

MEN ARE INJURED BY STRAY BULLETS

20 CARS CATTLE SHIPPED SUNDAY

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 30.—Five more persons were added to the casualties on the American side in the siege of Naco, Sonora, today.

Private Caine of B troop, 9th United States cavalry, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded. Four Mexican children were wounded, one seriously.

This makes a total of forty-one persons injured on the American side by stray bullets from the Maytorena-Villa besieging forces and General Hill's Carranza troops, entrenched in Noco. Of these four are dead, one is blind and two are reported to be near death. One shell today entered the United States custom house which was vacated two weeks ago on account of danger from stray bullets.

Although Maytorena is evidently intent on continuing the siege, it is reported that he will make no assault on the town until re-enforcements arrive.

MASONIC MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT

Probably the most enthusiastic meeting of the local A. F. & A. M. Lodge held in Merkel in many months was called in the Masonic Hall Saturday night.

Rev. Charles W. Hearon of Abilene was an invited guest and speaker of the evening. His address to the members of the lodge followed immediately after the regular order of business. His address was replied to by many of the senior members of the Merkel lodge who were fortunate enough to be in attendance at the Saturday night meeting. Lunch was then served to about 65 members, coffee, chocolate, sandwiches, cakes and fruits formed the courses.

The entire membership present then formed in line and marched to the Cozy Theatre where they enjoyed three reels of moving pictures at the invitation of manager H. F. Groene through his special agent, Oly Cordell.

A vote of thanks to both Messrs Cordell and Groene and Rev. C. W. Hearon are to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge at its next regular meeting.

Goes To Grand Lodge.

Wesley Edwards, W. M. of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge of this place left Sunday for Waco to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas now in session at that place.

Mr. Edwards will be away about two weeks. He was joined in Waco by B. F. Cox also of this city who is in attendance there for the purpose of taking special work of instruction given by the Grand Lodge each year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen Sunday.

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Miss Annie Moore of Abilene visited friends in our city the past week.

W. R. Bigham came in from Trent Sunday where he had been for several days in company with his son C. V. Bigham in looking after some cattle they have in that vicinity.

Two shipment of cattle, one of two cars and the other of eighteen cars, on last Sunday from Merkel to Fort Worth made up one of the largest shipments from this place during the present year.

Messrs Bond and Huddleston were the shippers of the eighteen cars and W. H. Laney the remaining two. All of the stock has been on feed in the Merkel country for some time and was in excellent condition for market purpose.

COMING SATURDAY AT COZY THEATRE

There is an attraction coming to the Cozy Theatre on Saturday Dec. 5th that every man, woman and child will be tickled to see. It is the new brilliant comedy, "The Wizard of Wiseland." The fun of this production is uproarious and unremitting, never pausing for a moment save when the songs and dances are introduced by the capable company of comedians and pretty girls. There are College-girls, Society-girls and all sorts of girls. There are fairies and devils and magic. And there is also a big active lion who will demonstrate how the King of beast behaves when he makes a meal of a man. The Wizard of Wiseland has been deservedly playing to crowded houses with great success everywhere.

All to win, nothing to lose. Guess how long the candle will burn at Grimes Drug Store.

MERKEL CHICKEN SHOW IS OPEN

December 3rd, 4th and 5th in the Thornton building on Kent street.

Don't fail to attend. Saturday is to be the big day of them all.

Visits Friends In El Paso.

We neglected last week to make mention of the fact that Dee Grimes, the popular young druggist and manager of the Grimes Drug Store was taking a two days vacation and advantage of cheap rates to El Paso where he was the guest of the family of T. J. Coggin former residents of this city.

Dee's departure from here was unheralded and for this reason our failure to mention his visit in our last weeks paper. He is again at his post of duty here and asks that his many friends call in to see him as usual.

Entertainers of High Class

The Victoria Ladies Quartette traveling in Lyceum courses gave a high class entertainment at the Cozy Theatre Monday evening. The attraction was clean and highly enjoyable.

