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WILL PREACH SERMON ON MASONRY AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY AT 11 A. M.

Unusual Topic will be delivered by Rev. C. W. Hearon, Mason of the Mystic Shrine. Other Services are Discontinued.

Rev. C. W. Haron Pastor of the M. E. Church at Abilene will preach a sermon on Masonry at the Methodist Church at this place Sunday at 11. Owing to the unusual topic there will be no services at the Baptist or Presbyterian churches at this hour.

Rev Haron is one of the most fluent speakers in this section of the state and is especially well versed in discoursing on Masonry. It was he who delivered the Masonic Sermon at the corner stone laying of the new Taylor County court house recently in one the most appropriate talks ever listened to by the writer

The local A. F. & A. M. Lodge has been making preparations for such an event for some time but delayed having the sermon announced owing to the various meetings in progress during the summer. Worshipful Master Wesley Edwards of the local Lodge is having all members of the lodge notified of the sermon and requests that the public in general be present to hear one of the most pleasing and instructive sermons that they have ever had the opportunity of listening to. Remember the hour, 11 A. M. Sunday at the Methodist Church.

BOY IS INJURED IN GIN ACCIDENT

John Browning son of manager J. T. Browning of the southside gin received a very badly lacerated hand Tuesday morning when his hand was caught in the feeders of the gin stands.

According to the boy's statement, some boys were near where he was working and attracted his attention for a moment from his work and as a result he moved his hand into a dangerous position. A prong of the feeder entered the fleshy part of the hand at the base of the thumb and tore completely through the hand between the thumb and first finger, just missing tearing out the thumb where it joined the finger. No bones were broken. The injuries will keep the young man away from his duties at the gin for some time.

J. A. Harris returned Saturday from Shackleford county.

WOMAN SHOTS 6 TIMES AT JUDGE

Dissatisfied with the judgement which District Judge James W. Swayne of Fort Worth had rendered in a case in which her son was concerned, Mrs. Mary Rea drew a revolver and fired at the Judge six times. All of the shots went wild, probable due to a lawyer named McDonald who grappled the woman and forced her to fire high.

The assault came as the climax of a suit brought by Mrs. Rea's son, Roy M. Rea, 19, asking for the removal of the disabilities of minority, which Mrs. Rea was opposing. That proceeding was started after she had been appointed as his guardian over his protest.

Judge Swayne has happened to try all of a long series of lawsuits in which Mrs. Rea has been involved and in most every instant she has been looser.

Arkansas Apples.

Call on B. Lucas, first door north of G. M. Sharp's grocery store, for Arkansas apples. He can furnish you.

He also has sweet Cider and Dried Fruit. Write him.

MORE FINE CATTLE FOR OUR COUNTRY

One of the many good signs of the times is the increasing interest in stock raising and diversification in our country. It is well known and proven to every reading and thinking man that this country will grow the biggest steers fattest hogs and finest mules in the world. John Bull sent a man to our town to buy horses and mules for his army and this shows that Mr. Bull is well informed. The C. M. Largent Blue Ribbon Herefords have advertised this fact to the world.

The Blue Ribboners are not the only high-class and prize-winning Herefords in our country. There are many others who raise and sell at fancy prices the popular white face cattle and this interest is increasing. It is interesting for us to note that Banker J. T. Warren is arranging his stock farm East of Merkel for the reception of a bunch of registered cows and Banker John Sears has been doing some lively bidding for some of the choicest of the Blue Ribbon herd offered for sale.

As stated before and often reiterated this is the best country on earth for cows, horses, mules, hogs, milo maize, kaffir corn, sorghum, feterita, cotton, and kids but to make money pick out your business along the head of this list. Cut down the average of cotton any way.

Abilene Man Killed in Wreck.

John A. Preston of Abilene, Texas, who was killed in the wreck of a Queen & Crescent passenger train near Livingston, Ala., was born and reared at Abilene, Va. He was captain of a Virginia cavalry company in the Confederate Army. He owned a large stock farm near Abilene, Texas.

LATE DIST. COURT WORK AT ABILENE

In the case of the State against B. C. Bruce, colored, charged with participation in a robbery of a one-armed negro Brown, tried in the Forty-second District Court Friday, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment of the defendant at five years in the state penitentiary. The jury was out only about ten minutes in this case.

The jury in the case of Dolph Cass, colored, charged with participation in alleged robbery of a one-armed negro named Brown, along with five other negroes, had returned no verdict Saturday evening, the jury having been out three days.

Motion made for a new trial in the case of Jose Prata, charged with burglary near Trent, was overruled by Judge Thomas L. Blanton Saturday. Notice of appeal was given by the defendant's counsel.

Motion was made for a new trial in the case of Charles Slaughter, who was adjudged guilty of seduction by a jury at this term of court. The motion was overruled and counsel for the defendant gave notice of appeal.

Merkel Ladies to Abilene.

The 63rd., anniversary of the Rebekah Lodge held in Abilene Monday was attended by several Merkel ladies who remained for the evening reception.

Those going were Mesdames M. D. Angus, Will Hutcheson and W. H. Laney Misses Ona Hamblett, Bernadene and Lizzie A. Freeman.

Jno. D. Gaither has let the contract for the building of a modern awning and other improvements for his building on Elm street opposite the postoffice.

ONE THOUSAND BALES OF COTTON RECEIVED AT MERKEL UP TO DATE

Average Daily Receipts are Growing Larger Each Day with Prices Better than Other Markets in this Vicinity

Thursday morning of this week the total number bales of cotton weighed at the local cotton yards here amounted to 1015. The count last week for the same time was 455 a total of 560 bales for the past week.

The price of Merkel cotton has been one of the best drawing cards the town has had during the past years. Saturday of last week the local market went as high as 9.10 with the price averaging around 8.87%. This price according to reports was 15 or

20 points higher than the price paid by any of our neighboring towns.

Seed prices have advanced to double what they were selling for when the season opened here. The prices being now \$13.00 to \$14.00 per ton. It is esteemed that 75 per cent of the cotton being brought on the market now is being sold. Wednesday of this week was the best day this season for Merkel gins the total number ginned for the day being 143 bales.

BOLL WORMS HELP PICK OUR COTTON

Many of our farmers have reported to us that the boll worms are playing havoc with the late cotton and many are inclined to think that the total production of the Merkel country will be a disappointment.

On the other hand the old ton is turning out better than many expected and for this reason and the further completion of the season the further complete

UNUSUAL OFFER TO MERKEL'S LADIES

Arrangements have been made with the Pictorial Review Company wherein their publication a regular \$1.50 Ladies Magazine can be had in connection with the Merkel Mail for the price of only \$1.50 for both papers.

This offer of \$1.50 for Pictorial and the Merkel Mail is for a limited time only.

IMPROVEMENT OFFERED ELECTRIC LIGHT CUSTOMERS--AN ALL-NIGHT SERVICE

All-Night Service is Promised by October 15 If by That Time Sufficient Additional Customers Have Been Enlisted

Manager W. E. Britain of the Merkel Electric Company announced last week that beginning with this week current for electric lights would be turned on each morning at 5 o'clock. This will better our light service to an extent but there is yet a chance of making the service much better.

In this weeks issue of the Mail on page ten appears a full page advertisement of the Merkel Electric Company explaining a prospective increase in electric light service for Merkel. In an interview with Mr. Britain as to the required amount to obtain an all night light service, he explained that owing to the large engine

used at the plant it was necessary for a certain amount of lights to burn all night in order to give the engine enough load to pull. This requirement will not be large now that the street lights would burn all night and with the proper spirit of cooperation from the Merchants in using lights to display windows and stores the service can be obtained. Those who live in Merkel and are interested in this improvement are requested to read carefully the advertisement on page ten of this issue of the paper. The Merkel Mail will increase its light consumption by using office lights throughout the night. We believe it is a proposition worthy of the towns support.

A BRILLIANT PAGEANT

State-Wide Society Event Will Open Great Exposition.

Unequaled in brilliancy by any like event that has been held in Texas will be the "Pageants of the Months and the Seasons," which will officially open the week's round of entertainment at the National Feeders and Breeders' show on the night of October 10. The day stock show will open in the morning and will last until October 17.

The "Pageant" might be termed a crowning effort on the part of Fort Worth society women to inaugurate the great exposition. It is declared by those who have aided in the planning of this magnificent color and fashion show that it will outclass easily the "Kirmess" and the "Horse Show Pageant," now famous in the history of opening nights at the National Feeders and Breeders' show.

Most of the details are being worked out secretly but the idea in general is a display of the seasons and the months and their attendant brilliances, as represented by young men and young women, attired in costumes appropriate to the part they play. At least 500 people will take part in the event. Dances of weird nature and of the latest innovation will be given.

According to custom, a Queen of the Horse Show Pageant will be crowned. She will be a prominent Fort Worth society girl, whose identity will be kept secret until the night of the show. Princesses and duchesses from more than fifty cities and towns in Texas have been invited to become members of the royal party and take part in the ceremonies that surround the august event. These ladies will be entertained by a vast social activities during the

Every arrangement has been completed for the stock and horse shows, which now promise to be the most brilliant in history, both from the point of exhibits and of attendance. The Coliseum building has been put in the best of condition and some of the most magnificent

WINTER QUARTERS FOR ROYAL SHOWS

The Propst building on Elm street opposite the postoffice has been leased by Messrs Ward and Harrison and the building will be arranged or permanent winter quarters for the Royal moving picture shows.

The Royal Airdome constructed by these parties has been made one of the most attractive places in our town and they promise that the winter shows of the Royal will be in perfect harmony. The contract for improvement calls for a new modern awning for this building and the painting of the front as well as the arrangement and improvement on the inside.

Contracter Dye has completed most of the inside work and the management expects to move and be at home the latter part of next week.

EVENTUALLY! WHY NOT DO SO NOW

The Dallas Semi-Weekly News the best semi-weekly farm paper published and circulated in the section of the country is a regular \$1.00 per year paper.

To all new or renewal subscribers to the Dallas Semi-Weekly News or Merkel Mail during next 30 days we will make price of \$1.50 for both these papers. In addition to this we include Farm and ranch lands Magazine to the subscriber for the price of or for the four papers all dress for one year. In this issue of the will subscribe now?

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BUSINESS CONDITIONS

The year 1914 has been a year of varying conditions. To begin with the Democratic Administration has put into effect many lines of new and untried legislation, all of which has had a more or less deterrent effect upon business, not because it was bad legislation, but because of the uncertainty of the time when it would be put into operation. A new tariff law has been written upon the statute books and has been sufficiently tried to warrant us in the belief that it will work for the common good. A great deal of trust legislation has been enacted, and while some were skeptical of the results at first, it now seems that its effect has been to bring the government and heads of big business to a better understanding of each other, and now we see them working hand in hand, in most instances, looking forward to the welfare of the greatest number of people. A new law known as The Federal Reserve Act is probably the most beneficial law that has been enacted and has been put into partial operation, and by Oct. 15 it is expected will be in full operation. The best feature of this law is that it permits and provides for the expansion and contraction of the currency or circulating medium according to the demands of trade and commerce and gives to the banks of the country a sufficient volume of currency at all times to take care of any situation that may arise.

Coming down to our own immediate vicinity, we have been greatly favored this year and our people are optimistic, as a rule. The rainfall has been abundant, grass is the best for years, we made a fair crop of grain, the feed crops are abundant and the cotton crop is a good one. While the necessities of life are high, at the same time everything we have to sell is bringing a good price, except cotton. No man can tell at this time what this article of commerce will bring, as it will be regulated almost solely by war conditions on the other continent. If, however, we can maintain present prices and a regular market, we ought to all go into next year in splendid shape.

This bank will soon end its 10th year of service, and while we have seen some crop failures and periods of business stagnations, at the same time we have been able to grow from year to year and we confidently expect the next year to be a splendid one for us all.

We have just finished remodeling and refurbishing our banking rooms and feel that we are well equipped along all lines for the transaction of business. We invite all the people of the Merkel country to call and inspect the work that has been done and the changes that have been made, as we have worked with a view to the convenience of the public.

In conclusion, we are here for service. We have a large working capital of over \$50,000.00, managed by efficient and experienced officers and directors. We hold membership in the Federal Reserve System and the National Currency Association and with our organization and Eastern connections we can render the best of service.

Respectfully

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. F. West C. P. Warren
Henry James Ben T. Merritt

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Miss Ruby Browning of Noodle visited in Merkel Thursday.

Burroughs—a good place to Drink.

Mrs. M. D. Angus visited Mrs. R. J. Reed in Abilene last week.

Yellow Yam Potatoes expected today. G. M. Sharp.

Mrs. W. D. Gott of Elcentro, California, is here visiting Mrs. Austin Boyd.

Everything fresh and new at G. M. Sharps Grain and Grocery Store.

Mrs. M. L. Bateman of Waco who was here during the past week visiting Mrs. G. H. Adams, left for her home Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas of Ballinger has returned home after visiting her son J. A. Bufford.

Mrs. J. A. Bufford spent Saturday and Sunday with her son Cal Bufford and family of Abilene.

Buy your Drug supplies from Burroughs—a good place to Trade.

Mrs. Cowsert of Anson visited her daughter Mrs. Jno. Hamm and family the past week.

Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. Alice Templeton and Miss Winnie Warren motored to Abilene Saturday.

Hughes Famous Candies at Burroughs.

Mrs. O. C. Lane of Roby visited her sister Mrs. Austin Boyd the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Doby of Columbus, N. M. are visiting the former's sister Mrs. Ed Cordell in the Canyon.

A. S. Hanger of Rochester left Tuesday of this week after a weeks visit with J. N. Shelton and a visit here on business.

Mrs. W. E. Gentry returned to her home at Abilene Tuesday. Having spent two days here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dodd.

Give her a Box of Hughes at Burroughs.

Mrs. Della Michael came in Sunday afternoon from Fort Worth to visit her sister Mrs. T. J. Evans and family.

R. J. Adeock returned home Saturday night from Odessa where he has been visiting his daughter Mrs. Jim Hunter, for the past few weeks.

The Woodroof company announces a style show beginning today and lasting all next week. Read what they have to say in the second section of the Mail this week.

