

EL COMMENTS ON POULTRY SHOW

The first annual exhibit of the Merkel Poultry and Pet Stock Association held Nov. 29 and 30 was a grand success. It was a great surprise to me to see what had been accomplished by the people of Merkel and surrounding country in the way of improved poultry breeding.

I have often attended the Dallas Fair and paid special attention to the poultry exhibits and I am free to confess that I have never seen larger or better birds shown there than I saw at the Merkel Poultry Show.

I asked Judge H. B. Savage if he did not think that our people had done well for their first show and he said that they had done exceedingly well and that he expected greater results at the next show as the foundation stock in the way of pedigreed birds was all that could be desired and that all our people need to learn is to shape their birds a little better for exhibition.

Now then lets set our wits and energies to work and make the second annual exhibit of the Merkel Poultry Show far superior to this, or at least as good as any town of this section could possibly do.

This show has proven possibilities in the poultry line and I would say to the farmers lets pay more attention to the poultry business as a side line and it is the best paying proposition on the farm if well handled.

Treat the "American Hen" right by providing better sleeping quarters, plenty of fresh water and a balanced ration and keep an account of the number of eggs she furnishes you. You will soon see that a paying proposition. Raise good poultry, a few good some first-class Jersey few high grade cotton, let your school more and can be more ideal.

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Here are some statistics and effect is often forgotten wh that being Christmas time. It is \$5,000 house burns in some part of all the buildings in a row that have bu build a wall two thousand miles long. 1,500 unfortunate victims who have lost t

Most every church, store and bazaar more or less with materials that will ignite eas be Christmas trees with candles fixed out to mak scene of merriment. The trees used in this count burn very freely. A candle tipped over is often th house of mourning instead of a house of merriment. to represent snow. Asbestos fiber is just as good a sub gree of safety where cotton has none.

Especially in stores, churches and bazaars a fire in th filled with people are usually holocausts. Light, inflammable fires easy to start and easy to spread, but one of the greatest da tion of the country would possibly come in private homes where c mitted to light candles or to experiment with other kinds of fire their parents are not present.

These suggestions are considered most timely and they are offer other purpose than as an effort to arouse the public to a point of alertne will prevent as far as possible a repetition of fire losses that have here marked Christmas celebrations throughout the country.

HEADLESS BODY IS FOUND BY HUNTERS

Mineral Wells, Dec. 14—Last night two sons of Dence Griffin, living just west of the city, went possum hunting. The dogs treed an o'possum in a pasture adjoining Elmhurst Park, and when the boys reached the tree they found the body of a dead man on his back with arms ex-

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

It is only four days to Christmas and we expect, like every one else does, to do a big business during the time but we will not be confined to those four days. Already during the holidays there has been a constant flow of renewals and new subscribers placing their subscription in advance for the Mail. The late names added to our list are as follows:

City: W. H. Brown, F. J. R. Lamar, E. D. Coats, Anchor Hardware F. Sears, Chas. also, R. L. J. Z. with.

\$700.00 ROBBERY IN NOLAN COUNTY

The town of Blackwell was the scene of a daring burglary Monday night of last week. A jewelry store of H. W. ton was entered and about worth of goods stolen.

Mr. Fulton closed his usual Tuesday night about thirty and went home, ing for business Wed

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RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
.....\$57,543.33	Capital Stock.....\$15,000.00
st Guaranty Fund..... 339.93	Surplus & Undivided Profits... 2,374.10
ssment Guaranty Fund... 43.44	Bills Payable..... 11,500.00
urniture & Fix. & Real Est. 4,868.34	DEPOSITS..... 67,353.03
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Comptroller November 26, 1912

RESOURCES

.....	\$117,168.14
. Bonds and Premiums.....	7,450.00
urniture and Fixtures.....	2,900.00
Real Estate.....	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange.....	125,277.14
Total.....	\$259,545.03

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	31,073.07
irculation.....	6,250.00
orrowed Money.....	None
osits.....	197,221.96
Total.....	\$259,545.03

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NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

In the state of Texas, at the close of business
 November 26, 1912:

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$114,410.83
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,568.06
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	200.00
Bonds, Securities, etc., School Warrants.....	1,189.25
Furniture, and fixtures.....	2,900.00
Other real estate owned.....	6,437.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt.)	10,291.12
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and saving banks.....	96.53
Due from approved reserve agents	65,015.77
Checks and other cash items.....	346.22
Bills of Exchange on cotton.....	7,906.90
Notes of other National Banks.....	23,405.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	461.10
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: Specie.....	19,851.50
Legal-tender notes.....	1,000.00—17,851.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	312.50
Total.....	\$259,545.03

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund.....	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	11,073.07
National Bank Notes outstanding.....	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers.....	9,369.71
Individual Deposits subject check	196,461.28
Cashier's Checks Outstanding.....	1,013.83
Postal Savings Deposit.....	377.14
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	None
Total.....	\$259,545.03

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
 I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the
 named be
 state

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkum Items.

Dec. 16—Misses Viola and Emma White who have been visiting at Blackwell for several weeks returned home a few days ago.

Mrs. T. E. Reynolds and daughter Mise Bertha were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

There was a social gathering at Mr. Rainer's Friday evening.

Armour Booth who has been in north Texas for some time returned Monday.

O. H. Wilson and wife visited the latter's parents at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Chris McGehee returned from a trip to Oklahoma Friday.

Quite a crowd met at the school house Friday night and organized a literary society.

G. W. Wilson and son Fain were trading in Abilene Thursday.

Brit Williams and wife have moved into our community from Colorado since our last writing.

O. H. Wilson erected a windmill on his place this week.

Lee Cosgill and R. C. Whetsel of Nubia attended the meeting of the literary society Friday night.

Mr. Beam of Abilene made a business trip to this section this week.

Misses Viola and Emma White were shopping in Abilene Thursday.

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Looking Over his Bank Balance

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Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

A nice floor rug is very appropriate for a Xmas present and we have some nice styles at very cheap prices. W. L. Harkrider.

Joe Elliott of Arlington who is in these parts looking after business matters, stopped here Tuesday to see friends.

Thursday afternoon Dec. 19 the pupils of the North Ward School will give a program at the Opera House for the entertainment of their fathers and mothers.

Miss Hallie Cavian of Temple who has been here for some time visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Boney, left Monday for Roscoe to visit other relatives.

China cups and saucers, shaving mugs and ornamental chinaware make nice holiday or birthday presents. We have them. The Nickel Store.

Motion Pictures at the Opera House.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The Baptist Philathees sell fruits, nuts and candies December 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th at the West Texas Hardware Co. We will appreciate your patronage.

Mrs. W. P. Browning, who sustained painful injuries some three weeks ago from falling down the stairs at her home in south Merkel, is still unable to walk. Mrs. Browning has a host of friends in Merkel who were very sorry to learn of the accident and all wish for her speedy recovery.

Remember when you go to get your Christmas present we are giving you as cheap a price as you can buy good stuff anywhere in Merkel, and then give you an extra 5 per cent in cash coupons worth face value in our store. West Texas Hardware Co.

D. W. Patton, formerly a Merkel citizen, returned here this week to visit friends and to look after business matters. Since leaving here Mr. Patton and family have made New Mexico their home.

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.

C. A. Bickley of Merit, Hunt county, was here the first of the week looking after some of the Merkel country farm land he has bought during the last year. Mr. Bickley is a strong believer in the Merkel country.

Before you kill your hogs let us furnish you with the salt you will need. We have the genuine Michigan salt, the best for preserving meats. We also have barrels, half barrels and jacket cans of pure ribbon cane syrup. Hamlet & Rogers.

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T. E. Sears of Whitewright added another section of Merkel farm lands to his holdings in this part of the country, the consideration being an all cash proposition.

Watch these columns for the list of prizes we will give away each Saturday. Whitley, Son & Co.

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Burnt wood boxes from 7 cents to 35 cents. Suitable for ties, collars, postcards, home-made candies and other things. McClain's Drug Store.

R. E. Bowles, H. H. Tittle and G. H. McDonald were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

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Buy Xmas presents at Bur-
roughs Drug Store.

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will be given away Christmas
Eve.**

John Hughes and E. B Rains
were in Abilene Wednesday on
business.

**The monkey at McClain's
will eat out of your hands.**

Jewelry, silverware and cut
glass for Xmas gifts at Burroughs
Drug Store.