Especially talented is Miss Lill Rosine second alto and pianist of the quartette who in addition to the musical numbers gave some excellent readings. She is ably assisted by all her companions.

W. U. W.

Merkel Camp No. 719 meets second and fourth Friday nights of each month.

W. M. Elliott, C. O. S. Hamilton, Clerk

THE GOODFELLOWS CLUB

The word goodfellow signifies charity when spoken of in connection with a Christmas thought. It is our intention to be a good fellow to the best of our ability during the coming joyous occasion and we are reminded that there are some about us who will not, if left to their own resources be able to know what the tidings of Christmas Bells really mean.

In years gone by there has been a spirit of Goodfellowship shown in our town. Small donations have been made and placed in the hands of a committee to send Santa Claus into the home of some unfortunate ones. We should not forget this precedent for a moment for even with fortune favoring our immediate country as it is we are reminded by the presence of those whose heart we could cheer without any sacrifice whatever on our parts.

The Goodfellow Movement for this year will be under the supervision of Mesdames J. T. Warren, H. F. Groene, H. C. Williams, R. L. Bland, J. L. Harris, E. P. McMillen, M. Armstrong and John Sears. These ladies with Mrs. Groene as their leader will ascertain the needs of Merkel children who are likely to find Santa Claus a poor visitor and devoid of those things that brighten a child's heart when he visits their home. Small contributions given to this committee will remind us that "We are our brother's keeper" and gives us a reason to be thankful of our ability to make some child happy.

Goodfellow Boxes, open for donations, will be placed in public places in Merkel. Give what you can so far as your ability will permit, either by deposit in the Goodfellow Boxes or directly to any member of the Goodfellow committee.

From donations secured in 1913 for the "Goodfellow" movement there remains \$29.25 on deposit for use during the coming Christmas week. This amount is not sufficient to justify the expenditures that will be made by the "GOODFELLOW COMMITTEE."

Remember the "Goodfellow Boxes" and make your contributions to a good cause. Not all Belgians live in Europe and Charity begins at home.

BETTER ROADS FOR MERKEL

The year of 1914 is a record breaker in every respect for the Merkel country. More rainfall has been recorded than in previous years. More feed stuff, cotton and other products will be harvested than ever before in the history of our country and at the present our good roads system is in a condition almost indescribable.

These facts are brought out in box car letters before our farmers, the people who have on their hands the problem of saving this enormous crop. To do so, the farmers should have better thoroughfares than the Merkel country has at present. The move of getting private subscriptions for road workings will meet with manifold success. The road drags employed in this precinct are expensive when not in use. They are highly beneficial when used properly.

Now that a movement has been started for soliciting financial aid from private sources to have this work done, it behooves every citizen of the town and country to co-operate in some way to the betterment of our dirt roads. You can do so by contributing a small amount to a general fund and the money will be judiciously used under the supervision of our commissioner.

Not in years have the roads leading into Merkel been nearer impassable than they are at the present time. The use of these iron road drags will cut off the high places and build up the low ones. If you do not think this one of the most progressive movements our town and country could start, get in a "rattle trap" buggy and visit some of your country friends. You will be immediately converted from a pessimistic non-road builder to an advocate of better highways in about one hour's time, for it will take about an hour to traverse the first mile journey over any road leading away from our town.

Push the movement. Steel road drags are available until we can do better. Stop rocking the boat.

FATTY ARBUCKLE HERE SATURDAY

Fatty Arbuckle, probable to funniest fat man in existence and a photo player of national repute is to be shown here Saturday together with Charlie Chaplin and Mable Normand, in a two reel feature entitled "Fatty and the Heiress", a riproaring Keystone comedy.