Mrs. W. H. Sorelle returned Tuesday from a visit with her daughters Mrs. S. H. Kyle and Mrs. M. E. Mackey in Durant, Okla. At present she is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying BALLORD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c and a dollar per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Magazine Club Rates.

I am prepared to furnish special club rates on magazines of all descriptions. Phone or call on me, your orders will be looked after carefully. Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Hogwallow News Items.

Under the head of Hogwallow News this week is some news items furnished by a new correspondent to The Merkel Mail.

The young fellow has a bit of humor about him and will furnish the readers with entertainment for a few moments with news items he attributes to his section of the country. Dunk R. this name. Read his re-

5 lbs. XXXX Coffee for \$1.00. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent were in Abilene Monday.

We are interested in your health. Burroughs.

Edgar Mays of Hot Springs, Ark., formerly of Merkel came in this week to visit his aunt Mrs. S. B. Mayberry of the Shiloh community.

If you are ready to get your reading matter now why not the Merkel Mail and the Dallas News. Both papers for one year only \$1.50. This offer expires within a short time.

It is reported that several people from here will go to Abilene Saturday to witness the unveiling of the town pump. Some who go will probably see the baby elephant.

Every man, woman and child who happens to read this should remember the Dallas Semi-Weekly News and The Merkel Mail are only \$1.50 for the two for a year. You will subscribe sometime. Why not now?

The Merkel country farmers are too busy hauling cotton from the field to the gin to contribute very much to this edition. They are doing very little talking but of course read and think as much as ever.

Merkel is the best market for cotton and seed in this part of the woods and if you have any hesitancy in taking our word for it we refer you to the farmers who sell and know. It pays to buy and sell here.

Now is the beginning of an era of permanent prosperity for this section of country and it will take more than the little fracas in Europe to stop us. We have come back to stay in the ring for at least seven fat years.

Yellow complexion, pimples and disfiguring blemishes on the face or body can be gotten rid of by doctoring the liver, which is torpid. HERBINE is a powerful liver correctant. It purifies the system, stimulates the vital organs and puts the body in fine vigorous condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sears and children, Mrs. Amy Sears and children, Mrs. Frank Sears, Miss Eula Sears and Bud Sears motored to Pampa last week to visit Mrs. Frank Sears daughter Mrs. R. E. Campbell and family.

Mrs. James M. D. Angus, W. D. Hutcherson and W. H. Laney Misses Venona Hamblet and Bernadine Freeman attended the 63rd Anniversary of the Rebeda Lodge at Abilene Monday. The Organization of a county Association was perfected.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGEE'S BABY ELIXIR is a remedy of genuine merit. It acts quickly, is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

George Smith left Tuesday noon for Georgetown where he will enter Southwestern University. George completed high school work at Merkel last year and is now taking advantage of further education in higher institutions.

In every home where there are children there should be a bottle of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It destroys worms and acts as a tonic in the debilitated system. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Mrs. J. W. Daniels accompanied by Mrs. Jno. R. Daniels left Saturday evening for the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas where she was operated on Monday. The operation being a very successful one which will be good news to her many friends.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning evacuation, a dose of HERBINE will set right in a couple of hours. If taken time you get its beneficial effect breakfast next day. Price 50c. M. C. Burroughs.

GROCERIES

Cheaper than you have Ever Bought Them

For a limited time only we are making the following red hot prices on our grocery stock

100 lbs. best Light Crust Flour	\$3.00
Pure Corn Meal	75c
Best Smoked Bacon	19c
Best Salt Pork Bacon	17c
25 lb. box choice Dried Peaches	2.00
5 Gallons Coal Oil	40c
Large bucket Mrs. Tucker, Swifts Jewel and White-Cloud Compound	1.10
Best Peaberry Coffee	22c
25 lbs. Eagle Brand Sugar	2.00

We are after your business and are making our prices accordingly. Remember we have at all times a full and complete line of **DRY GOODS, GROCERIES and HARDWARE** and are sure of the fact that when you give us a trial at your business that you will continue with us, as hundreds of others are doing today.

Anchor Mercantile Co.

ABUNDANT FLUFFY HAIR IS IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE DANDRUFF

How often we hear a beautiful woman referred to as having a real head? Demand that head of its hair and instead of a queenly, royal bearing we have a fright. The hair makes all the difference. To have that glorious abundance of radiant hair which always crowns "a real head," one should use Newbro's Herpicide. Herpicide represents the last word in scientific hair culture. It destroys the dandruff, checks falling hair and corrects generally diseases of the hair and scalp. The positive results and its delicate but refreshing odor recommend Newbro's Herpicide to ladies of refinement everywhere. Newbro's Herpicide in 50c and \$1.00 sizes is sold and guaranteed to do all that is claimed. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded. Applications made by the best barbers and hair dressers.

For Sale by H. C. Burroughs, Druggist

THE MERKEL GARAGE

Repair work promptly done and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

TEXAS COMPANY'S OILS AND GAS.

If you need anything in our business give us a call.

S. P. FOSTER : PROPRIETOR

MERKEL COLLECTING AGENCY

ADJUSTMENTS MADE ANYWHERE

Our system of making collection or adjustment of your past due notes and accounts is best for you and customer, endorsed by banks and business men. Affiliated with Retail Merchants Association and banks of Texas. All business strictly confidential, and on a commission basis.

IRA ARMSTRONG, MANAGER
OFFICE AT FARMERS STATE BANK

Notice to the Tax Payers of Taylor Co.

I will be at the following places on dates given below for the purposes of collecting State and County taxes for the year 1914:

- Buffalo Gap Friday, October 16th, 1914.
- Tuscola Saturday, October 17th, 1914.
- Shep Thursday, October 22nd, 1914.
- Bradshaw Friday, Oct. 23rd, 1914.
- Ovalo Saturday, October 24th, 1914.
- Trent Tuesday, October 27th, 1914.
- Nubia Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 1914.
- Merkel Thursday, October 29th, 1914.
- Merkel Friday, October 30th, 1914.
- Merkel Saturday, October 31st, 1914.

Very respectfully,
D. T. HARKRIDER,
Collector Taylor Co., Texas.

How To Give Quinine To Children.

FERBILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take, and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FERBILINE is blown in bottle. 15 cents.

Farmers Notice.

We want jobs on farms for large boys 16 years old and older. If you need help now or expect to need later, write at once. Emile Reck, Agt. Weatherford, Texas. 1144pd.

Skin Disease Cured.

Your Druggist guarantees to return your money if Hunt's Cure fails to cure skin disease. — Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, and other forms of skin trouble. Also fine for piles, old sores, costs nothing if it fails to cure. Give it a trial.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Foster's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Itch at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00

J. S. SWANN, President

JNO. SEARS, Vice President

Organized for Success. Accuracy & Promptness Habitual

FARMERS STATE BANK

We solicit the accounts of Farmers
assuring them of uniform cour-
tesy and care in handling
their business

Managed with Intelligent Conservatism --- Success Proven

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

B. C. MOORE, Assistant Cashier

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Burroughs — a good place to Trade.

Miss Geta Beckham of Trent was in the city Tuesday.

New and 2nd hand furniture. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Mrs. S. B. Mayberry was in the city Wednesday shopping.

Get your school supplies, from Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug Store.

Trade your old furniture for new at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

G. O. Cozart of New Mexico came in the first of the week for a short stay.

Before, during and after the show and at all times, meet your friends at Burroughs.

G. M. Sharp wants your Grocery trade and that's no lie either.

M. Bland and M. A. Doydy in the Eastland country last week looking for cotton pickers.

Shower Sink, closet or lavator of all kinds. Phone 265. Henry Rose.

Miss Bettie Holt of Graham is visiting her sister Mrs. C. L. Tucker near White Church.

Figure with me on a bath tub. Henry Rose.

New and 2nd hand furniture. Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Miss Winnie Warren left Sunday evening where she will resume her studies in the Baylor College.

We can't be Gods, but we try to keep every thing clean and neat to meet the approval of the discriminating trade. Burroughs.

Arkansas Apples \$1.00 per Bu. G. M. Sharps

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ticles of Burroughs.

Acute Indigestion.

I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion, followed by constipation" writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw chamberlain's tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for they helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects." Sold by all dealers.

J. H. Grayson and Roger Grayson came in from Dallas the first of the week with 29 cotton pickers who will assist in gathering the crops from the fields of J. H. Grayson, J. W. Wheeler and J. S. Swann all of the Shiloh community.

Trade your old furniture for new at Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

James Patterson came in Wednesday from Putnam where he had been in quest of cotton pickers. He was successful to the tune of two.

A gentle reminder. Drink, smoke and trade at Burroughs. Merkel's appreciative Drug Store.

Seed Rye and Wheat at G. M. Sharps.

In the first section of this weeks Mail on page four appears the page advertisement of the Parten Dry Goods Co., foretelling purchasing events and items of interest at their place during the next week.

The best light for the Country Home. Read John Pate's ad in this tissue of the Mail.

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Jim McNeese of Dallas is here this week visiting his parents.

C. L. McNeese

WE WANT YOUR WANTS

IN THE DRUG LINE

At all times. Every minute during the day and every day in the year we carry a complete stock of Drugs, drug sundries, stationery, paints and oils.

In our prescription department we take special care with your prescriptions entrusted to us. Your life or your child's life might depend on the accuracy of the way your prescription was filled. We will use every care possible and guarantee satisfaction.

Special Attention Given to Parcel Post Orders.

THE NYAL STORE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

I want your eggs, will pay cash. G. M. Sharp.

Buy a bale of cotton at ten cents and plant some more shade trees.

School Books are cash. Burroughs.

Mrs. James Beasley and Sam Moss of Athens, Ala., came in last week to visit their sister Mrs. N. E. Sandlin.

Gasoline and auto oils my specialty. Phone 265.

Mrs. Nora Adams of Abilene returned to her home Monday after a short visit with her cousin Mrs. N. E. Sandlin of this place.

Go to G. M. Sharps for the Best Flour, Seymores Best.

Mrs. S. L. Grayson returned from Waco last week where she visited her mother Mrs. R. R. Cox for a short time.

Alta Vieta Pure Ice Cream and Quality drinks at Burroughs.

Misses Lilly and Eula Ayres have returned from Colorado where they visited Rev. R. A. Clements and family.

Drop around at G. M. Sharps and let Bob Martin figure on your Grocery bill.

Every single egg is a gun worthy of the pie in the Mer buy-a-bale-a the - Mail - would be a

P. S.

PARTEN'S FALL 1914 OPENING SALE



STAPLES

Some people will tell you that staples have gone up—a visit to this department in our big store will convince you that our prices are lower and the quality is better than last fall with a bigger stock to select from — PRICES COUNT.

- Extra quality apron gingham only 5c
- Extra quality—extra width outing only..... 5c
- Extra quality 8% hand towel only ... 5c
- Extra quality 7% brown domestic only..... 5c
- Extra quality 5 cent yard wide canvassing only 4 1/2c
- Extra quality barber towels only..... 4c
- Extra quality light & dark calicos only..... 4c
- Extra quality bleach domestic only..... 5c
- Extra quality cotton checks 5c
- Extra quality 10c light and dark percales only 7 1/2c
- Extra quality yard wide brown domestic only 7 1/2c
- Extra quality 10c dress gingham only ... 7 1/2c
- Extra quality 10c outings only 8 1/2c
- Extra quality 10c bleach domestic 8 1/2c
- Extra quality 10c brown linen toweling only 8 1/2c
- Extra quality 10c chevionts & checks only 8 1/2c
- Extra quality 10c dress percales only ... 8 1/2c
- Extra quality 12% fadeless dress gingham only 10c
- Extra quality 12% bleach muslin only ... 10c
- Extra quality 12% linen towel only ... 10c
- Extra quality 12% bleach & brown cotton flannel only 10c
- Extra quality 12% fine outings only 10c
- Extra quality 12% 36 in. fadeless dress percales only 10c
- Extra quality 12% shirting madras only ... 10c
- Extra quality 12% curtain scrim only ... 10c
- 27 1/2 9 4 bleach sheeting only 25c
- 27 1/2 10 4 brown sheeting only 25c
- Extra quality, extra width table damask only 25c
- 50c extra fine table damask only 35c
- 75c extra fine table damask only 50c
- 25c 36 inch shirting madras only 20c

And hundreds of others of equally great values will swell your savings at our big store. Hosiery, underwear, ribbons, blankets, comforts, dress linens, skirts and a host of other highly valuable merchandise you will need are here at the most astounding early season bargains possible for the biggest mills in the country to produce. Come early to the big store.

Men & Boys Hats & Caps

The newest, noblest styles and greatest values characterize this department, containing the very latest shapes in vogue at prices in keeping with CASH SELLING POLICY.

- Men's nobby dress shapes, all colors that are new..... \$1.50 to \$4.00
- Men's staple shapes in dakotas, taloo, kidney and Big Four styles range in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50
- al price in best shape Stetson hats \$3.00
- shape dress hats exceptional 50c to best at \$1.25
- latest styles, all wool with 50c to
- fade and staples in 50c to

Is daily proving the greatest Dry Goods event in Merkel's whole history, eliciting inthusiastic approvals from the throngs of economical customers who are even at this early stage supplying their winter's supplies from our massive stock and are congratulating themselves on being afforded such an opportunity at such an opportune time.

\$30,000.00 Stock to Select From

and every article of this \$30,000.00 is of the newest and best the biggest and best markets of the whole world can possibly produce. It is conceded from every source that our prices, on even the fanciest articles, are lower than it is possible for the keenest competition to meet.

Join your neighbor in helping to sustain a store that is helping you to save dollars where you have been saving cents. Help yourself by helping to sustain a store where you can supply your every need at a minium cost.

Ladies Misses, Childrens Suits and Coats

Without question we are showing the most marvelous line of Ladies, Misses and children suits and coats that will be opened for sale by any house in the entire country. The scarcity of these garments makes our present prices all the more important to you and quick action is imperative. We have sold quite a number of these already, from the sheer lowness of the prices. If you will need a coat or suit this fall we advise you to buy early the prices are lower now than they will be later. Hurry to Parten's coat and suit department for the GREATEST VALUES ON EARTH. These prices are not in the least exaggerated and an inspection of these coats will satisfy you of this fact—as they were obtained at these prices by closing out entire lots.