The ladies of the Methodist
church are preparing a Christ-
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I used Chamberlain's Stomach
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more than any tablet I have ever
used was a heavy feeling
after eating. David Freeman, Kempt,
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They soothe the liver and
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NO. 7481 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank AT MERKEL

In the state of Texas, at the close of business on the 26th day of Nov. 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$114,410.58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,508.06
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	1,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	300.00
Bonds, Securities, etc., School Warrants	1,189.25
Furniture, and fixtures	2,900.00
Other real estate owned	6,437.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agents)	10,291.12
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	99.53
Due from approved reserve agents	65,015.77
Checks and other cash items	246.22
Bills of Exchange on cotton	7,906.90
Notes of other National Banks	23,405.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	461.10
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	
Specie	16,851.50
Legal-tender notes	17,851.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$259,545.03

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	11,073.07
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	9,369.71
Individual Deposits subject check	185,461.23
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	1,013.83
Postal Savings Deposit	377.14
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Total	\$259,545.03

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Thos. Johnson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Dec 1912.
G. W. Johnson, Notary Public
Correct-Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, J. T. Howard, Directors

Our Christmas goods are going at reasonable prices. Get them now. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

No. 354 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at the close of business on the 26th day of Nov. 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 13th day of Dec. 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$18,283.62
Loans, real estate	936.00
Overdrafts	446.45
Other Real Estate	755.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,375.00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$15,871.47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	3,490.61
Cash items	787.42
Currency	4,170.00
Specie	310.25
Other Resources as follows:	
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	36.43
Interest in guaranty fund	333.23
Advances on cotton	755.22
Total	\$53,550.73

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, net	958.96
Individual deposits, subject to check	37,781.35
Cashier's checks	774.21
Other liabilities as follows:	
	88.22
Total	\$53,550.73

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR:
We, R. B. Johnson vice-president and L. E. Adrian as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. B. Johnson, Vice-President
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of Dec. A. D., 1912. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public.
Correct-Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Directors

Reduced prices on jewelry. Get it now. Rust & McCauley Drug Company.

W. M. Moore of Abilene came up Tuesday afternoon to visit his daughter Mrs. John Banner.

If you want toys for the children we have them and the prices are right.

The Elite Confectionery.
Mrs. W. H. Craddock of Trent was the guest of Mrs. R. A. Clements Tuesday.

NO. 10062 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Southern National Bank

at Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov. 26, 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$97,351.34
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,203.93
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	14,000.00
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks	1,275.44
Due from approved reserve agents	21,196.20
Checks and other cash items	844.16
Bills of Exchange on cotton	19,390.02
Notes of other National banks	3,230.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	28.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	
Specie	\$4,272.00
Legal-tender notes	3,510.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$183,396.09

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,788.25
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	2,942.28
Individual Deposits sub. to check	108,537.86
Time certificates of deposit	311.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,315.50
Total	\$183,396.09

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, J. E. Faucett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. Faucett, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Dec. 1912.
(SEAL) L. H. King, Notary Public.
CORRECT-ATTEST: C. L. Barker, H. C. Burroughs, John Sears, Directors

Miss Claire Tate of Abilene is visiting Mrs. W. H. Dickson this week.

We can show you many nice new articles for Xmas presents. Fancy collars, bar pins, beauty pins, fancy combs, nice handkerchiefs in Xmas boxes, head scarfs, veils, fancy embroidery pieces, etc. W. L. Harkrider.

We are not giving anything away except good prices on Xmas goods. Burroughs Drug Store.

From now until Xmas we will give one fourth off on all Misses and Children's cloaks.

W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson of Baird is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Smith.

What do you want? Makes no difference, we have it. The Rexall Store.

Miss Fay Douglass left Monday for Quanah to be with her father. Mrs. Douglass will remain here until after the holidays.

\$1.00 in merchandise free at our store Saturday. Whitley Grocery.

Official Statement of The Farmers

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 26th day of Nov. 1912, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 13th day of Dec. 1912:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	
Loans, real estate	
Overdrafts	
Other real estate	2.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2.30
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	\$49,480.91
Cash Items	5,131.10
Currency	10,132.00
Specie	1,288.08
Interest Guaranty Fund	339.93
Other Resources as follows: Bills of Ex. and Assesment G. F.	2,188.01
Total	\$133,890.05

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,506.74
Individual Deposits subject to check	115,307.75
Cashier's checks	486.56
Total	\$133,890.05

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR:
We, J. S. Swann as president, and R. O. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1912. WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
(SEAL) Jno. G. Jackson, Notary Public.
Correct-Attest: R. O. Anderson, B. C. Moore, J. C. Moore, Directors

Holly boxes for your home-candies at the Nickel Store.