In addition to this the Royal Theater will enlarge its regular program from three reels to a six reel show. Four other good reels in addition to the "Fatty" picture will be shown. Regular prices of 5 and 10 cents. (adv)

FALL RAINS WILL HINDER HARVEST

Without the slightest idea of having misrepresented in any way the condition of our country we are forced to conclude the backbone of a prolonged drouth of seven years duration has been broken into smithereens.

Within the last ten days old Sol has shown his smiling face during a few hours of the time. The roads leading to our town continue to stay boggy and the fields absorbing excellent seasons for future cultivation. However our farmers are greatly in arrears with their gathering of cotton and harvest of feed stuffs but promptly upon receipt of a few sun beams followed by some much wanted dry weather wind, condition will again loom up like the noon day sun and all the time the Merkel country will be getting in readiness for another such bountiful crop as we have made this year.

DONORS TO ROAD WORKING FUNDS

The following have made donations to the Road working funds to be used by Commissioner T. R. Lassiter. Mr. Lassiter informs us that he will begin the work of dragging the Merkel roads just as soon as the weather will permit.

Farmers & Merchants and Farmers State Banks, S. P. Foster, Anchor Mercantile Co., W. D. Woodroof, Burton Lingo Co., McDonald & Stith, Hamm & Douglass, Guitar Gin, Browning Gin Co., J. T. Warren and G. W. Boyce each gave \$2.50.

Parten Dry Good Co., Behrens McMillen Fur Co. each gave \$2.

W. A. Scott, Dr. M. Armstrong, T. L. Grimes, J. P. Sharp, H. C. Burroughs, T. F. Lasater, C. T. Mershon, Crown Hdw Co., G. M. Sharp, Star Store, Hamblet & Rogers, C. D. Mims, Walter Clark, Dr. Cranford, Merkel Mail, City Barber Shop, W. A. Hellums, Ross Ferrier, J. W. Daniel, W. O. Williams, and L. J. Renfro each paid \$1.00.

The following made 50 cent donations, M. D. Ussery, Burns Cafe, Church Tailor Shop, E. L. Turner and L. E. Sanders.

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J.E. DRUMMOND OF CAPS DIED MONDAY

J. E. Drummond, one of the oldest settlers in the county and well known in Abilene, is dead at his home at Caps. Death occurred about ten o'clock Monday night following an unconsciousness of about two hours. Death is attributed to a ruptured blood vessel of the brain.

Mr. Drummond was about 50 years of age. He has been a resident of the immediate Caps territory for the past 7 years, but has been living in this country for about 25 years. Surviving the deceased are his wife and 7 children and two brothers, H. U. and H. O. Drummond well known in Abilene. His children are: Ruby, Henry, Robert, Minnie, John, Winter and a daughter of Canyon.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. Drummond was well known in Merkel having lived here for a number of years. He was a Mason and a member of the Caps lodge.

THE WAR TAX IS NOW IN FORCE

The new revenue law went into effect over the United States Tuesday. It was inaugurated by the government to recuperate a treasury being depleted by falling off in export and import duties. The deficit is being raised by levying a tax upon all cosmetics, perfumery, hair oils, extracts, toilet waters, tooth washes, chewing gum and similar articles made or sold. The tax is applied by means of revenue stamps attached to the articles subject to taxation. The only penalty for violation of the revenue law is a fine of \$500 or six months in jail, or perhaps both. The following information is taken from an exchange:

The law provides for a stamp tax of from one-eighth of one cent upward on each bottle or package of such commodities, depending upon the value of such articles. The special revenue adhesive stamp must be affixed to each article before it goes over the counter to the customer.

Special taxes are imposed on business enterprises of various kinds. Bankers pay \$1 for each \$1,000 of capital used or unemployed; brokers, pawnbrokers, proprietors of theatres and other amusement places, circus owners, bowling alleys and billiard halls, commission merchants, all are assessed annual taxes from \$10 per annum to \$100, effective Nov. 1, 1914, instead of Dec. 1.