- Ladies all wool \$10.00 coats, good styles and well made, 1914 Fall opening sale..... \$4.95
 - Ladies all wool \$12.50 coats good styles, finely trimmed and well made, 1914 Fall opening sale price only..... \$6.75
 - Ladies all wool, extra fine \$15.00 coats, 1914 Fall opening sale price only..... \$7.50
 - Ladies solid Black Modish coats 54 inches long, 1914 Fall opening sale price only \$3.50
 - Ladies new style all wool coat suits, Blue Serge plum and green granites and other excellent fabrics and colors, absolutely worth \$20.00, 1914 Fall opening sale price only \$15.00
 - Ladies New Style Granite, serge and gabberdine coat suits, absolute \$30.00 values, 1914 Fall opening sale price only..... \$20.00
 - Ladies New Style Extra Fine Gabberdine coat suit sent as an apparel and is an absolute \$35 value, 1914 Fall opening sale price to the one this suit fits for only \$25.00
- We can safely say that this line of coats and coat suits is the best for the money possible to obtain from any source and we will gladly refund the money to any purchases who after buying any of our garments finds that he or she can do so well anywhere else.

Every garment absolutely guaranteed.

Mens And Boys Clothing

The Variety of Clothing That Satisfies Fancy and Purse
The kind that wears and holds its shape, even after they have seen their best days. BUY YOUR SUIT EARLY—WEAR IT LATE—IF YOU BUY AT PARTEN'S. Satisfaction, in price and quality, guaranteed on every of clothing you buy from us.

- all wool Blue Serge suits extra special, all opening sale price only \$10.00
- special men's serge suits, coat & pant 1914 Fall opening sale price only \$4.95

SHOES SHOES

The beginning of every season finds substantial and note worthy improvements in our Big \$10,000.00 shoe department. Without an attempt at TOO MUCH pomp we have endeavored to lend an added twang to the style of every shoe in our big department combining this with our reputation for service and comfort we bring to the front a shoe with all pleasing features. Add to these an inconsiderate-not-worth mentioning price and this department will grow as surely as it has in the past.

LET US SHOE YOU AS YOU WOULD BE SHOD

- Ladies dress shoes, newest styles, kid and patents \$2.00 values for \$1.50 to \$4.00 values for \$3.50
- Misses dress shoes, \$1.50 values for \$1.00 to \$2.50 values for \$2.00 in all best, newest style leathers.
- Childrens new style leather shoes, \$1.00 values for 75c to \$2.00 values for \$1.50
- Mens Parkard Dress Shoes—"NUFF SED."

NOTIONS AND NOVELTIES

This big department is heaped to its utmost capacity with every conceivable needful, surpassing in size and up-to-dateness many of the larger stores in the cities. In this space we will be able to enumerate but comparatively few of thousands that will be on display when you visit our store. Nothing but the latest and most useful goods carried in this department, at prices which will lull competition into oblivion. Most of these goods were bought in close out quantities and therefore at prices ordinarily impossible.

Beautiful new hand bags, latest girdles, new hair ornaments, new style barrettes, new eardrops, new back combs, and ever other modish ornament conceivable will be sold at ordinary staple prices thus affording you an exceptional saving on goods that are ordinarily sold at much higher prices because of their newness. All other accessories and staple articles in this Big Department will bear quick selling prices, as this big stock must move out quick. SEE US FOR THE NEW THINGS. B&B

- Men's mixed fancy worsted suits, \$20.00 value, 1914 fall opening sale price, only \$14.95
 - One big close-out lot, new style men's high grade OVER-COATS, absolute \$15.00 values, 1914 fall opening sale price only \$7.50
 - One close-out lot men's new style high grade overcoats, absolute \$10.00 values, 1914 fall opening sale price only \$4.95
- You will say yourself that we have undoubtedly the greatest line of boy's suits and the niftiest styles for the price that is possible to obtain from any source. See our Boy's Suits B U buy. It will pay you in all kinds of money.

DRESS GOODS

A more magnificent assemblage of Beautiful Dress Fabrics could not have been purchased with double the money under different circumstances. Every piece of goods in this department represents the latest weaves, prettiest designs, the most gorgeous array of colors and lowest minimum of price possible to obtain in any market with the cold, hard cash. If you want a hint at Fashion's latest productions don't fail to visit this BIG DEPARTMENT EARLY. For the greater convenience of our customers and to facilitate the showing and sale of these goods we have classed them according to price and have included many a fabric that should sell for a higher price.

- Beautiful fancy poplins, printed crepes, in all new fall patterns and are well worth 35c, 1914 fall opening sale price only 25c
- Elaborately designed printed granites, plain granite, printed poplins, pin striped crepes and innumerable others of equal beauty and value, excellent 50c values, 1914 fall opening sale price only 35c
- 36 inch plain, fancy and printed wool granites, silks and wool printed crepes, roman stripe woollens, printed silk poplins and numerous others equally great values and are well worth 75c, 1914 fall opening sale price 50c
- One exclusive lot silk, plain and printed mesalines, bought at sacrifice prices and are fully worth in any market 90c, 1914 fall opening sale price only 69c
- 36 inch plain silk poplins, silk taffetas and all wool gabberdines and 54 inch all wool broad cloths, granites and a host of others even greater values well worth in the city markets \$1.50, 1914 fall opening sale price only \$1.00
- One exclusive lot extra fine 54 inch chiffon broad cloths, excellent \$1.75 value, 1914 fall opening sale price only \$1.25

If it was possible we would like to give a more detailed description of these beautiful dress fabrics but even then they would have to be seen to be fully appreciated. We assure you that no house in the west will be able to show you as complete and as exquisite a line of dress fabrics as we. Don't be late in seeing them.

Millinery!

We have installed Millinery—Millinery of a type not common in Merkel—both from a stand point of style and price. No longer need you worry about being able to get a hat that suits both your fancy and purse. A ready-ere the season has begun—we have sold quantities and the demand for our hats are increasing.



Miss Annis Burnett Expert in Charge

Besides having the proper materials, Miss Burnett, who is in charge, is an expert designer of proven ability to give individuality so each selection of whose deftness in color scheming gives a touch of superiority to every hat. If you want a correct hat at a correct price, see Miss Burnett, at Parten's.

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GREAT WALL STREET VERY DULL PLACE

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Deserted as they never were before in their histories, Wall and Broad streets today present an unusual appearance—at least to one who has watched the activities there for the last few years. Grass isn't growing on the once widely busy thoroughfares out that is about all one can say in favor of them. Dead they are, at least dead if one were to compare them to the once busy scenes on these streets. No messenger boy rushes by; no broker leans from his window to yell buying or selling orders to a subordinate; no speculator rushes madly along brushing passers by this way and that; in fact none of the scenes usual to the streets—famous as the world's centers for trading—are seen nowadays. Far across the sea a million more men are engaged in deadly combat, because of this hundreds of clerks and office boys and stenographers here are idle.

Soon after the close of the New York Stock Exchange, due to the war in Europe, brokers here began to "shut up shop." Most of them simply dismissed their employees until further notice and locked up their doors. A few of them dismissed all but one or two employees and still keep their offices open. But these are few.

The hundreds of idle clerks, stenographers, telegraphers and office boys wander along the streets daily. They are all there is left to remind one of the former busy days along these streets. Most of these employees are now at the point where they must either have work or starve. They had small savings accounts but the enforced idleness of several weeks have eaten these slender funds up. The situation that confronts them is a desperate one and one that demands immediate attention, the brokers refuse to take any responsibility whatsoever.

"What could we do?" said one, when his attention was called to the jobless hundreds. "We are in the same boat. Our offices cost us in the neighborhood of \$100 a day. When we are doing no business that is a terrific expense and one that we cannot maintain. We simply have to shut up shop and wait for the war to end. And, too, we have the interest on our seats in the Exchange to pay. I bought my seat while times were good and it costs me \$74,000. And the interest on that is a big item."

National airs are strictly tabooed at all "wet goods" emporiums, where men and women alike congregate in New York. The reason for this is very plain. The war across the big pond has aroused everyone—or nearly everyone—to such a point that they take sides and there are several little "wars" or duals, one might say, daily in New York that arise as a result of quarreling over the big war in Europe.

Partisans on one side or another took to requesting of orchestras in cafes to play a martial tune of the country they favor. The orchestra leaders very foolishly did this—for awhile. Near riots resulted every time an orchestra started to play the "Marsellaise" or any other war tune. There always happened to be some representative of the other side present and they immediately wanted to start a fight. It wasn't long until the cafe owners saw that all the national airs, except the good old U. S. A. tunes—would have to be barred from their places. There were too many brawls every time a French, German or English air was played.

Horse stealing in New York sounds like a joke, doesn't it? But it isn't. Far from it. In fact the police of Manhattan are very busy these days trying to run down miscreants who have been stealing horses from the main streets down town every night. The few remaining "cabbies" are the victims of these horse thieves, who, the police believe, are jokers who have fun found a new way to have some fun.

The stealing of automobiles for awhile was a serious thing. It was only stopped when the severest penalties were imposed on all convicted. This, it is thought, led to some joyous all-nighters, conceiving the idea for stealing cabbages. At least this is the way the police explain it.

Several cabmen who stepped into a saloon for a moment have found their horses missing when they went outside again. Usually these horses have been found later, abandoned, some distance away. That is why the police think it the work of practical jokers, rather than a real horse thief.

MANY APPLICATIONS MADE.

AUSTIN, Sept. 23.—Literally hundreds of applications for positions of managers and warehousemen are being received by Commissioner Collier for places created by the emergency warehouse law just enacted. Mr. Collier says he will make no appointments until October 1, because there are no warehouses already established. Applications for establishment of state warehouses are being received from many parts of the state, and are being filed in the order received to await action when lithographed receipts carrying the state's guarantee are ready. It is expected by Mr. Collier that over one million bales of cotton will be stored in these warehouses this year.

MERKEL SCHOOLS TO OPEN, MONDAY OCT. 5



The above is a likeness of the South Ward School building which will open to the Merkel School Children Monday, Oct. 5th. A similar building on the north side will open at the same time.

RESIGNATION IN SCHOOL FACULTY GIVEN BOARD AT ITS MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Action of Resignations Come on Verge of The Opening of the City Schools. Professor T. S. Cox, formerly of Goliad, elected Superintendent and Mrs. L. W. Meredith elected to teach Latin here are the parties filing their resignations.

The entire school slate not having been filled this action will hinder the school board only in the election of other teachers to fill the vacancies.

At a meeting of the school board of the Merkel Independent school district Wednesday night of this week in the rear of the Farmers State Bank the resignation of Prof. T. S. Cox and Mrs. L. W. Meredith were handed to the body and were accepted.

Mr. Cox was elected as principal of the Merkel schools and Mrs. Meredith was elected as Latin teacher. They were from Goliad and Corpus Christi respectfully.

No action has been taken yet by the board to elect members of the faculty for the coming year to fill the positions made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Cox and Mrs. Meredith but it is expected that something will be done immediately in order that nothing will hinder the opening of the schools October the 5th, as already selected. In fact it has already been decided by the board that this date will be the formal opening for our school system.

WOMEN WORK IN MEN'S PLACES

LONDON, Sept. 10 (By Mail to New York), Sept. 23.—Remarkable testimony to the eagerness with which women want to fill the places of men who have been called away from England to fight for their country, is given by the Women's Emergency Corps, which under the leadership of the Duchess of Marlborough, has compiled a register of upward of 15,000 names of women who desire to be of service.

"How diverse the jobs they seek," says Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, in writing of the work of the Women's Emergency Corps, "may be guessed by the entries of over one hundred interpreters—none of whom speak less than four languages, and some of them eleven—of more than two hundred expert horsewomen ready at a few hours' notice to serve at home or abroad and who are quite capable of managing or working in remount camps. Many of these, having camped and shot all over the world, are eminently suited for rough work. Then there are 150 expert motorcyclists eager for patrol or despatch work, and endless stalwart young women for such jobs as omnibus conducting, milk delivering, gardening and the farm work that is generally done by lads of 19 or 20.

"Of course, behind and beyond these more or less freak volunteers comes the great army of nurses, domestic workers, clerical agents, and the numberless well educated intelligent women who are fully capable of shop and general business work. Naturally enough qualified doctors, nurses and dispensers are drafted out as soon as they come in. Cooks and domestic servants follow suit; but every day's register points to the fact that we have here a mighty agent for the national good.

"And so the Women's Emergency Corps feels itself justified in making an offer to the War Office, the government, and the country at large—namely, that they are prepared to find a paid substitute for any man who enlists; such substitute to guarantee to leave the job on the man's return and to take over the man's belongings as a personal charge; that is to say, while not binding herself to give pecuniary assistance, she will see to it that allowances are duly paid, that relief in special circumstances is given and generally, so far as in her lies, stand as a friend between the man's dependents and the cold world.

"This is a big offer; it is one which naturally, will require adjustment to each individual case; but it is one which holds enormous advantages, and enormous possibilities."

BUY A BALE.

If you rate a "man of means," Buy a bale.
If you're fifty in your jeans, Buy a bale.
If you've figured out you're broke, Put your diamond stud in soak; This emergency's no joke— Buy a bale.

If you're working for the South, Buy a bale.
Let your cash speak—not your mouth Buy a bale.
Buck up, brother; all ain't lost, This yere river can be crossed, Don't get scared about the cost— Buy a bale.

Keep King Cotton on his throne, Buy a bale.
Since the Dove of Peace has flown, Buy a bale.
Let the old world have her war, When her free-for-all is o'er She'll need cotton more and more. Buy a bale.

Let the wild-cat stock schemes rest, Buy a bale.
When you've fifty to invest, Buy a bale.
You will help along your biz; (Doesn't matter what it is) And your neighbor will help! Buy a bale.

Now's the time to hit the ball Buy a bale.
Help the farmer out this fall Buy a bale.
You'll be proud you did it When the cash that you flatten out this cotton Buy a bale.
—Melis O. Frost, Jr News.

BROWN COUNTY HAS GO

BANGS, Tex., considered to be a fine crop ever is being harvested in Brown county three acres of the stalks are high. One vested and gallons of refining.