Jno. Henry of Coryell county has moved to the Merkel country to take possession of the 160 acres of Compere land he purchased some time ago.

Five hundred boxes of famous Lowney's Christmas candies. They must be sold and we have made prices right on these goods.

The Elite Confectionery.

WANTED—A good ranch hand. Apply to Sam Butman, Nubia, Texas.

Bread, cakes and pies at Whitley's Grocery.

Col. A. P. Haggard, president of the American National Bank of Dayton, Tenn., was here Wednesday. Mr. Haggard is in part of the country on business and while here stopped his old townsmen G. W. J. W. R. Walker and J. P. Walker all formerly of Dayton.

See us for your Christmas tablets.

Give us your Christmas cards this week. Whitley's Grocery.

Remember to buy your Christmas jewelry. Drug Co.

We Want You to Know
Sacramento Valley
 This famous valley in Northern California holds in its fertile lands opportunity for you and thousands of others who have turned their eyes westward. We have issued beautiful illustrated booklets on different parts of the Sacramento Valley—Sacramento, Shasta, Colusa, Yuba, Sutter, and Dixon. If you are interested in this paper we will send you a sample copy of SUNSET, the Western magazine that comes from the Rockies. Tell us what you are interested in.
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CUSTOMERS

acquainted at all times with the progress showing our condition on the dates, to-wit:

STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 4, 1912

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Capital Stock.....\$57,543.33	Capital Stock.....\$15,000
Interest Guaranty Fund..... 339.93	Surplus & Undivided Profits... 2,374.10
Assessment Guaranty Fund... 43.44	Bills Payable..... 11,500.00
Furniture & Fix. & Real Est. 4,868.34	DEPOSITS..... 67,353.03
CASH AND EXCHANGE... 33,432.09	
Total.....\$96,227.13	Total.....\$96,227.13

to assure you we are able at all times to care for the wants of our customers.

FUND BANK IN MERKEL

Bank, Merkel, Texas

STATEMENT

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OF MERKEL, TEXAS

of Comptroller November 26, 1912

RESOURCES

ASSETS.....	\$117,168.14
S. Bonds and Premiums.....	7,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,900.00
Real Estate.....	6,437.25
Five per cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
Cash and Sight Exchange.....	125,277.14
Total.....	\$259,545.03

LIABILITIES

Capital paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	31,073.07
Circulation.....	6,250.00
Borrowed Money.....	None
Deposits.....	197,221.96
Total.....	\$259,545.03

We invite attention to above statement—Large and growing Surplus Fund—High Cash Reserve of over \$125,000.00—and always appreciative of good business.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

FOR RENT—The old Young Hotel property north of the tabernacle. Inquire at the Merkel Lumber Co.

FIRST LIEN NOTES WANTED—If you have some good vendor's lien notes for \$1000 to \$2000 to sell call and see R. L. Bland at Anchor Hard Company. 5-11.

WAGON FOR SALE.—Wagon haul. Leave your orders at office or store. M. Armstrong. 6t2

and Mrs. John W. Wheat, formerly of Canadian have moved to Merkel with the intention of making their future home. They are in the drug business and will follow the same line as here being conducted by Rust & McCauley. They will have a prescription

A MEDICINE AS GOOD AS YOUR MONEY

Money Promptly Refunded If Dodson's Liver-Tone Fails to Take Place of Calomel.

The Rust & McCauley drug store sells Dodson's Liver-Tone as a perfect substitute for calomel. If you try one bottle and find that it is not just as sure in its action as calomel and at the same time gentler and without the bad after-effect of calomel, please call and get your money back. It will be given you promptly. Dodson's Liver-Tone is a vegetable liquid with a pleasant taste, that livens up the liver, mildly but sure, instead of whipping it in to action as the strong chemical calomel does. It is used by both children and grown-up people for constipation and inactive liver.

That is why the Rust & McCauley drug store is willing to guarantee it absolutely, not with another bottle, but with your money back. Isn't a medicine with a guarantee like this worth a trial?