The bill also imposes a tax of one cent on each telephone or telegraph message costing more than 15 cents, and in this case specifically states that the telephone or telegraph companies shall collect the tax from the person paying for the message, and in addition to the regular charge for the message.

Persons addicted to the use of gum will contribute four cents on each \$1 of chewing gum after Dec. 1. The special revenue stamps used for meeting the stamp tax as furnished by the internal revenue collectors in this state. It is probable, however, that many of the banks will carry a stock of these stamps on hand for the convenience of their customers. One effect which this tax will probably have in the southwest will be that it will popularize the one cent piece, for pennies will be much more in demand to buy revenue stamps.

The Farmers State Bank

OCTOBER 31, 1914

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$131,266.46
Banking House.....	9,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund...	791.55
Cash and Exchange.....	42,292.42
	\$188,350.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits.....	2,083.00
DEPOSITS.....	125,402.12
Bills Payable.....	25,514.65
Reserve for Taxes.....	350.00
	\$188,350.43

Our money is loaned to customers, as shown by above statement.
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MORE CHICKEN SALES MADE HERE

R. A. Ellis and H. P. Wilkins are two Merkel chicken raisers who within the past few days derived good returns from their chicken yards. Mr. Wilkins sold a Barred Rock Cockerel for \$20.00 to a chicken fancier in North Texas while Mr. Ellis sold two Rhode Island Red pullets for \$25.00 to R. L. Pennick of Stamford. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Penick both are raisers of the Red chickens and in late shows the Stamford man has taken a back seat with his bunch while the Ellis chickens were on the show. It may be well to mention that Mr. Penick has decided not to come to the Merkel Poultry Show this year with his stock of Reds, however Mr. Ellis will have his prize winners on display.

Mr. Wilkins we are informed, took a handsome bunch of premiums at the Stamford show and has shipped his winners to Amarillo this week where he will meet much stronger competition in the Barred Rock class. His winnings at Stamford were 1st and 3rd pens; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullets; 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th cockerel and second cock. Other high awards made to Merkel men were: 1st cockerel Rhode Island Reds to R. A. Ellis 1st pullet Buff Orpington to A. J. Hartley; 1st cock and 1st cockerel, White Orpingtons to O. W. Williams; 1st cock and first hen Barred Rock to Joe K. Higgins; 1st pullet White Wyandotts, H. M. Rose.

Too Late For Publication.

Some of our society items contributed this week were scrouged out and will appear next week.

Maize Heads Wanted.

Will contract for twelve tons of maize at \$10.00 per ton loaded on car at Merkel. See Dr. O. F. McMaster.

HAULING NOTICE.

For hauling ring me at Clarke, phone 195 or Porters Grocery, phone 286. H.S. (Dad) Wilson.

Grayson-Barnes.

Roger Grayson and Miss Pearl Barnes were married Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. Scott performing the ceremony. Roger is the son of Mr. J. H. Grayson and wife, Miss Pearl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes all of the Shiloh community. They both have a host of friends who will join the writer in wishing them a long and happy life and may their future pathway be strewn with choicest flowers with no thorns to pierce the way. (Contributed)

The Thanksgiving dance was a delightful social affair. Music was furnished by the Orchestra. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mesdames J. C. Hamm and J. W. Powell. The dancers and their guests were Miss Weir, Misses Elma Sheppard, Ona Hamblett, Mabel Collins, Lena Roberts, Annis Burnett, Lucile Powell of Stamford and Janie Lee Weir. Messrs Parker Sharp, Dee, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Conner and John Ralph Adams, Homer L. Easterwood, Raymond Touchstone and Robert McDonald.

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The following count is for the last two weeks only and gives the total number of votes cast in the Woodroff Worlds Fair Contest up until the present time.