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ROUND-UP OPENS PENDLETON ORE.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 24.—Astride a plunging range pony, Governor Oswald West, followed by nearly 500 cowboys and cowgirls, and scores of Indians, picturesque in war paint and aboriginal finery, all similarly mounted, rode into the mammoth arena here today and the Round Up, held annually by the city of Pendleton to depict life on the frontier days, was on.

Fifty thousand spectators crowded the grandstands and gazed with amazement at the feats of horsemanship. There was the rush of the relay race, the dash of pony express, the swish of the long lariat as it whirled through the air and settles over the horns of the wild Texas steer, the struggle of the cowboy to throw the steer barehanded in the bulldogging contests and the buckaroos fighting to keep their seats on the backs of bucking bronchos.

The cowgirls, most of them not yet out of their teens, rode the most vicious horses, roped and roped the wildest steers and bulldozed the long-horns with as easy a grace as the old time male range riders. A feature of this year's Round-up will be a wild horse riding contest between Mrs. "Happy Jack" Hawn and Lucile Mulhall, both claimants of the girls' world's championship broncho busting title. A side bet of \$1,000 has been posted for this event.

Professors Address Delegates. CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—College professors, editors and advertisers are on the program of the ninth annual three day convention of the Federation of Trade Press Associations, which opened in the Congress Hotel today. The annual banquet will be held tonight.

COTTON PICKERS NEEDED BADLY

Appeals have been sent out to all parts of the country for cotton pickers to assist in gathering part of the Merkel cotton. Some of the appeals have been answered by transient people wanting work.

Other pickers have been secured by farmers who visit east Texas and advance transportation to people to get them to come west to assist in the farm work.

This last method is getting to be the most common one and parties of farmers are being formed who need pickers in order to get the much needed help here at a minimal cost. Even yet the supply is in no way meeting with the demand and it looks as if much of the Merkel country out is going to go wanting in the fields until a late day in January before it is gathered.

For Sale.

Two new Yale Motorcycles, will sell cheap for cash or good note. These machines have never been ridden. W. E. Britton.

J. P. C. Hunt of Haskell

MERKEL GRAIN TO EASTERN TEXAS

For the first time in years grain of all kinds except corn is being shipped from Merkel fields to countries where it is not so bountiful.

At the beginning of the season the first wheat of the year that was sold on contracts was principally used in filling shipments out of Galveston bound for the European countries. The shipments from this section were not very large but when added to the dollars and dimes that the recent crop of oats, maize and kaffir corn has brought this country it will be found that the Merkel country has shipped more grain to Eastern markets this year than ever before in the history of the country, and perhaps more than has been shipped from here during the entire past ten years.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Secretary Daniels of the Navy, today ordered the Marconi wireless station at Siasconset, Mass., to be closed at noon tomorrow, in consequence of the company's failure to promise compliance with the naval censorship regulations. It had been stated before today that the station would be closed unless such a promise was given by the company. It was alleged that messages had been received which were in violation of the regulations.

RUSSIAN ARMIES FORM BIG WEDGE

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Russian movement is now described as a huge "wedge," the right line extending from Libuna in the Baltic, to Warsaw. This prevents the Austro-German armies from outflanking the Russian army, which is said to be ready to move toward Posen and Breslau in Germany. The Russians claim that their reaching the river Wislok prevents the conjunction of the Austro-German armies with the armies further west. This conjunction is said to be necessary, if the Russians are to be prevented from over-running Galicia. The Russians are said to be pushing the Austrians back to the Carpathians.

The conquests in Galicia give Russia control of Europe's greatest gasoline supply. The cutting off of Austria's domestic supply has aided in the Russian movements. Roumania has forbidden the exportation of coal to Austria, and the Russians believe they will forbid any gasoline exportation. This will leave Austria without fuel for her automobiles and airships.

KITCHENER IS RESPONSIBLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—The Evening World publishes an interview with Dr. Fred S. Mason, of New York, who has been in Europe where he claims that a high French official at Bologne, informed him that it was due to Lord Kitchener that the French cabinet resigned right after the war started. "French, a subordinate commander did not respond to the British reinforcements, and proposed to withdraw and fight a sign."

A Proposition To Merkel People

LIGHTS ON - - - - LIGHTS OFF

DURING THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS THE MERKEL ELECTRIC COMPANY HAS GIVEN ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR ONLY ONE HALF THE NIGHT. THIS WAS CAUSED FROM LACK OF PATRONAGE OF USERS OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Beginning the first of this week we inaugurated a new policy of turning on the current each morning at 5 o'clock except on Sundays. This will enable users of electric service to have lights both in the first part of the night and also in the early morning.

But Here Is Our Best Proposition.

After having inaugurated the morning current service we have decided to offer a complete all night service if a sufficient number of patrons show an interest in this project.

To make this last improvement possible, we ask that all prospective electric light users inform us as soon as possible of the number of lights they could use and at what hours they would likely be used. To the merchants. All night service means all night window display for you. Window display means sales.

October 15th is the date set for all night service if sufficient patronage is inlisted by that time. We are going to make every attempt possible to secure this additional service.

It means protection to the town in every way. It means instant light at all hours of the night in your home. It means a guard for your store during the late hours.

The fact remains. Merkel will have this all night service if patrons sufficient to justify same can be secured. Phone us your needs. We will do the rest.

MERKEL ELECTRIC COMP'NY

W. E. Britain, Mgr.

Merkel, Texas.

Our Big Stock of Fashionable Merchandise Is Complete

In every particular. We are better prepared to serve the people than ever before. Our stock is larger, our store service better and prices are lower. We buy in big quantities direct from the larger mills and jobbers and get price concessions for quantity buying that enables us to make lower prices than any store in this section.

OUR THREE BIG SALES ROOMS

Are filled to their full capacity with standard quality wearables for lady and gentleman, boy or girl. Every item of apparel is here under one roof, economically priced. We especially invite comparison of prices and quality; when you are making your fall purchases we will be glad to show you.

WE CAN SERVE YOU BY MAIL

We have a thoroughly equipped mail order department and can serve you economically by mail when it is impossible for you to come to the store. We prepay all express or parcel post charges and allow the goods returned when not satisfactory. Let us serve you either by Mail or in Person.

MINTER DRY GOOD COMPANY

Abilene's Progressive Store.

NATIONAL MONEY CHANGES MADE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Changes have been made and others pending today in the banking and currency system of the United States, as a result of the European war. Many congressmen declare that they could not have been put through congress in a year's time had it not been for the emergency which war created. Some of the very things that have been done already, or are now pending, were suggested when the present banking and currency law was under consideration, and were scornfully rejected, particularly in the Senate.

One particularly important provision which has already been adopted as a result of the war was the removing of the so-called forty per cent government bond restriction. Under the Aldrich-Vreeland bill as passed, banks which complied with the requirements with regard to organization into clearing house associations, and in other ways, could issue emergency currency only if they had already forty per cent of their capital and surplus already outstanding in ordinary bond-secured circulation. In other words, if a bank had not already issued that amount of currency under the old plan, it could not benefit under the new.

The provision was inserted in the old Aldrich-Vreeland act as much to protect the market value of the government's bonds as anything else. It was to encourage the banks of the country to hold forty per cent of their capital in government bonds, so that they could issue currency by them, and be in a position to take advantage of the new currency plan. This, however, did not quite suit many of the larger banks of the country, particularly those of New York, which thought that the purchase of large blocks of low interest bearing government bonds, the value of which was recognized to be declining, would be a poor investment. Their judgment in this respect has been justified by a substantial decline in the price of bonds, which did not encourage other banks to buy them. In an emergency, however, these banks found themselves shut off from the opportunity to issue currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland plan. To relieve them congress has removed this restriction.

It is a matter of some debate whether another step congress took at the same time—that of permitting state banks to issue currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland bill if they would agree to join the Federal Reserve Board later—accomplished anything. It is the opinion of the Treasury Department that another amendment or act will have to be passed to take care of the situation. It seems that in permitting state banks and trust companies to issue currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland bill congress neglected to repeal an old measure which was designed to restrict to national banks the business of issuing currency not put out by the government direct. This imposed a tax of 10 per cent on all the currency issued by banks other than a national bank. Naturally, some persons in authority contend, unless this is repealed there will be very little issuing of currency under the terms of the Aldrich-Vreeland bill by state banks or trust companies.

Another measure which was introduced by Sen. Owen would raise the proportion of its unimpaired capital and surplus which a bank might loan on commercial paper and still remain in the reserve system from 30 per cent to 75 per cent, while an accompanying amendment makes it clear that bills of exchange or domestic foreign acceptances having not more than three months to run may be construed as commercial paper. This is the most important amendment of all from the view point of cotton shapers, for whom it was especially written.

Under this amendment the banks can loan the farmers on their warehouse receipts, transformed into bills of exchange, up to 15 per cent of the unimpaired capital and surplus of all the banks in the South, virtually.

To take care still further of the Southern situation, Senator Owen also introduced an amendment which will allow to enter the Federal Reserve system banks in towns of not more than 3000 inhabitants which have a capital of \$15,000. Under the original act the minimum capital requirements were those formerly

required of national banks, and \$25,000 was the smallest capital upon which any bank could enter. Again this plan would aid the cotton farmers, since a remarkably large proportion of the banking capital of the South is in state banks and trust companies in the very small towns, where the banks, as a result, are very small themselves. These amendments, however, have met the approval of the Federal Reserve Board because they think it would not only be of benefit to the South, but that the bringing in of these small banks would be a source of strength to the Federal Reserve system itself, enormously increasing in the aggregate its capital and strength.

With the further idea of bringing more banks into the system than would otherwise come in, and of making possible through this means, the issuing of still more emergency currency where it might be needed, Senator Owens is urging another amendment which would extend the time in which the member banks can pay for their stock in the Federal Reserve banks which under the plan they would be required to buy. This would lessen the financial strain upon the banks at this time, and prevent the liquidating of many of the present assets of the banks in order to pay their stock in the reserve institutions.

Negro Version of Mexico

In this modern day, when any sort of sermon is appreciated, especially when it has some bearing on questions of personal nature, and has to do with our circumstances, it is occasionally that especially good advice on the leading questions of the day may be taken from these sermons. About the best sermon delivered to a negro congregation was that sent out to the Austin American a few days ago, and which is herewith reproduced for its genuine wit and pithy sayings:

I am just a plain country nigger, who am just like lots of white folks. I depends on my hands stead of my head to figger out bout all dis talk in the daily papers bout murgency money. Las Sunday our paster sho preached a powerful sermon on dis lastating subject and de members who am identified said he was sho powered w'd selusion and judgement. He says:

Brederns and sisterns, de time is at han' dat de bible say they shall be wars and roomers of war; dat don't mean de peaceful waitin' war wid Mexico; dat means de all-Bes war over yonder near Jerusalem. De fulfillment is starin' you in de face; dis book say they shall be weeping and walling and snapping ob de teeth, now by cristains, dat doan mean a thing but a hungry nigger, and I prays dat dis entire congregation will hear de rustication ob de wise pronouncement and supply yo needs with chickens dat belong to yoself. I say earth quacks and pestes will sho bound in divers places. De fulfillment on dis passage am demon-strated in de cotton patch. In't de ground done crack open? ain't de pestes done crawl out ob de cracks and vouring all de cotton? I hates to spress mysef bout dem divers for it will sho caus confusion in de foles ob dis church, an' way, day ain't nothin' cepten white folks in de north who run de cotton market to suit deyself. dem by tone yankees ain't thingin' bout freein yo niggers ob dis financial compression, dey ain't no mo Abraham Lincons up dar. All dem divers care bout yo niggers and po' white trash is to keep you in de cotton patch so dey can buy de cotton cheap and sell back to you at figuration prices for a calco dress. The most solemnist predicement in de text ob my sermen is de pearance ob Gabril wid his horn—when he toots de sheeps will go to de right and de goats to de left. now, in my picious judgement dat man Gabril will look out after de sheeps and de debil will take care ob de goats.

Brederns and sisterns, my expulshon of de facts concerning de disturbance and de separation ob dese animals is basted on the fulfillment ob de warulings which am laid down in the good book. Dat man Gabril is livin' dis minit down in Georgia. When he tooted de trumpet hit say—'buy a bale! buy a bale!' de sheeps all flocked to de right side. de goats dey all stand in de north and telegrams de pepul from Washington dat de confusion will soon be over. Mister Mackydo done issued a billion de bars murgency money—all de niggers and poe' white trash dat raises cotton run to de posoffice to git some ob de money on dey cotton and de murgency

de Nat'l Bank man say, nigger, you owe de bank now, and yo' cotton will pay us at 6-1-2 cents a pound, sell it and bring us de money. We ain't got no murgency money. Who am goin' to git all dis money? De man dat doan need it doan want it and de nigger dat do need it cant git it.

My dear brotherns and sisterns, dese goats am foolin' de poe' nigger as well as de white folks; dat murgency money is at de end ob de rain-ber' an' dats whar all dese Nat'l banks is w'd a sign on de doo', we lean money at ten per cent.

In cleen' my sermon I wants to expess on you all to tend to yo' own business, cons you ain't goin' to git no money from Washington. de demograts is traid to hep you and de publean don't like you.

Peaceful waitin' and watchin' be un-to you all. Amen.

ZENO FAIRCHILD

Real Cash BARGAINS!

All Silver Shirts, spot cash price	90c
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WE HAVE THE BEST LINE OF \$3.00 SHOES EVER BROUGHT TO MERKEL. SEE THEM. THE ABOVE PRICES ARE SURE CASH STORE PRICES. SEE US BEFORE BUYING. WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY.

THE STAR STORE

Have You Read Henry Ford's Book On "The Little White Slaver"? Henry Ford is more interested in the American boy than he is in Ford automobiles and one indication of this fact is Mr. Ford's activity in fighting American youth against the cigarette.

Not long ago Mr. Ford went to a school in an authorized interview. He explained his attitude toward smoking and wa-

ful to make it clear that his purpose is not to endeavor to reform menover 25 years of age, but that he hopes to educate young men under that age and boys to the evils of the cigarette, especially the deleterious effect on physical health.

Mr. Ford has compiled in a neat little book a brief statement of his position, reproduced a letter written him by Thomas A. Edison in which the electrical genius tells why he will not employ a cigarette smoker and also numerous letters and bits of testimony from men and women prominent in all walks of life. This testimony is overwhelmingly against the cigarette and good practical and scientific reasons are given.

