for the post master's position at Merkel and would like for all who feel they can and will support me wait for my petition. There is no one who will appreciate it more than I.
Respectfully,
E. M. Brown.

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



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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

APPROPRIATE GIFTS.

The story is going the rounds among New York merchants of a newly married woman who applied to several of these men to exchange some of her bridal gifts. She was poor and married a poor man, but in selecting their presents her friends had not remembered this. She had a cut glass punch bowl as large as a foot tub, all kinds of queer new things in the way of spoons and forks, and two handsome automobile trunks of Russian leather.

This practical bride swapped her punch bowl for enough chinaware to set up house keeping, exchanged her useless auto trunks for a bicycle and a fireless cooker and sold some of her spoons to an out-of-town friend for money to furnish her kitchen in tins of tinware. Then she mentally attributed each sponsor a gift, and sat down to a list of appreciation and substantial.

One of the most gracious and beautiful things in the world when it is done with care and consideration. The gift that is sent merely to offend something is almost always sure to be a misfit. It is the gift that shows a little of the giver's heart that is most pleasing. In these days of autumnal wedding and as the beautiful season of Christmas draws near, it is well to bear this in mind. In nearly every household the day after Christmas has its tragic hour, when the fate of the number of useless gifts is decided. If we would get out of the way of thinking that we must remember our friends merely in an ornamental way, and never practically, we would confer much more pleasure upon some of them.

The spirit of giving is all right, it is the thing we give that makes it an empty and grotesque formality.—Commercial Appeal.

LESSON OF TAFT, THE TURK AND TURKEY.

President Taft has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation and it will be a real thanksgiving for most all except President Taft who was defeated in the recent election, the poor Turk who is being licked by the Bulgarians and the turkey who will be slaughtered for the meal. President Taft, like the Turk has been opposed to progress. He was a standpatter and the Turkish government was always in the way of progress. The turkey, like the others, is best with his head chopped off and the moral of recent political and historical events is that we should try to keep up with the world in which we live. If you are not progressive you are liable to get run over by the band wagon for you can not keep this world from going round.

Begin planning and working now to improve and increase the yield and revenue of your farm next year. Think early and deep.

OH!

Emersou Hough never tires of telling about a guide he once had on a fishing trip in the Adirondacts. This guide had also been employed by Grover Cleveland and Dr. Henry Van Dyke of Princeton University. Short after the birth of President Cleveland's little daughter, the chief executive went on a fishing trip and was delighted to learn that his guide had also become a father.

"How much did your baby weigh at birth?" ask Mr. Cleveland.

"Twenty-two pounds!" exclaimed the guide.

"Twenty-two pounds!" exclaimed the President in amazement; "why my baby weighed but seven."

Can't help it, sir," said the guide: "mine weighed twenty-two and I know that right, for I weighed him on Dr. Van Dyke's fish scales."—Hartford (Conn) Post.

THE MERKEL COUNTRY GOING UP.

We hasten to advise all of our foreign readers intending to move to our town and country, to do so right now. There has been little advance in property values this year but there will be next and now is the time to get in on the ground floor with the price or first payment of a home. The most casual observer can see the improvement in conditions and read the signs of the times. At present values of lands we have the best investment in the state of Texas and then we have a good and healthy country.

There will be several changes in the business line-up of our town next year but we assure you that we will have the best team in West Texas. All that we need is a great big husky firm to play both full back and tackle with a big stock of general merchandise, one able and willing to supply our people who may need credit and progressive enough to meet competition anywhere. An aggressive and advertising store of this kind helps the town, all other merchants and everybody else. It is the best business opportunity in the state.

Merkel was full of farmers again Saturday and all of our merchants report a good business. This is the best business town in the state, per capital. Do not call any of our bets unless you are able to lose for we play only the cinches.

There is some demand here by our farmers and stockmen for good and heavy work and brood mares—nothing less than 1200 pounds and 3 to 5 years of age. Ship us some good ones if the price is right.

There will be a change in presidents but your individual welfare, progress and prosperity will be left mainly with you. It will still be impossible to make a living cussing the country and government.

It is to be hoped that the government will get the size of our paper money reduced before the Merkel country farmers market their 1913 crops. It would be too bundlesome.

Remember that a good mule colt is worth as much as a bale of cotton and not one-half as much trouble and expense to raise. Give the mule a chance.

The Methodists had a great time at Abilene, just conferring and eating fried chickens.

A timely suggestion: Do your Christmas advertising early and deep.

To Taft: "Bill, please pass the pi."—Hep.

Bad Spells

"I suffered, during girlhood, from womanly weakness," writes Mrs. Mollie Navy, of Walnut, N. C. "At last, I was almost bed-ridden, and had to give up. We had three doctors. All the time, I was getting worse. I had bad spells, that lasted from 7 to 28 days. In one week, after I gave Cardui a trial, I could eat, sleep, and joke, as well as anybody. In 8 weeks, I was well. I had been an invalid for 5 weary years! Cardui relieved me, when everything else failed."

TAKE CARDUI The Women's Tonic

If you are weak and ailing, think what it would mean, to you, to recover as quickly as Mrs. Navy did. For more than 50 years, this purely vegetable, tonic remedy, for women, has been used by thousands of weak and ailing sufferers. They found it of real value in relieving their aches and pains. Why suffer longer? A remedy that has relieved and helped so many, is ready, at the nearest drug store, for use, at once, by you. 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. J 57

Gin Days!