Miss Jewell Anderson.....	55140
" Lula Cogburn.....	115125
" Gertrude Dowdy.....	126300
" Lera Daniel.....	312995
" Beulah Whetsell.....	18510
" Armedia Wheeler.....	64410
" Hattie Stonecipher.....	21609
" Emma Braune.....	3735
" Aline Barbee.....	68035
" Mary Boothe.....	55375
" Irene Swann.....	5695
" Hallie Moore.....	308740
" Ethel Jones.....	4795
" Frankie Campbell.....	80635
" Della McClain.....	3915
" Carrie Shannon.....	74335
" Emma Mashburn.....	5800
" Mertie Rogers.....	20770
" Ruby Browning.....	37725
" Mary Wasson.....	3490
" Bertha Ely.....	60110
" Myrtle Farris.....	13095
" Sallie Anderson.....	6260
" Beatrice Powell.....	15550
" May Reynolds.....	6190
" Gertrude Stanley.....	5340
" Cleo Barnes.....	24410
" Amandie Alexander.....	26295
" Mattie Bird.....	3380
" May Lassiter.....	26045
" Emma Tipton.....	2525
" Georgia Moore.....	12895
" Selina Teaff.....	41640
" Alice Smith.....	16270
" Ennis Ford.....	25380
" Dovie Teaff.....	5820
" May Wilson.....	11265
" Ida Taylor.....	5010
" Jewel Tipton.....	7410
" Genevieve Warnick.....	17075
" Maud Hanks.....	3475

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Shiloh.

There was no Sunday School Sunday on account of so small attendance.

Mrs. M. J. Bennett of Oklahoma is here visiting her daughter Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Edgar Wheeler of Noodle was in this community Sunday.

Miss Beulah Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Wheeler of Noodle.

Mrs. Dupuy of Haskell came in Sunday to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson.

Mrs. Wright of Noodle is spending this week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. McCright.

Chas. and Harvel Jones spent Sunday night with friends at Noodle.

J. H. Grayson and T. Winter attended the Masonic lodge at Merkel Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seago visited friends at Noodle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. McCright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eoff of Noodle.

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The Wizard of Wiseland

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The design of the costumes in toto is that of Monsieur Floerinti the well known Parisian expert, whose creations are in great demand for all the great spectacular productions in continental Europe. The initial presentation here of the musical extravaganza, "The Wizard of Wiseland," will be given at the Cozy Theatre, on Saturday. Matinee and night. December, 5th.

Junior League Program

Leader, Roy Moore
 Song, 129
 Prayer by leader
 Scripture reading
 Instrumental Solo, Lola Armstrong,
 Sentence Prayer
 Song 93
 Bible Story, Buford Smith
 Solo, Rosie Laney
 Roll Call, Roy Moore
 Song by boys, No. 19
 Song by girls, No. 46.
 Miscellaneous

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 The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.
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 FEBRILINE 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 suited to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine because of cause nervousness. Does not nauseate nor cause dizziness. Give it in the head. Try it the next time you are sick. Ask for 25c FEBRILINE package. The title, 25 cents.

SELLS COTTON BY ELECTRIC LIGHTS

The following article was clipped from the Paris Morning News of Nov. 27th, and describes the condition here in Merkel, as seen by an east Texas man, J. C. Mason who is making his temporary home here at present Mr. Mason received so many inquiries from friends in east Texas and at Paris he decided to answer them all through the columns of the News which came to our attention through exchange.

To the Editor of the News: Merkel, Texas, Nov. 23.—Having been receiving so many inquiries about conditions out here since I came, I take the liberty of answering them in a general way through your valuable paper trying to use as much brevity as possible.

From the 90th meridian west we have the largest crop ever known in the country; from one half to one and one half bales an acre is what the cotton is producing. The gins run night and day; and the farmers are crowded to the limit with their work trying to save the crops. Thousands of cotton pickers have come into this country and yet it will be impossible to save the crops. Undoubtedly they will have to plow under thousands of bales of cotton that they can not get picked. The farmers are rushed so, they work until midnight having cotton ginned and then often have to go home which is one to ten miles away, and are back early next morning. They come in on Sundays and carry the wagons home that have accumulated at the gins to have them to put cotton in Monday, and I witness everyday what I never saw before: The merchants buy most of the cotton out here and they begin buying it by the bale off the wagons by four o'clock in the morning and continue to buy until 10 o'clock at night. Buy it by electric light, lamp light or by moon and star light. Now this may seem strange, but nevertheless true. I venture there is 25 to 50 bales sold on the streets of Merkel every night after dark.