The book is issued under the title, "The Case Against the Little White Slaver." The first edition was long ago exhausted, so great was the demand from all quarters, but a new edition is ready.

MRS. DIGGS SUIT FOR DIVORCE UP

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Maury I. Diggs' suit for divorce came up in the superior court here today. Her petition cites two escapades with women in which she charges her husband, a former state architect and son of a prominent California politician, was involved.

The first of these was the notorious case in which Little Marsha Warrington, F. Drew Caminetti and Lola Norris figured with Diggs, resulting in the prosecution of Diggs and Caminetti on charges of violating the Mann white slave law, in conviction and in sentencing of the two young men to terms in the penitentiary, not yet entered on account of pending appeals.

The second was an incident in which the names of Diggs and several men companions were linked with that of Ida Peering, a young girl whom the members of the party were accused of mistreating on New Year's eve, 1913. They were tried on accusation of offenses against a minor but basing their defense, not only on denial of the girl's charges but on the ground that she was of age, were acquitted. Mrs. Diggs maintained that these "affairs" constituted a plot toward her. Diggs' answer stated that he was guilty in the Warrington case but argued that for that wife to love him, he pleaded that the two trials have run.

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EQUINOCTIAL STORM WILL HELP COTTON

A true Equinoctial storm on Tuesday of this week no doubt will do carnage to the worms in young cotton in this country. While the damage has not been in excess of expectations for late cotton the early continued cool spell will greatly increase the prospects of the small cotton bales if late frost visits this country.

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, the one of the two days in the year when the days and night are of the same duration, brought the first norther for the fall months. We look forward to more of those but have hopes that they will be mild and their rear gaud, Jack Frost makes his appearance very late.

Our Advertisers.

Many of the patrons of the Merkel Mail have increased their advertising space this week owing to the increased circulation of the paper. It is an appearance as an all home column paper.

We are confident that if you have anything to buy it will pay you to scan the columns of the paper for prices or descriptions of articles you are in need of, if you do we are confident the prices and offers made by Mail Order houses in the eastern cities will be given a back seat in comparison. Read the ads, and buy at home.

Hard Times Versus Prosperity.

We take this method of extending our thanks and gratitude to our friends and customers of Merkel and surrounding country for the large support given us during the past year and hope for a fair share of their patronage during the fall and winter of this year.

We have felt the pinch of hard times owing to the short crop of the past years and now that a bountiful crop is assured we can truly rejoice with you in your prosperity. Don't forget us this fall when you are making your cash purchases and laying your fall and winter supplies and have cash to spend. Give us your careful consideration for may be placed in a position of extending to you some accommodations next March. Yours for continued prosperity, Hamblet & Rogers, Groceriesmen.

DEEP WATER DELEGATES IN JERSEY

PERTHAMBOY, N. J., Sept. 23.—The "Berkshire" carrying the delegates to the convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways association touched here today on its tour about the Waterways of New York and adjacent territory, and the delegates were greeted by Governor James F. Fielder, of New Jersey together with a large reception committee composed of citizens appointed by Mayor Ferd Garrett.

J. P. SHARP'S AUTUMN DISPLAY

We Know You'll Enjoy Seeing The New Goods

This store with its fine stock of **FALL and WINTER GOODS** beckons you to come and see. When you buy Dry Goods or anything to wear you are interested in several things. First, value; it's not the price you pay but what you get for the price you pay that counts. Next, style--you want styles that are right up to the minute, clothes that are becoming to your personality. Then, the house behind the goods you want to buy where you know **positively that satisfaction is really guaranteed, if the above meets your ideas, we are sure you will be satisfied if you trade at this store. We want your business, your friends business and your friends, friends business. Above all else, we want your good will based** on your satisfaction. You should investigate the advantage of trading here

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We have a full line from the 5c calico to the \$1.50 wool or silk.

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A bright lot of plain, taftas and roman stripe ribbons at prices to suit you.

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High Grade Tailored Suits of extra quality. A suit to suit every fancy. Prices \$10, 15, 16.50, 17.50, 20, 22.50 AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS

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\$15.00 all wool suits this week . \$12.50
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20.00 all wool suits this week . 17.00
Boys suits from \$2 to . \$6.00
Mens and Boys hats both fancy and staple

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May We Greet You Here Soon?

J. P. Sharp's Dry Goods Store



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

The Philathea Class of the Baptist church met last Thursday in its semi-monthly meeting with Mrs. W. A. Scott teacher. The object of the meeting was to pack the box for the little orphans at the Buckner's Orphan Home near Dallas. This class sends several boxes each year to this great institution. After the business period music and refreshments were greatly enjoyed.

Miss Ruth Merritt and her brother Ben T. Merritt royally entertained at their home on Elm St. Tuesday evening a number of impromptu games of progressive 42 were enjoyed. The inclemency of the weather prevented the ideas of the lawn party from being carried out, altho some did enjoy several games of croquet. Early in the week invitations were given to the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Sunday Schools. Punch was served during the party hours.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes, president of the Missionary Study at the Methodist church, prepared a splendid program which was rendered at the church Monday evening. The subject being tithing under the direction of Mrs. H. D. Williams. A splendid paper was read by Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, interesting talks were made by Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Wallace.

HOGWALLOW NEWS

DUNK BOTTS, Regular Correspondent.

Sidney Hocks became intoxicated Saturday evening and tried to drive his yoke of steers into the postoffice, but failed on account of the door being too narrow. There have been many other complaints recently on account of the narrowness of the door at the post-office.

Frisby Hancock's rheumatism has taken a turn for the worst and he has decided he had better look after his religion. Sunday he went over and bragged on the preacher's sermon.

Cricket Hicks, who has been at work in the Calf Ribs community several weeks, has returned home with five dollars in cash. This will somewhat relieve the financial situation around Hogwallow, as money was beginning to get very scarce.

The Postmaster's watch has been left at Dock Hock's blacksmith shop where it is undergoing extensive repairs. Dock is fast gaining notoriety as a mechanic.

Compere.

Health of this community is good as we know.

We have had lots of rain again.

Rev. Tucker filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

Cotton picking is the order of the day.

Cotton pickers are in great demand here at Compere.

Ed Breeze has gone back East in search of cotton pickers. People are paying 75c per hundred without board for cotton picking.

Mrs. Burr Shannon visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Shannon the latter part of last week.

Miss Clairce Moore and brother Billie visited Mr. and Mrs. Addison of Blair Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Brady had the misfortune of losing a fine mule last week it fell in the creek and drowned.

Noodle.

Mrs. Emma Brannon of Santo is visiting her sister Mrs. Will Eoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosson were in Merkel Saturday.

Quite a crowd of young folks attended singing at Buie.

Eld. Dan Simpson of Trent preached twice Sunday and baptized two young ladies Sunday evening.

The singing at G. N. Wrights Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Eoff, her sister Mrs. Emma Brannon, and Mrs. G. N. Wright spent Wednesday with Mrs. A. M. McCright of Trent.

Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones of Shiloh spent Saturday with their cousin Mrs. Will Bicknell.

Rev. Horn moved to Abilene last week where he will attend Simmons College this winter.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker is very sick at this writing. We sincerely hope he will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosson spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Clyde Herrig.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilkerson entertained

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB WORK FOR YEAR

In October, 1903, a working body known as the XXth Century Club was organized in Merkel; its object self culture. This club has been an active force in the town since its organization. Along with this wish for self-culture there has been coupled a desire for civic betterment in the town. At different times the club has given attention to the various lines of activity to be found in this great field. Probably the most lasting movement to their labor is the public library, which at present numbers about nine hundred volumes.

Below will be found their program for the coming year.

OFFICERS

Mrs. G. H. Adams.....President
Miss Evalyn Williams.....Vice-President
Mrs. S. L. Davis.....Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. F. West.....Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer
Miss Evalyn Williams.....Library Manager
Mrs. W. Parten
Miss May Valentine
Members Executive Board

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
Unfinished Business
New Business
Program

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Otho W. Williams Mrs. Ella Hale
Mrs. S. L. Davis

PRESS COMMITTEE

Mrs. R. A. Martin Miss Maude Jinkens
Mrs. A. C. Rose

COURSE OF STUDY

Hamlet.....American Authors

MEMBERS

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Mrs. Fred Bigham Mrs. W. M. Jenkins

"To thine ownself be true; and it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

OCTOBER 3, 1914

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried. Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

Mrs. G. H. Adams, Hostess

Roll Call.....Some books you read this summer
Payment of Dues,
President's Greeting.
Source of Hamlet.....Mrs. G. F. West
Story of the Play.....Miss Evalyn Williams

OCTOBER 17, 1914

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice."

Miss Duncan Browning, Hostess

Roll Call.....Character in the Play
Character Sketch of Hamlet.....Mrs. Otho Williams
New Books.....Miss May Valentine
Act. I, Scenes 1-2-3.....Miss Willie Valentine, Leader

OCTOBER 31, 1914

"Take each man's censure; but reserve thy judgment."

Mrs. T. J. Coggin, Hostess

Roll Call.....A Joke or Ghost Story
When and Why was the Custom of Celebrating
Hallowe'en Started?.....Mrs. W. Parten
Shakespeare in Germany in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth
Centuries.....Mrs. R. A. Martin
Act I, Scenes 4-5, Act II, Scene 1.....Mrs. A. C. Rose, Leader

NOVEMBER 14, 1914

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends, Rough-hew them how we will."

Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Hostess

Roll Call.....Quotations from Play
English Actors in Germany and the Netherlands, and the
Shakespearean Plays Performed by them during the
Sixteenth & Seventeenth Centuries. Miss Maude Jinkens
Character Sketches of the Play.....Mrs. Hale
Act II, Scene 2.....Miss Mary Gunn, Leader

NOVEMBER 28, 1914

"The undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns;—puzzles the will; and makes us rather bear those ills we have than fly to others we know not of."

Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Hostess

Roll Call.....New Inventions
Compare Iago and the King.....Mrs. S. L. Davis
What arguments can we put forth as to why Hamlet is
the greatest of Shakespeare's Plays.....Mrs. W. H. Dickson
Act III, Scenes 1-2.....Miss Evelyn Gaddy, Leader

DECEMBER 12, 1914

"There are more things in heaven and earth—than are dreamt of in our philosophy."

Mrs. S. L. Davis, Hostess

Roll Call.....Something 1914 has Brought You
Give a brief description of Denmark in Shakespeare's
time and the Denmark of to-day.....Mrs. G. H. Adams
Men who have played Hamlet.....Mrs. W. H. Dickson
Act III, Scenes 1-2.....Miss Mary Gunn, Leader

JANUARY 2, 1915

"My words fly up, my thoughts remain below;
Words without thoughts, never to heaven go."

Miss Mary Gunn, Hostess

Roll Call.....A New Year's Resolution
Scientific Researches.....Miss Evalyn Williams
Making the Sabbath a Delight.....Mrs. G. F. West
Act IV, Scenes 5-6-7.....Miss May Valentine, Leader

JANUARY 16, 1915

"When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions."

Miss Evelyn Gaddy, Hostess

Roll Call.....Current Events
A brief biography of some of America's Artists
.....Mrs. J. W. Daniel
Dramatic News.....Miss Willie Valentine
Act V, Scenes 1-2.....Mrs. W. Parten, Leader

FEBRUARY 6, 1915

"For some must watch, while some must sleep;
So runs the world away."

Mrs. Ella Hale, Hostess

Roll Call.....Quotations from Shakespeare's Fools
Criticism of Play.....Mrs. A. C. Rose
What does the appearance of ghost personify in the
general life of man.....Mrs. R. A. Martin
Review.....Miss Maude Jinkens

FEBRUARY 20, 1915

"This was the iniquity—fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness."

Miss Maude Jinkens, Hostess

Roll Call.....Quotations from American Authors
Biography of Margaret Deland.....Miss Mary Gunn
Synopsis of the awakening of Helena Ritchie.....Mrs. Hale
Synopsis of the Iron Woman.....Miss Evelyn Gaddy
General Discussion.....By the Club

MARCH 6, 1915

"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."

Mrs. R. A. Martin, Hostess

Roll Call.....Quotations on Mother
Biography of Kathleen Norris.....Mrs. J. W. Daniel
The Story of "Mother".....Mrs. S. L. Davis
Motherhood and a Career. Why not?.....Mrs. W. Parten
The Mother's Duty and her Problems.....By Club

MARCH 20, 1915

"When patriotism goes into the balance with family affection, pride also casts in a heavy weight."

Mrs. W. Parten, Hostess

Roll Call.....Current Events
The Life of Gertrude Atherton.....Mrs. T. J. Coggin
Brief Outline of the Rulers of Kings.....Miss Duncan Browning
The Study of Austria-Hungary.....Mrs. G. H. Adams, Leader

APRIL 3, 1915

"For, among the rich and gay,
Fine, and grand, and decked in laces,
None appear gladder than they,
With happier hearts or happier faces."

Mrs. A. C. Rose, Hostess

Roll Call.....Name one of your favorite writers
Short Sketch of the Life and Writings of Gene Stratton
Porter.....Mrs. G. F. West
Synopsis of Laddie.....Mrs. Otho W. Williams
What Women's Clubs are doing.....By Club

APRIL 17, 1915

"Tune your ear to all the wordless music of the stars."

MAY 1, 1915

"Every perfect gift is from above."

Mrs. G. F. West, Hostess

Roll Call.....Current Events
Life of Florence Barclay.....Mrs. R. A. Martin
The Story of the Rosary.....Miss Evalyn Williams
Flowers and their Influence.....Mrs. Ella Hale

MAY 15, 1915

"Endure, and thou shalt triumph,
Wait, and thou shalt see."

Miss Evalyn Williams, Hostess

Roll Call.....Quotations on Spring
Biography of Grace S. Richmond.....Miss Gaddy
Red Pepper Burns.....Miss Maude Jinkens
One of your favorite books and why you like it.....By Club

MAY 29, 1915

"Before you can help those who have suffered you must suffer yourself."