After this week our gin will run only on following days of week until further notice

Saturday

Our friends and patrons will please take notice and remember we appreciate your patronage and give you the best service and turn-out.

M'DONALD & DUNAGIN
 MERKEL, TEXAS

JOHN R. DANIEL
 Livery, Feed and Sale Stable
 SOUTH SIDE

Automobile Service in Connection

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

MERKEL : : : : TEXAS

THE 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. Anohor Hardware Co. 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.



Thanksgiving Opening

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WE WILL OFFER OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES TILL NOV. 23 AT SACRIFICE PRICES. MAKE YOUR THANKSGIVING PURCHASE BEFORE THAT DATE

Prepare For The Thanksgiving Dinner!

We offer you Groceries of High Quality at a Medium Price and we feel sure that we can supply your wants much cheaper than you can possibly obtain them elsewhere

SUITS

We suggest a Benjamin for that Thanksgiving suit or overcoat. These clothes are very attractively priced.

\$25.00 Suits.....	\$18.50
22.50 Suits.....	15.75
20.00 Suits.....	14.75

OVERCOATS

\$25.00 Overcoats.....	18.50
22.50 Overcoats.....	15.75
20.00 Overcoats.....	14.75



Wear a Benjamin

STAPLES

We quote a few prices to show you what we have in our store at your command.

6c Cotton Checks.....	5c
12½c Ginghams.....	10c
10c Ginghams.....	8½c
7½c Ginghams.....	6c
6c grade Calico.....	5c
10c grade Outing.....	8½c
15c grade Lonsdale.....	12½c
12½c grade Cambric.....	10c
12½c grade Domestic.....	10c
10 grade Domestic.....	8½c
7½c grade Domestic.....	6c

We have selected just a few articles of which we price in this advertisement. Everything in our Grocery Department is reduced. Since the first day of sale pleased customers have been added to our list---the reason is just this

High-Quality Goods at Very Low Prices!



THE PRICES WILL TELL

Light Crust Flour.....	\$2.95
Baker Boy Flour.....	2.80
25 pounds Sugar.....	1.45
10 pounds Cottolene.....	1.20
25c can Baking Powders.....	18c
Beechnut Catsup, 25c now.....	18c
50c Mince Meat now.....	35c
50c Heinz Queen Olives now.....	39c
80c Marachino Cherries.....	60c
Welch's Grape Juice, 65c quality now.....	49c

Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.



GRAND REMOVAL SALE

Thousands of People Are Expected to Attend This Great Event

A bargain sale of untold importance to every man who places the proper value on his money to take place in Merkel, Texas. Tremendous preparations are now being made and this event promises to be the season's greatest attraction for bargain hunters and draw masses of people

TO MERKEL

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK SATURDAY MORNING
NOVEMBER 16 TO SATURDAY, DEC. 14

G. E. Comegys' Exclusive Gent's Furnishing Store
TO BE PLACED ON SALE

In a sale where every attractive feature in buying and saving money will overshadow all other retail events and jumped-up sales, greater in proportion and more marvelous in values. No section and no line of merchandise will be spared in this grand merciless Removal Sale. That is our ultimatum and it is veritably a transferment of desirable merchandise to you irrespective of cost. In all respects this is a message of importance to every man in this country. Coming as it does in a season when such goods that are offered are most wanted at decisive and all embracing sacrifice. In preparing for this grand sensational Removal Sale, we have bent every recourse and energy in order to make this come up to your highest expectations as a real money saving event, and we propose to give absolute and complete satisfaction from start to finish. Every garment, every piece of merchandise and every article throughout the entire store has been cut to the core, and in many instances these prices represent less than the goods can be bought at WHOLESALE from the manufacturer and first hands.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT WE PROMISE TO GIVE PERFECT AND COMPLETE SATISFACTION

Let us impress on you that we are offering you grand reductions and nothing but legitimate advertising. This store is too well known to the buying public to be classed with a hip-rang or hurrah sensational sale. We positively offer first-class values, good honorable selection of merchandise and we ask your serious consideration and investigation. There will be plenty of clerks to wait on you, and we assure of every attention. Come to this Removal Sale.

CALL FOR TICKETS

SHOES

200 Florsheim \$5. Shoes in this sale . . . \$4.50
300 Florsheim \$4. Shoes in this sale . . . \$3.50
All \$3.50 Shoes for \$3.00
All 3.00 Shoes for . 2.50

All 3.25 work Shoes 2.75
All 3.00 work Shoes 2.50
A lot of H. & Son \$6.00 Sh. for . \$3.50

Now is the time to fix yourself in shoes, all shoes have advanced 25c per pair, but these go just the same.

We have a lot of low cuts that we will sell for first cost—all good styles.

SUITS

100 Suits of Clothes for less than first cost—these must be sold—as we are closing out clothing except extra pants.

All \$5. Pants go at \$4.25
All \$4.50 Pants go at \$3.75
All \$4. Pants go at \$2.40
All cheap Pants at the same reductions.

Everything in our house is to be sold at a bargain. You know when the Star Store says bargain it is a real bargain.

All Men and Boy's Hats at a big reduction, 75 nobby styles, \$3.00 values at . . . \$2.00
The Tuf-Nut Gloves at reduced prices, all new goods—fix yourself.

Trunks and Suit Cases all at a bargain.

REMEMBER THAT THE SALE OPENS SATURDAY NOV. 16, CLOSSES DEC. 14

The Star Store

MERKEL,

G. E. COMEGYS, Prop.

TEXAS