The feed crop is great. I believe one half of it will go to waste, and yet they will save enough to run them two years and this is no fish story. Old settlers in this country say that this country is just coming unto its own and every indication points to another bumper crop for 1915 but the cotton acreage will be reduced considerably. The land owners are renting with this in the contract.

Merkel has about 2,000 inhabitants and estimates it will receive 25,000 bales of cotton this season. The receipts are from 150 to 400 bales a day. Receipts to date are approximately 12,000 bales.

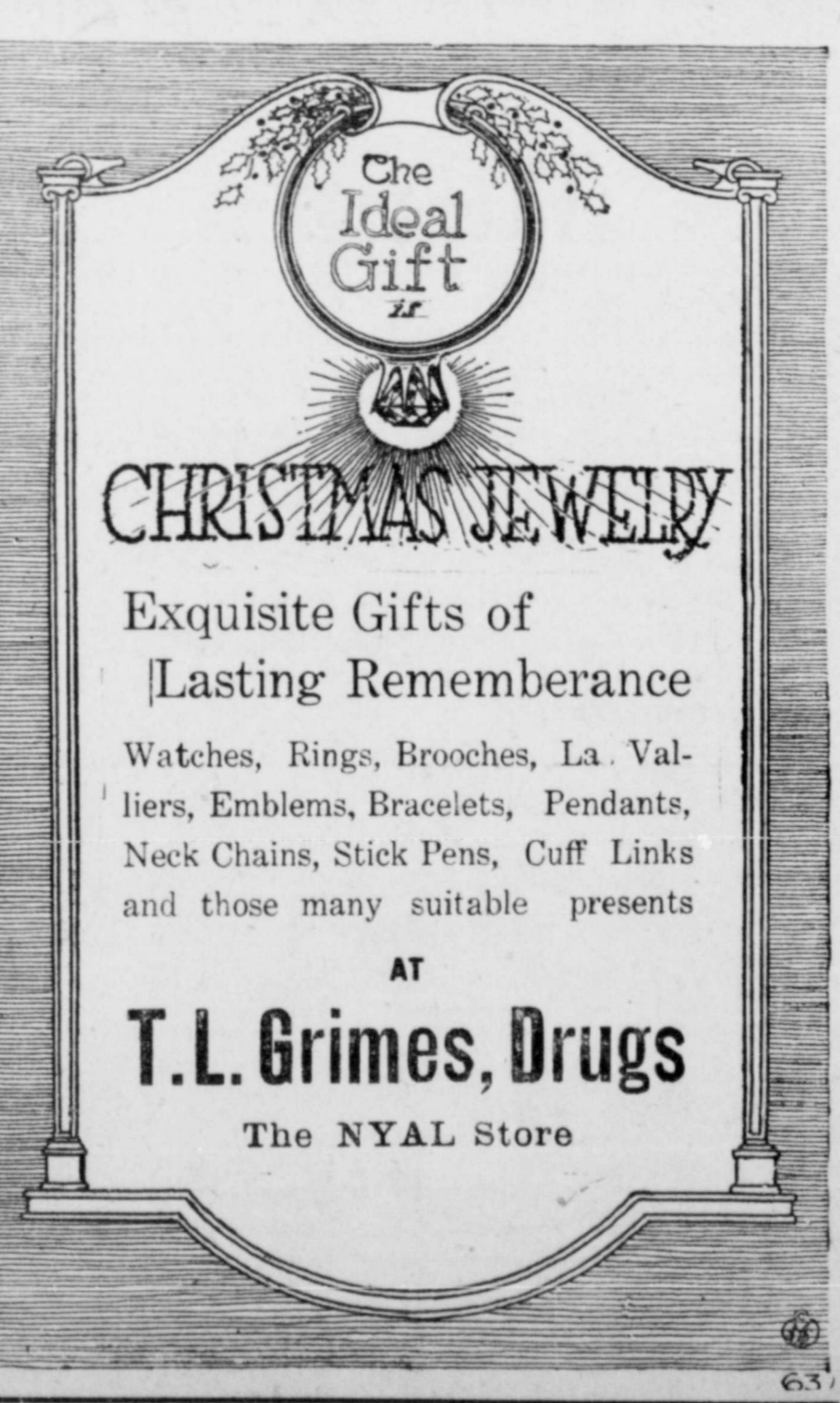
J. C. MASON

LADIES! LOOK YOUNG, DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Use Grandma's Sage Tea and Sulphur Recipe and nobody can tell. Brush it through hair.

Gray hair, however handsome, denotes advancing age. We all know the advantages of a youthful appearance. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray and looks dry, wispy and scraggly, just a few applications of Sage Tea and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundred-fold.

Don't stay gray! Look young! Either prepare the tonic at home or get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy." Thousands of folks recommend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully and removes dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair; besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous, and you appear years younger.





Bring in Your Butter And Eggs

We will pay the highest market price for them and give you in exchange the choicest groceries. Make our store your home while in town. We are always glad to see you. We want your next order. PHONE 80.

TURNER'S SANITARY GROCERY, MERKEL'S MODEL STORE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Jaxon self filling fountain pens for \$1.00 at Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Miss Genevieve Rust visited friends in Cisco the past week.

Base 3363 cools the fever. See your druggist, 2t

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Deutschman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Shelton the past week.