Mrs. Otho W. Williams, Hostess
Business and Social Meeting

Roll Call.....Quotations
Biography of Alice Hamilton.....Miss May Valentine
Sketch.....Mrs. A. C. Rose
Story of.....Mrs. W. H. Dickson
Most help to you in your.....Memb

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Butman.

After a weeks lapse I will come again to report the great happenings of this place of neglect and its adjancies.

H. A. Lewis has been listed with the sick number for the past two weeks, but from his appetite we would infer that he is convalescing.

The writer would fain go to the circus if some kind friend, with liberal generosity, would loan him the price and not expect reimbursement.

A party of young folks from this community went to Hill Side Sunday and rendered a B. Y. P. U. program. They report a nice time.

Mr. Cargill says he wishes Fort, Worth, Dallas and Toledo would go in halves and send seventy five or a thousand cotton pickers out to gather his earned increment.

Lets all be on hand at our Sunday School next Sunday with an apt lesson and prove that we are not so much of the ephemeral as one might suppose.

Dick Sood visited at the home of Ely Wiggins Sunday.

It is somewhat relieving to a fellow to cast his eyes Merkelward and behold each of the smokestacks of the gins contributing its quota of murkiness.

Mr. Cargill Cogburn and son Floyd, and Russie Johnston have returned home from an extended tour of North Texas.

Rev. Davis preached at Butman Sunday.

I'll see you at the show Saturday.

Nubia.

This section of the country was visited by a shower last week that delayed the cotton picking for a short time. But it being dry enough Monday every one started down the line for the fleecy staple.

Mr. Robertson who lives four miles West of Merkel visited J. L. Cargill this week and looked over the crops for pleasure.

Mrs. Ada Walker of Merkel visited her daughter Mrs. Porter Saturday night and Sunday.

Five of the Nubiaites went to Hill Side Sunday to hear the B. Y. P. U. program. Quite a crowd from Butman also attended the program and helped to render it.

Messrs. A. Farmer, D. Simpson, R. Perzell, Walter Hunter and brother John were in Nubia Saturday.

Mrs. T. J. Walker who has been visiting friends and relatives at Palar in Kent county returned home last week after several months visit there. Her niece Miss Reed came home with her. They say crops are good in that section.

Rev. Davis preached Sunday. Mrs. Lillie Burleson was united with the church by sprinkling.

Shiloh.

Rev. Tatum of Hebron preached at Shiloh Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Scott filed his appointment at Heron Sunday.

There were several from here attended a singing at Newman Sunday afternoon.

There was a singing at Shiloh Sunday night. Professor Bob Rollins of Hamlin conducted the singing.

Mesdames J. H. and Wilbur Grayson visited Mrs. Mae Seago of Noodle Friday afternoon.

Mrs. S. L. Grayson returned home Wednesday from Waco where she spent a week with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay and daughter Miss Mary of the Golan community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago of Noodle spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Mr. McWright and family spent Sunday at Noodle.

Dr. Armstrong of Merkel passed through this community Sunday afternoon.

Miss Edith Mayberry returned home last week from near Hawley where she has been teaching a music class for the past two months.

G. W. Scott was a visitor in Trent Saturday.

J. H. Grayson and Wilbur Woods went to Merkel Sunday evening after a load of negroes, but when they arrived it proved to be a wagon of young white men. So much the better, we think.

Misses Lyda and Nina Beavers spent Sunday with Mrs. Scott and children.

Motorcycle for Sale.

In good condition, new tires, new belt and new carburetor. Has eclipse clutch. The cylinder has been reground making the engine good as new. Must sell as cannot ride machine again on account of appendicitis operation. Price \$85.00. Write for information. Carl Butler, Eastland, Texas. 25t2pd.

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Positively open for its first show Saturday evening October, 3rd. Matinee Begins at 2:30 and lasts all evening: Night show begins at 7:30. Special program for the entire day. Prices will remain the same. 5 and 10 cts.

REMEMBER THE DATE. REMEMBER THE PLACE AND REMEMBER OUR PRICES ARE THE SAME. A SPECIAL PROGRAM PRESENTED.

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WANTED—To trade piano for cotton. E. D. Coats.

WANTED—To trade a Singer Sewing machine for an automobile. E. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—Two young mules well broke. Will take young mare as part payment. S. D. Russell. 1144p.

LOST. Pocketbook containing about \$2.50 in silver, a W. O. W. Receipt and a Cotton Yard Receipt. Finder please return to J. A. Meeks.

NEGRO GETS LIFE SENTENCE

John Parchman, 19, Found Guilty of Murder of Ed. Blaylock, Peddler, in Dallas August 17th.

DALLAS, Sept. 22.—John Parchman a 19-year-old negro, was given a life sentence yesterday by the verdict of the jury, following a plea of guilty by the negro, to the murder of Ed. Blaylock, a white fruit peddler, who was shot on Washington avenue on Aug. 17.

The verdict was returned in about five minutes after the case was submitted. Witnesses testified that the negro had taken an apple from the peddler's wagon, and the peddler caught him in the act, and ordering him to return it. The negro ran, and then the peddler drew a clod at him, and then the negro drew his pistol and shot the peddler, they testified.

TO PROTECT LOUVRE TREASURES

BERLIN, Sept. 1. (By Mail to New York), Sept. 22.—The following dispatch from Geneva appears in a number of the German papers: "For three weeks extensive preparations have been made in the Louvre Museum in Paris safeguarding the art treasures there against bombs thrown from the Zeppelin balloons. Most of the paintings are being packed away in iron boxes. The 'Venus of Milo' and the 'Mona Lisa' were locked up in steel vaults. The Greek saloon with the masterpieces of Phidias is laid out entirely with bags of sand. The upper stories of the Louvre were cleared of their contents and changed into military hospital from which now flutters the Red Cross flag. Numerous paintings were removed from the Luxembourg Museum to the old Seminaire."

PROFESSORS LETTER CARRIERS

BERLIN, Sept. 1. (By Mail to New York), Sept. 22.—A number of the old professors of the University of Göttingen are reported to have accepted positions as rural letter carriers to relieve the loss of men in this service during the war. Great numbers of members of students association have gone to the front. Practically all of the students "Germania," in Berlin is in the field, including even the "alte Herren," or former students.

DENTISTS VOLUNTEER

LONDON, Sept. 2. (By Mail to New York), Sept. 23.—So many men who want to enlist in the army have been refused because of defective teeth, that fifty American and English dentists have volunteered their services to remedy the conditions. Each of the fifty dentists has agreed to treat without cost the teeth of fifty men whose physical condition is such that they will be acceptable as recruits when their dental short-comings are removed.

SPECIAL LADIES Millinery Announcement

The New Fall and Winter Hats new in every respect now on display at the

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Remember, I have my entire establishment now in connection with the above firm

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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes. Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die.

I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good.

I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Theford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Theford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today. Only a quarter.

THE ENGLISH AT WAR

By P. M. Sarle.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) LONDON, by mail to New York, Sept. 22.—A striking point about the men who are in command of England's armies during the present war is that the majority of them are of the silent and "unpopular" type. Not personally unpopular, of course, but not of popularity seekers. They are all "Kitchener's men," and Kitchener does not approve of advertisement of garrulity. "K of K," himself, is a calculating machine, and pays no the slightest attention to popular approval or disapproval. Where another man would explain a temporarily unpopular scheme, Kitchener dares to do so and pursues the even tenor of his way without regard for anybody's feelings or any consideration. He is not loved, but he is respected by everybody, and his appointment to the War Secretaryship was hailed with a general sigh of relief.

Even his machine-like "milled fist" arrangements for the military part of King George's coronation, only made people say "Curse the brute, he might be dealing with Russians," but it didn't stop them admiring him. They appreciated the fact that he was merely making a thorough job of it

week" of December 1899.

Gatacre's defeat at Stoneberg would have been absolute rout but for French's cavalry, and while every British General was losing hard-earned reputations French was serenely dashing along the Orange Free State frontier, checking pursuers and raiders and generally giving the enemy cause to "think furiously." He gained for the British troops breathing space while Roberts was getting his army into shape and his brilliant dash culminating in the relief of Kimberley marked the turning point of the war.

French's cavalry it was who rounded up Cronje at Paardeberg, enabling Kitchener to bring up his guns and infantry to smash the Boer general, and it was French who rushed his advance guards into Bloemfontein, Pretoria and Barberton before the Boers were aware of his proximity. In the big "sweeping up" scheme by which Kitchener ended the war, French was tireless and his cavalry appeared to be everywhere at once. A small, tactful man with a bullet head, he is frequently passed unrecognized by would-be admirers. He resigned the post of Chief of the Imperial General Staff as the result of the famous "Gough Memorandum" during the Ulster crisis but at the request of King George he took over his former job of Inspector-General at the outbreak of the war.

General Sir Charles W. H. Douglas, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is little known to the public. A dour, Scotch soldier, he participated in Roberts' famous march to Candahar, and served with distinction in India, Egypt and South Africa. In the last Boer war he was on the staff and so little of the show work, but his list of "mentioned in despatches" has rarely been exceeded. Douglas would be mighty astonished if anybody cheered him, and he would probably consider it an impertinence. Anyway his is not one of the faces that decorate picture postcards and not one in a thousand would recognize his photo if they ever saw it.

FALL COLLEGE SPORTS

By HAL SHERIDAN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Old King football is about to mount the sport throne. He is collecting his reservists throughout the country and already has engaged in many slight skirmishes with his ancient enemy, Czar Baseball. In all of the outlying posts Football's forces are scoring heavily. Around the big centers though, Baseball still holds forth the strongest.

No anti after the world's series stuff does King Football expect to relax supreme. He concedes Czar ball a lead on space in the sport pages until after Mackmen secure usual fall victory but after that expects to come into his own

a vengeance.

The football outlook 'around the East this year is unusually interesting. Yale occupies the spotlight, not because it is expected to "clean up" this fall, but because Frank Hinkey is back to coach Old Eli's pigskin warriors. The prospect of this former Blue star putting in a winning team there this year is very doubtful. The task is too great, in the minds of football critics.

But the Hinkey spirit, as it is remembered by one who saw that famous star in action in the old days, is something to be reckoned with and the seemingly impossible may be accomplished. Hinkey's efforts, at any rate, will be closely watched.

In the preliminary work to date, Hinkey has tried out a large number of candidates. His policy seems to be that every man who reports is going to get a chance. He seems to want to see for himself what material he has on hand. Only the three players who were regarded as regulars are available for Hinkey. They are Captain Talbot, Half Back Carroll Knowles and Quarter Back Aleck Wilson.

Hinkey is being assisted at present by Dr. Billy Bull, who has charge of all the kicking candidates; "Dock" Cornish, who is directing the quarter back aspirants, and Billy Marting, who is showing the centers the fine points.

TELLS OF NEGRO'S ATTACK

Miss Coler, Badly Injured Saturday Night Is Finally Able to Talk to Police.

DALLAS, Sept. 23.—Miss Barbara Coler, the woman who was attacked by a negro burglar at her home, 1520 North Carroll avenue Saturday night and badly injured, was able to give her version of the attack to Chief of Detectives Henry Tanner Tuesday morning.

Chief Tanner visited her at the Baptist Sanitarium where doctors state that Miss Coler has a good chance of recovery. At first it was thought that the terrific blow which was dealt her by the negro would cause her death. As it is she is not yet out of danger.

"I was inside the house when I heard a noise on the front porch," Miss Coler told Chief Tanner. "I went to the front door and found that someone had cut a big hole in the front screen which was locked. A few minutes later I heard a noise in the rear of the house. A plank which was placed across the rear screen door had fallen down. I took a small hand ax from the kitchen and went to see what was the matter. I had my purse in my hand. "I found a negro tearing at the screen and pulling open the door. I told him to keep out or I would hit him. The man leaped on me and wrenched the hatchet out of my hand. He said he wanted money. I struggled with him and screamed for help but he pushed me away and hit me on the head with the hatchet. I don't remember anything after that."

Miss Coler told Chief Tanner that she could identify the negro if he was caught. She said that the man had called at her house early Saturday evening and asked if she would sell him a nickel's worth of ice. She told him that she had no ice and he went away. A few minutes later she saw him in her back yard and told him to go away. The man evidently knew that she was alone and unprotected. Every effort is being made by police and detectives to arrest the negro who perpetrated the brutal assault on Miss Coler and also the negro who attacked Mrs. J. H. Smith at her home on Fitzhugh avenue Saturday afternoon.

Chief of Detectives Henry Tanner and Detective Will Moffett arrested a negro who answered the description of Miss Coler's assailant Sunday. The man was able to prove his innocence and he was released. "I would give \$25 for that negro out of my own pocket," Chief Tanner says. "My offer is for the man dead or alive. We are doing our best to find him. We have not got him

HERE LOOKING FOR FARM HANDS

Several men from the Shiloh community were in town yesterday looking into the proposition of going to Fort Worth for cotton pickers.

Messrs Joe Winter and J. M. Dunn both of the Route 2 country were among the investigators of the caucus and expected to get several of their neighbors into a company in order to decrease the expense of going after help. The parties here expected to leave last night for the "Fort" to return Saturday with the much needed pickers. We were not able to ascertain if their move was successful or not but knowing their need of assistance suppose that some of the party was dispatched on the midnight train.

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 Sept 12 1914.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$103,670.39
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	92.17
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	4,250.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings	2,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,196.00
Other real estate owned	6,687.25
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agt)	1,105.29
Due from state and private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks	96.25
Due from approved reserve agents in Central Reserve Cities	7,744.39
In other Reserve cities	4,764.91 Total
Checks and other cash items	658.36
Bills of Exchange on Cotton	294.95
Notes of other National Banks	360.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	499.63
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, Viz: Specie	15,986.25
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312.50
Total	\$154,197.08
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,344.23
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250.00
Due to other National Banks	990.75
Due to State and Private Banks and bankers	466.49
Individual Deposits subject check	62,735.97
Demand certificates of deposit	5,824.98
Time Certificates of Deposits payable	
Within 30 days	1,200.00
Time certificates of deposit payable after 30 days or after notice of 30 days or longer	6,800.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	142.98
Postal Savings Deposits	1,971.55
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	35,500.00
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$154,197.08

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. Thos. JOHNSON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Sept 1914. G. W. Johnson, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Ben T. Merritt } Directors

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

at the close of business on the 12th day of Sept 1914, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 25th day of Sept. 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$32,763.50
Loans, real estate	348.15
Overdrafts	23.42
Other Real Estate	670.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,275.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	89,138.13
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to ch., net	51,547-9,663.60
Cash Items	18.94
Currency	1,110.00
Specie	289.55-1,427.69
Interest and assessment in Depositors Guaranty Fund	397.34
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	51.50
Total	\$40,730.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,748.18
Individual deposits, subject to check	15,373.27
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,400.00
Cashier's checks	211.25
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
Total	\$40,730.79

State of Texas, County of Taylor: We, R. B. Johnson as 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 Pres. L. E. Adrian, Cashier. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16th day of Sept A. D. 1914. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (SEAL) E. D. Teuton, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: G. F. West, J. T. Warren, L. E. Adrian } Directors

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A Deering Row Binder in good running shape. See me if you want a bargain. J. P. Walhou, Rt. 1.