CRYING FOR HELP

Lots of It in Merkel But Daily Growing Less.

The kidneys cry for help. Not an organ in the whole body so delicately constructed; Not one so important to health. The kidneys are the filters of the blood. When they fail the blood becomes foul and poisonous. There can be no health where there is poisoned blood. Backache is one of the first indications of kidney trouble. It is the kidneys' cry for help. Heed it. Doan's Kidney Pills are what is wanted. Are just what overworked kidneys need. They strengthen and invigorate the kidneys; help them to do their work. Read the proof from a Merkel citizen.

E. W. Dennis, N. Main St. Merkel, Texas, says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for some time. They have proven to be excellent for kidney trouble."

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.

New Hotel Manager.

I have bought the Southside Hotel Building and am now in charge of the business of same. I am at present furnishing the building throughout with new fixtures and earnestly solicit a share of your business.

Yours very truly,
J. Z. Martin.

You will find that druggist everywhere speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the post office at Merkel, Texas for week ending Dec. 14, 1912:

Halley, Lanie
Latimer, Johnnie
White, Miss Lillie

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Dec. 28, 1912.

H. W. Derstine, P.M.

Mebane Cotton Seed.

I have pure Mebane cotton seed for sale. See me for your wants, amounts limited.

J. W. Childers, Route 4.

I will give the monkey away Christmas Eve. Come in and see him. McClain, the Druggist.

New Meat Market.

I have opened up a new meat market and earnestly solicit a share of your patronage. Fresh meats at all times.

14t3pd W. J. Campbell.

Miss Clara Tate of Abilene here this week in the interest of her art class.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Inkom Items.

Dec. 9—Fain and Dee Wilson who have been in New Mexico for the past several months returned home Saturday for a visit with home folks.

Eugene Burselson and wife have moved into their new home in the Castle Peak community.

Dr. Hendrick of Ovalo was called to wait on Mrs. Chris McGehee last Thursday. She is much improved at this writing.

Rolan and Doke White made a trip to Blackwell the latter part of the week.

Fred and Ernest Brookreson of Buffalo Gap visited their sister Mrs. O. Wilson Sunday.

Messrs. J. P. Fuqua, J. J. Self, Arthur and Key Wilson and P. R. Steen hurried to Merkel with cotton Saturday after reading the gin notices in the Mail in regard to the last gin days.

We had another rain in this section Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Pruitt left Tuesday for their future home in Haskell county.

T. E. Reynolds and daughter were in Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brookreson of Buffalo Gap were visiting friends and relatives in this section Saturday and Sunday.

Odis Denton and wife moved near Merkel last week.

Real Estate Transfers.

M. V. McLeod to P. E. Glenn, lots 10, 11 and 12 in Merkel. \$1,250.

E. D. Hawkins and wife to J. N. Ferguson, one half of Lot 1, and half Lot 2, in Dellis and Paxton subdivision; lots 1 and 2 of Steffens Subdivision of Merchant pasture, 16 93-1000 acres, Abilene, \$1,750.00.

W. H. Brown and wife to F. E. Combs, lot 3 in block D in subdivision 24, College Addition, Merkel \$75.

F. E. Combs and wife to G. M. Cauther, lot 3 in block D in subdivision 24, Merkel, \$75.

E. E. Combs and wife to G. M. Cauther, lot 3 block D in subdivision 24, Merkel, \$75.

L. D. Barnard and wife to John L. Gilliland and Mrs. Jennie Gilliland, lot 13 of Harris addition to Abilene, \$800.

W. A. Sheppard to W. S. Smelzer, lots 7 and 8, College Addition, Merkel, 300.00.

G. J. Robbins and wife to Nannie G. Story, lot 1, 2 and 3 in College Addition, Merkel, \$1,000.00.

D. R. Myers and wife to J. H. Edmonds, Anson, 80 acres out of Texas and Pacific Ry. land, Jones Co., \$2,400.

W. H. Payton and wife to J. T. Grinn, lots 11 and 12 in Boyce addition to Merkel, 1,250.00.

Claude Campbell and wife to B. F. Cox, certain described land out of Block 12, Merkel, \$250.

B. F. Cox and wife to J. H. Tarvin, above land, \$250.00.

W. A. Sarrar to D. J. Sarrar, 40

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Maids Prayer—
Randolph.
Pearl Perkins.
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