Don't fail to see our line of jewelry, cut glass and silver wear before you buy—Burroughs

Messrs Mays and Williams of Sweetwater were social callers here Sunday.

Never before have we been able to sell out a stock of holiday goods so reasonable. The war has had no effect on our prices. Burroughs.

Rev. Ed. R. Wallace left for Amarillo Sunday for a short stay. From there he will visit his daughter Mrs. H. Fields.

For Sale: 6 coming 3 year old mules; one coming 4 year old horse; 4 young bay mares and three brood mares—A. B. Cranston, 12 miles northeast of Merkel. 4t3

Our townsman J. N. Shelton was in Abilene Thursday and Friday of last week visiting his friend Dr. G. W. Carter of Sulphur City Ark., who is visiting his daughters Mrs. Overshiner and Miss Millie Carter the latter was in Abilene attending school but has had a severe attack of typhoid fever and has been in a very critical condition for several weeks. Mr. Shelton enjoyed meeting and talking with his old friends again.

Persian Ivory is the latest fad in manicule and dresser sets my front case is full of the latest designs, if you buy early we can have an enitil letter put on each piece. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Dan Coomer, formerly of this place but lately of Dallas has returned to his home after a visit with the families of Arthur and F. Sears.

There is nothing nicer for a Christmas present than a Eastman Kodak. If its an Eastman it will make a clear cut picture. See them at Mrs. E. M. Rusts.

Mrs. J. P. C. Hunt and children returned to their home at Haskell Saturday after a few days visit with the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Comegy.

Miss Eugenia Smith, a deaconess of Fort Worth was the thanksgiving guest of Rev. and Mrs. Ed. R. Wallace.

Miss Bess Swann who has been in Plainview for several months is here visiting her cousin Miss Irene Swann. Miss Swann is enroute to her home in Tyler Texas.

Miss Lucy Boyd of Fort Worth was a Thanksgiving visitor in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ed. R. Wallace.

Mrs. J. Petty of Clyde returned to her home Monday after a weeks stay with her sons W. E. and J. E. Petty both of the Salt Branch community.