GOAT ROPING FOR WEST TEXAS FAIR

Secretary Wood announces that there will be daily prizes of \$25 in connection with the goat roping contests at the Central West Texas Fair which meets here October 6 for a five days session. This is believed to be a stimulus to bringing many goat ropers here and the occasion will be a very interesting one from day to day.

Announcement is also made that prizes of \$25 daily will be given to bronco riding. This is also likely to bring many bronco busters to the fair and afford more than usual interest in this line.

A purse of \$15 will be divided into three prizes, one for each day, for the "wust pitching boss." If you have something that neither the moon, stars nor sun can ride, bring him to the fair and receive the prize. The more devil in the horse the better he is liked by the riders. Here is an opportunity to show the mettle of the horse that you consider of great bucking proclivity.

Agricultural Courses

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Taking a miniature agricultural college course directly "back to the farm" is a new enterprise of the government and various states, according to recent announcement of the Department of Agriculture.

Formation of home classes of farmers and farm women for rural instruction without having them step foot off their own doorstep is the plan. Classes of ten or more farmers or farm women will be organized for home instruction in farming and domestic science, and will be furnished textbooks, lecturers, lantern slides and laboratory and cooking equipment in cooperation with state agricultural colleges, experiment stations and the Department.

"The object of the plan," the Department announces, "is to make accessible at home, to men and women who have not the time or means to attend the regular courses in colleges, practical short courses in agriculture and home management specially adapted to their districts."

"These courses will consist of from 15 to 20 lectures and will consume five or more weeks and can be arranged to suit the spare time and convenience of each group of people."

Initial courses will be offered farm bookkeeping, poultry raising, fruit growing, soils, cheese making, dairying and butter making and for women in cooking and preparing various foods.

States which have agreed to cooperate in the plan will lend laboratory and cooking apparatus and a reference library to the various groups.

When a "home class" is organized, a state agent and representative of the Department of Agriculture will be supplied to lay out the work for some "leader" in the class.

Morning and afternoon sessions of the class will be held until the local leader qualifies. Time will be given for all members to take care of household and farm duties. The student will meet at some neighbors farm house.

Sessions will only be held two or three days a week. Textbook work will be the morning scheduled and laboratory and cooking instruction in the afternoon.

As there will be no regular paid teachers, classes can be carried on as fast as state organizers can give preliminary instruction. All students who complete the courses receive a certificate from the state college.

Extension of the home class work was decided upon following highly successful experiments in that line last winter in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Florida, Michigan and Vermont are planning to organize home classes. Other states such as Maine, New York, New Jersey and Delaware, have indicated willingness to cooperate with the Department of Agriculture.

That the home study plan is much better than correspondence courses has been amply demonstrated, according to Secretary Houston of the Department.

Warning against so-called "tree surgeons, or "tree doctors" is being issued by the Department of Agriculture. Many of these professed professional "tree surgeons" often do their tree-patients more harm than good, the Department declares. A careless filling of tree cavities and use of climbing devices and pruning hooks, which injure barks and limbs, are charged to the novices or unskilled professionals in three surgery.

"Just as a person who is subject to infection through cuts and scratches, trees are rendered subject to infection by having their bark torn," the Department experts declare. "Don't neglect cavities" is a warning of human dentists which applies equally well to trees, according to the Department.

Slight cavities and rotten places, also slight injuries to trunk and limbs should be attended to immediately and save trouble 15 or 20 years later, it is stated.

Use of climbing spurs is particularly injurious to trees, it is asserted. The wounds render trees more liable to catch diseases "in the air." High ladders, ropes and rubber soled shoes are the prime requisites for the tree doctoring, according to the advice of the forestry experts.

The ladies are invited to call and look over my line of toilet articles. The stock is complete. Thank you Mrs.

STYLE SHOW WEEK

WE ANNOUNCE Our Formal Opening and Exposition of Autumn and Winter fashions, **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 25th**

And All Next Week

YOU WILL be delighted with the new COAT SUITS, DRESSES, and MILLINERY STYLES that are suitable for immediate and late in the season wear. So great is the diversity of models that you will find many styles that are particularly adapted to you and therefore of distinction and distinguished becomingness.

Our Prices will stand the severest examination for fairness, each department invites comparison. Believing firmly, as we do, that our merchandise is the best, the selections ahead, we insist that every article be priced competitively fair and reasonable.



The Opening Display of Millinery.

Inaugurates a new season in Woman's Headgear.

The most extensive and exclusive display of the season opens Friday in Merkel's most attractive Millinery Department. Autumn's most striking and charming creations are the pleasures reserved for our guests Friday, and every day next week.

For the women who would exercise her individuality we have arranged such a variety of models that choosing will be a well-remembered pleasure.

Ladies' New Fall SELBY Shoes

--Woman's Favorite Foot Wear--

We have them in the new styles and can fit your feet--

Priced \$3.50 to \$4.50.

Walk Easy Shoes for Men The best shoe made for Men and Boys.

All The New Styles in Fall Hats.

Brilliant Assemblage of Fall Garments

The Authentic Style Exhibit of the season's Fashions.

The gates of the Fall Fashions will be open Friday at Woodroof's, offering you the opportunity to study the season's new Styles in the varying phases. And how wonderfully clever, attractive and beautiful they are! What a delight for you to see them--exclusive, correct, stylish and individual garments. The presentation of this assemblage of apparel scores a triumph for this establishment. We want you, we want every woman in Merkel and vicinity to visit the store during these opening days.

Friday and every day next week.

Our Showing of Beautiful Fall Skirts and Dress Goods

Are now on display, We have provided ourselves with materials that are in demand, and have for your inspection an elaborate line of Dress Goods, Silks and Trimmings. Every section is displaying the latest triumph in Merchandise for Fall and Winter. You are invited to come see and admire.

WOODROOF'S

QUALITY STORE

IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if Kidneys feel like lead or Bladder bothers you—Meat forms uric acid.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

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when you have had your shirts, collars, etc., done up at this laundry. No need to paw over your linen to find a shirt with the buttons all on, a collar whose edge is not saw toothed or button holes torn. We don't injure things we launder. Our methods preserve them. Test us by a trial next time.

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ANNUAL FAIR AND FAT STOCK SHOW

Great preparations are made in Abilene by the Central West Texas Fair and Fat Stock Show, October 6th to the 10th, 1914, and with the bumper crops the Abilene country has made this year and every indication pointing to half bale of cotton per acre, this event should prove the most successful undertaking Abilene has ever tackled. When the last nail is driven and the gates are thrown open for the first day, there will have been spent by the Association some \$20,000 in permanent improvements in the way of buildings, race tracks, live stock barns, etc.

Located in the agricultural building will be the best of exhibits of farm products of Central West Texas, and by the side of each article there will be a placard explaining the nature of the article, when planted and class of land, how prepared, how cultivated, when harvested, etc., giving each individual that inspects this article instructions how to go home and raise just as good if not better by his own hands. This, together with expert farm demonstrators giving daily lectures, will be a school of instruction for the farmers.

In the live stock barns which have been built of the best material, being roomy, high and dry, low grade as well as high grade live stock will be accepted, so that our experts in this department can demonstrate to those interested in live stock the difference between the better bred and the poor live stock. One of the biggest features of the Central West Texas Fair will be the up-to-date dairy building and the milking barn; these two buildings have been built as near sanitary as buildings can be built. In the milking barn those visiting the Fair will witness pure bred Jersey cows milked hourly by the best of milking machines, see the milk tested thoroughly by Babcock testers, see the milk handled in sanitary milk pails, etc., transferred from there to the dairy building to be separated, clarified machinery run by electricity.

Taylor county has been rather successful in its experiments along the dairy line, having recently secured from the United States Government an expert dairy demonstrator who will give daily lectures on the proper method of handling dairy cattle and their products in this building. It is the desire of the citizens of Central West Texas to see every progressive farmer throughout this country own in connection with his little farm three or four pure bred Jersey cows, a pen or two of high grade hogs, and at least one hundred chickens. We feel if we can accomplish this great undertaking Central West Texas will be the banner country of the world.

Last, but not least, will be the Women's Department, wherein will be found every convenience for the house wife; liberal premiums have been provided to encourage them to exhibit and demonstrate their method of lessening the burdens of life.

Just in front of the Women's building there will be located the Better Baby Show daily judging will be done by the physical test system of from twentyfive to fifty babies every day. Near this building will be located the ladies' rest tent where the ladies are welcome. There will be found an attendant who will administer to their wants, take care of their parcels and furnish comfortable chairs and lounges for their comfort.

Besides these features are numerous attractions of high class and nature along midway which will be handled by two high class carnival companies running continually, having sixteen high class shows, two carry-

us-alls, ocean wave and ferris wheel, with four acts throughout the day and night. In morning in front of the grand stand will be seen goat roping contests, relay races, broncho busting and aeroplane flights. The fair Association has gone to enormous expense in securing the best aviator who has ever visited Texas who will give two flights daily, doing all the stunts in mid air known to bird men.

Each afternoon there will be high class races contested by the best of horses ever before gathered together at a race in Texas both running and harness, striving to win the large purses offered by the Association.

These attractions connected with the commodious buildings throughout the fair grounds looking to the comfort and welfare of the people and with the loyal cooperation among the citizens and farmers of Central West Texas promises to make the Central West Texas Fair an event for the people to look forward to with pleasure and anticipation. Remember the dates, October 6th to 10th, and make arrangements to attend this Fair at least two days during the session.

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Groene Studio to be made Modern Playhouse.

OPERA AND MOVING PICTURES

A new Building Adjoining will be Arranged for Photograph Work and Studio.

A new and modern playhouse is among the modern improvements assured for our little town this season and according to the announcement of Mr. H. F. Groene the same will be one of the most convenient and attractive in West Texas. The Groene Studio is to be converted into an opera house and arranged for Winter quarters for the Cozy motion pictures as well as the opera troupes making this part of our state.

A new building, frame and metal adjoining is nearing completion which is especially for the regular and established photograph work and Mr. Olive Cordell so well and favorably known to our people has returned to resume his labors in this department.

The playhouse is to be fitted up with new and modern fixtures throughout and will be a credit to our little town.

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This is the place to buy your groceries. I will give you my prices and as everything is high except cotton and it will pay you to buy your groceries where you can buy them the cheapest.

100 lbs. Boquet Flour.....\$3.00
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25 lbs. Sugar..... 2.00
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10 lbs. Diamond Syrup..... .60
Best Smoked Meat..... .20
5 Gal. Oil..... .50
Peaberry Coffee..... .25

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To Automobile Owners.
Sylvania Oil Cup. Casings and inner tubes now on sale here. See H. M. Rose.

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Goods returned should be sent back within 10 days in order that we may know in what we are at fault, so we can correct our mistakes.

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Good Bucket coffee 4lb net weight	80c.	6 one pound packages good coffee	\$1.00
10 lb bucket pure hog Lard	\$1.50	10 lb bucket Compound Lard	\$1.10
5 gallons good oil	50c	1 large size bucket sorghum	40c
20 bars good laundry soap	25c	Smoked bacon per lb	18c
12 cans good corn	90c	1 large size can good pie peaches	10c

The above are only a few of the many good things we carry in our most complete stock. Remember we carry Jellies, Jams, Preserves, Salad and mustard Dressings, Olives plain and stuffed, Pickles sweet and sour, Canned fruits and canned meats of all kinds. Breakfast bacon, Cured and Boiled Ham ready sliced. That good old COTTON WHITE FLOUR. "None" we haven't found a bad sack yet. Others may be as good. Impossible to be better. MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT OUR STORE. We are here early and late. Phone 8-0 if you want any thing attended to.

THE SANITARY GROCERY

Merkel's Model Grocery Store

WORLDS FAIR VOTES AND THE RUNNERS

The following list of contestants were those whose names have been entered in the Worlds Fair Contest of the W. D. Woodroof Co., of this place and their standing in the first count taken at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Jewell Anderson	6965
" Lula Cogburn	6230
" Gertrude Dowdy	5485
" Lera Daniel	32550
" Beulah Whetsell	4765
" Armedia Wheeler	11705
" Hattie Stonecipher	4730
" Emma Braune	3215
" Alline Barbee	10310
" Mary Boothe	4150
" Irene Swann	4745
" Hallie Moore	3855
" Ethel Jones	3090
" Frankie Campbell	4745
" Della McClain	3025
" Carrie Shannon	5310
" Emma Mashburn	4845
" Carrie Horton	3500
" Mervie Rogers	3255
" Ruby Browning	6485
" Mary Wasson	3490
" Bertha Ely	5430
" Myrtle Farris	10900
" Sallie Anderson	6260
" Beatrice Powell	4375
" Mary Massey	2250
" May Reynolds	3375
" Gertrude Stanley	5340
" Cleo Barnes	5665
" Lilly Lattimer	5435
" Amandie Alexander	4895
" Mattie Bird	3380
" May Lassiter	4440
" Emma Tipton	2525
" Georgia Moore	9250
" Selina Teaff	7900
" Alice Smith	2760
" Ennis Ford	4780
" Dovie Teaff	4230
" May Wilson	9620
" Ida Taylor	4535
" Jewel Tipton	5355
" Genevieve Warnick	3670

Dr. Armstrong Announcement.