Miss Ruth and brother Joe Oldham of Anson returned to their home Monday after a short visit with Miss Emma Smith of this city.

Mrs. J. E. Horn of Noodle left for Abilene Monday to visit her son W. K Horn who is attending Simmons College

Nice assortment of Waldemar Vest Chains all guaranteed good. Mrs. E. M. Rust Drug and Jewelry.

The Methodist ladies will serve dinner in town Saturday Dec. 5

Classified Ads

LOST—Rocking bowlster from wagon between Merkel and Bitter Creek. No. 2 is painted on same. Reware for return of same to Mail Office. J. D. Beasley

LOST: Gray Striped Raincoat between B. C. Hodges and Shiloh. Finder return to Merkel Mail office. C. P. Wortham Rt. 2. 1tpd

Miss Mary Green of Abilene Simmons College spent the week-end with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Morton.

Have you Catarrh?

Is nasal breathing impaired? Does your throat get husky or clogged?

Modern science proves that these symptoms result from run-down health. Snuif's and vapors are irritating and useless. The oil-food in Scott's Emulsion will enrich and enliven the blood, aid nutrition and assist nature to check the inflammation and heal the sensitive membranes.

Shun Alcoholic mixtures and insist upon SCOTT'S.



Ernest Rogers and Emzi Burroughs were among those who took advantage of the excursion to El Paso. While there they crossed the border and took an extensive sojourn in Mexico seeing Jaurez and other points of interest along the banks of the Rio Grande.

Wanted 100 young men who are going to marry to buy their engagement rings from me, I can show you any style from the plain band to the latest Tiffany wedding ring. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Mrs. S. F. Carr of San Angelo enroute to Water Valley, Miss. was here this week visiting Mrs. E. L. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers also has as her guest at the present her father E. C. Badley of Water Valley, Miss. who will remain here for awhile.

Before you buy your holiday gifts be sure and let Burroughs show you through their new and immense stock of cut glass, jewelry and silver ware.

Mr and Mrs. T. M. Payne spent the week-end with their son Tom Payne and family of Abilene.

Miss Barret is at home from Abilene where she visited several days.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Nice fresh line of Kin s Candies at Mrs. E. M. Rust

Miss Grace Lerner of Abilene was the guest of Miss Grace Counts the past week.

New jewelry, cut glass and silver ware arriving daily—Burroughs.

Mrs. J. L. Vaughn of Elsinore, Cal., came in Friday to visit her father T. B. Garoute and family.

It is a pleasure to show you and offer suggestions when in need of a holiday gift. Burroughs

N. D. Cobb left Sunday for Dallas where he undergoes treatment in one of the Sanitoriums at that place.

Now is the time to buy holiday gifts—Look at our extensive line before buying and now is the time to get first choice—Burroughs.

Miss Eather Williams and brother Charlie returned to Abilene Monday to re-enter the Christain College. They were accompanied by Miss Hendrix of Abilene who was the week end guest of Miss Williams.

EARLY XMAS SHOPPING

Means Satisfaction

Come to us for your Xmas presents, our showing is so complete with useful Gifts for the whole family-- presents that are useful every day in the year. Buying here you can get some useful presents. Come in early and make your selection, if you do not care to pay for it now just make a payment on it and we will set it away for you until Xmas time.

MAKE YOUR SELECTION NOW WHILE OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE



MR. HUSBAND—

Did you know that Mack heard your good lady say what she wanted for her Xmas present? Well, he hears her wishes most every day, saying what she would like to have, so if you will just come in he will tell you her wishes. She won't care.

Ladies—A word to the wise is sufficient.



Dearie—Won't you buy my present of "Mack"

DEAR MADAM—

Have you told your husband your wants for Xmas? If not, why not? Tell him to see Mack for that article. He has most anything to make the home comfortable and happy

See to this now.

Everything to Make the Home Comfortable

Belmont & Miller Co.
Mack

Everything to Make the Home Beautiful