To those of my friends who have accounts with me and wish to make settlement on same I have arranged with Dee Grimes at the Giimes Drug Store to look after my books and make out all accounts, make collection and receipt payer for same.

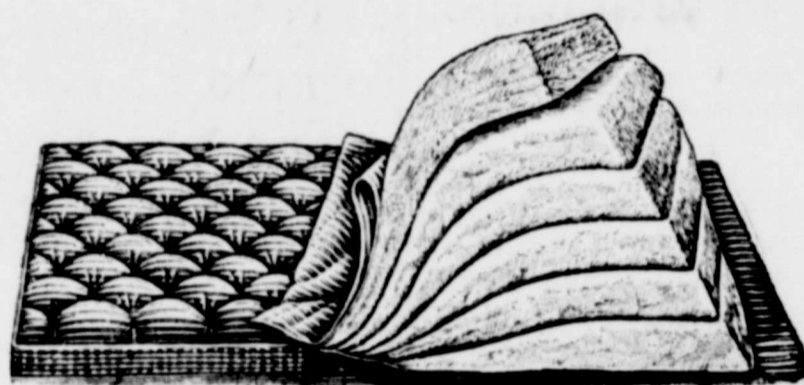
Owing to my absence from my office for a part of the time I take no responsibility for any matter of yours and I wish to be understood as releasing you from any liability on account of the same.

A half million dollars on deposit in our banks, a thousand new homes and barns and forty thousand gallons of paint will make our country look and feel better. It is easier to save the present feed crop than to grow another and our lumbermen and contractors are in the humor to talk business to you right now.

editor has been offered us jobs of picking cotton, y that we can not accept offending so many to fame. It is an easier job thering news items.

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Homer L. Easterwood, Editor.

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Grand Jury Re-Convenes.

H. M. Rainbolt and Sam Butman returned from Abilene Wednesday afternoon where they had been called by Judge Blanton to investigate special cases.

When seen Wednesday afternoon Mr. Rainbolt stated that there had been five true bills found during the day. Three of which were bills that needed changing from the findings of the Grand Jury at its first meet.

Bring your prescriptions to Mrs. E. M. Ruet Drug Store where they will be filled by a Registered pharmacist. Day or night.

Mrs. R. H. Chancey was in the city Wednesday shopping.

THE GREAT HORSE SHOW

Fort Worth Will Offer Superior Attraction This Fall.

Offering a wide range for exhibitors of fine horseflesh, the premium list of the Fort Worth Horse Show has just been announced. Approximately \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded and every class is given just consideration. The Horse Show will be held Oct. 12 to 17, in connection with the nineteenth annual National Feeders and Breeders' show.

Bristling with features, the premium list gives promise of an even better exhibition than in the past. Entries of harness and saddle animals from the best stables of the country are anticipated. This expectation is well in line with past performances as the Fort Worth Horse Show ranks with the best in the land and always attracts a large number of the most prominent exhibitors.

Recognizing the increasing interest in the production of fine saddle animals in Texas and the Southwest, the management of the Horse Show again has decided to offer a liberal prize in the now famous "Horse Show Classic." In this event, for which a prize of \$500, to be split four ways, has been hung up, only five-gaited saddle animals may be entered. Last fall this event was made notable by the magnificent battle for the mastery between "My Major Dare," Miss Loula Long's great saddle stallion, and a Texas horse, "Gallant King," owned by Virgil P. Keel of Gainesville. "My Major Dare" triumphed. It is anticipated that these two magnificent animals will again clash, with others of equal merit in the competition.

The usual liberal consideration has been accorded in all classes for harness and saddle animals. The roadster classes have been well taken care of, as they are among the great features of the show.

Keener competition than ever will be given in the jumping classes. Hitherto, these prizes have been competed for almost exclusively by the soldiers and officers from Fort Sam Houston, but this fall some of the best jumpers of the North will enter the open classes, while Fort Sam Houston probably will have competition in the military classes.

Added stimulus has been given in the classes for delivery turnouts by putting on extra classes that can be competed for only by turnouts in South Fort Worth.

Although arrangements have not been perfected, the management of the stock show promises added thrilling features to the night horse show, such as push ball and hazardous games of the kind, which have always furnished great entertainment for the crowds.

High school horses and polo ponies will be shown the usual consideration.

Motorcycle For Sale.

A good motorcycle for sale

THE BABY BEEF SHOW

This Class Will Play Prominent Part at Ft. Worth Exhibition.

From its inception in the mind of a famous livestock expert only two years ago, the baby movement has spread like wildfire throughout the Southwest and today it is recognized as one of the most potent factors in the work of saving the country from meat famine. A most comprehensive knowledge of the progress of this great movement, so all-important to the cattle industry of the future, may be gained by a visit to the National Feeders and Breeders' show, which will be held in Fort Worth October 10 to 17.

At the last spring show in Fort Worth, in March, 1910, baby beef had its first recognition at the hands of Texas' great live stock exposition. There were only twelve entries. The date of the show was changed to fall and baby beef was again included in the prize list. This time there were about sixty entries. In the meantime, the boys' and girls' baby beef club movement had been spreading throughout the state. The total membership in this state alone of youngsters between the ages of eight and eighteen was more than 1,000. This fall's show will see at least 500 to 600 entries in the baby beef classes, for which liberal prizes have been offered. The baby beef clubs of Brown and Coleman counties alone have asked for 100 entry blanks each. The baby beef club membership in Texas now mounts into the thousands and bankers, merchants and progressive stockmen are furnishing the means whereby the youngsters of the community may start in business with a calf or so.

The National Feeders and Breeders' show keeps well in touch with the trend of livestock advancement in the Southwest. Nothing worthy fails of recognition. Magnificent exhibits of Jersey and feeder cattle are anticipated, exclusive of the usual show of beef cattle.

All of the old exhibitors and many new ones will be on hand with their herds this year, according to information received by the management of the show, and the stall-space in the vast stables is being taxed.

Hogs, sheep and horses will be on hand in even greater number than in the past. The aristocrats of the feeding pen and the product of the range have been provided for.

The Fort Worth Fat Stock show is the "exhibition of magnificent distances." It draws exhibits from perhaps a larger area than any like exhibition in the country. Its field is the Southwest, but it reaches far beyond these confines.

Special excursions will be run along many railroads and the largest attendance in history is confidently expected.

Good for Biliousness.

I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all dealers.

The Merkel country offers a good job to every able-bodied man and we would recommend employment to you in preference to a place on the firing line in Europe, but get a cotton sack or rifle one. All vagrants in West Texas after the first of the year will be shot to make room for the new and live prospectors coming.

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Bell Connection Adds to Farm Cheer

It was a blustery March evening, but inside the cozy sitting-room of the Browns' all was cheery and bright.

Mrs. Brown stepped to the telephone. Her husband smiled—for he knew the pleasant custom for years had been to call the daughter, in the distant village, each week.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

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WYETH'S SAGE TEA IN LIFELESS, GRAY HAIR

Look young! Common garden Sage and Sulphur darkens so naturally nobody can tell

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 50 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair.

A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.

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FEEDERS PROMINENT

Farmers National Congress Will Attend Fort Worth Show.

Feeder cattle probably will play a big part in the National Feeders and Breeders' show, which will be held in Fort Worth October 10 to 17. This will be due in a large measure to the Farmers' National Congress, which will be held in that city during the great livestock exhibition.

At least 2,000 to 3,000 farmers and stock-farmers, gathered from every section of the United States, will gather in Fort Worth on that date. These men are of the most progressive type, who long ago realized that diversification was necessary to continued success on the farm. They are always in search of good feeder cattle and the ranchmen of Texas have the product with which to fill the bill. Feeder exhibits, therefore, are expected not only to lead to immediate sales but to open an avenue for increased business with these men in the future.

No detail for making the fall exhibition the greatest in the history of the National Feeders and Breeders' show has been overlooked. Not only has every class of livestock that is produced in the Southwest been given ample consideration but numerous forms of entertainment, not allied with the stock exhibit, have been secured. It is the aim of the management of the show to make it one of general entertainment as well as education in livestock lines. Carnival attractions of the best have been secured. Many free acts of a diverting nature will be furnished in the vast arena of the Coliseum building, which is the home of the Fat Stock show. An industrial exhibit of superior merit will be furnished and a poultry show, hitherto unsurpassed in Texas, will be held in an adjoining exhibit hall. Last fall, birds from every section of the country competed for honor and prizes and the Texas-bred kind carried off most of the money.

The seventeen railroads which make Fort Worth the virtual center of the state have offered splendid rates, which will afford everyone a chance to visit the show. Special excursions will be run along many lines, exclusive of the regular rate arrangement. County fairs are showing an exceptional interest in the Fat Stock show this year and their choicest livestock will be sent here.

The boys and girls features, both in the baby beef and hog divisions, will be better than ever. The entries in many classes will be ten times as numerous as in previous years.

The grand jury investigated our town thoroughly but came to the conclusion that it was just our improved conditions and live cotton market that was so stimulating. One enjoying residence here and absorbing the Merkel spirit needs no intoxicants. It is the Keely cure for all who have lost interest in life. Come here.

The ladies are invited to call and look over my line of toilet articles. The stock is complete. I think I can please you. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mesdames T. Robinson, M. D. Angus, L. J. Renfro, Rev. Bullock, E. P. McMillen and H. C. West were among the Merkel visitors who left here Wednesday for Stamford to attend the Sunday School Convention being held in that city at the present.

Messrs B. F. Cox, Tally Holloway and Roscoe Sharp returned Wednesday night from various points in southeast Texas where they have been during the last three weeks.

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Redfern and Palmer, Garments for women and misses, Fisk, Gage and Gold Medal Hats, Gossard La-Resista and Justrite Corsets. Simmon's Kid Gloves, Kayzers Silk Gloves, Queen Quality and Selby Shoes for Women.

Stein-Block Clothes, Kirschbaum Clothes for men, Hercules and Wooly Clothes for Boys, Regal and Stetson Shoes for Men, Thayer Shoes for Boys, Stetson and Star Hats, and Manhattan and Ferguson Shirts.

And many other standard lines, most of them sold exclusively at this store. It will certainly be to your best interests to visit this store and see our offerings in the Fall and Winter Goods before making your season's purchases.

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Our Mail Order Service, once given a trial, will prove a great convenience to those living a distance from Abilene. Your orders to Campbell's will have immediate and careful attention, and your goods will go forward by the next mail, charges paid.



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When your requirements prompt you in ordering by mail, you will invariably get the best results by addressing the order to Campbell's. We will be glad to mail you samples or answer any inquiries concerning our merchandise or our prices. We guarantee to please you.

Gets Shoulder Broke in Bull Fight.

Chas. Hughes of Route 3 is nursing a broken collar bone this week from the effects of a tangle with a furious bovine.

Mr. Hughes, with other parties, according to the report received here was handling a bunch of cattle in some way when one of the animals became frightened or mad and in the "dash for liberty" found Mr. Hughes directly in his path. When Mr. Hughes picked himself up from the fall he found his collar bone broken in two places and minor bruises about his shoulder.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities 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.

Piano and Voice Recital.

On Friday evening October 2nd at 8 o'clock a Recital will be given at the Methodist church by Miss Burkett and her music class.

The program promises to be an interesting one, and on this occasion the Choral Club, consisting of about twenty young ladies, will make its initial appearance.

Everybody is cordially invited to be present. Admission free, 2c.

Cotton Seed Market.

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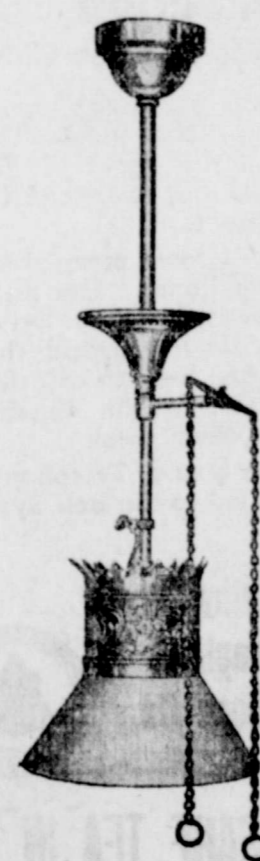
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Late Birth Statistic.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, twins one a boy and one a girl on the 21st.

To B. Peoples and wife a boy on the 22nd.

To Chas. Braune and wife a boy on the 14th.

To S. O. Patton and wife a boy on the 13th.

To Clyde Herring and wife of Noodle a boy on the 4th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMurray a boy on the 1st.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell a boy on the 23rd.

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Anyone taking an agency to sell Life Insurance for The Great Republic Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California, or The Cherokee Life Insurance Company of Rome, Georgia, will be given a free trip to the World's Fair next year at San Francisco. The only condition is, the entire first year premium on the first \$10,000 of 20-Pay Life sold, must be remitted with the applications.

Take an agency and qualify at once. J. M. Pate, General Agent, Abilene, Texas.

Thanks Those Who Helped Him.

I wish to thank very gratefully the crowd who assisted me Monday afternoon in getting my horse out of the old well at the rear of the J. B. Bell store. The undertaking was exceedingly difficult and the assistance given was very much appreciated.

Respectfully,
E. L. Ash.

Chamberlain's Liniment.

If you are ever troubled with aches, pains or soreness of the muscles, you will appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Liniment. Many sufferers from rheumatism and sciatica have used it with the best results. It is especially valuable for lumbago and lame back. For sale by all dealers.

Marvin Shipley Dead.

Marvin, age 19 son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Shipley of Stith died at the family residence Tuesday evening of this week from Typhoid fever, having been sick five weeks at time of his death.

The young man was well and favorably known in the Stith community. Burial services were held in Rose Hill Cemetery of place Wednesday afternoon of this week, Rev. W. M. Gaddy conducting the services.

The MAGIC Washing Stick.

The Magic Washing stick is not a soap, nor is it a washing powder, but a very peculiar article which makes dirty clothes clean and snowy white without a bit of rubbing, thus doing away with the hard work on washday. Washes colored clothes without fading, woolsens without shrinking or hardening, and for lace and lace curtains it is simply fine. Guaranteed perfectly harmless and can be used with perfect safety on the most delicate fabric. Price 10c per Magic Stick or three for 25c. If dealer can't supply send stamps or money order to A. B. Richards Co., Sherman, Texa.

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