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MISS PITZER WINS

The following clipped from the Sweetwater Reporter gives news of the success of Miss Lyska Pitzer in the contest for an automobile given by the Western Coffee Co, El Paso, Texas.

Miss Lyska Pitzer received a telegram Thursday officially informing her of the most pleasing fact that she had won the first prize in the great contest inaugurated by the Western Coffee Co. with headquarters at El Paso.

The wording of the telegram was as follows: Miss Lyska Pitzer, Sweetwater, Texas. First prize Oldsmobile awarded to you Official count 14,621. Hearty congratulations-Western Coffee Co. El Paso, Texas."

Miss Pitzer has been receiving hearty congratulations of her friends in the city since the receipt of the good news.

Several months ago the above named company inaugurated a a great contest that was state wide and offered as first prize an Oldsmobile, 1915 model and recognized to be one of the best cars manafactured. The second prize was a Studebaker automobile and the third a Metz automobile. Hence it will be redily observed that Miss Pitzer has won a prize of great value and in addition great destination by winning over such a large of active contestants. In addition to her handsome majority, we understand that a large number of her cupons failed to reach El Paso before the count was made.

The Reporter joins Miss Pitzers host of friends in extending hearty congratulations upon her splendid success.

LOGAL MASONS ARE HOME FROM

Wesley Edwards and B. F. Cox returned Sunday night from a two weeks stay in Waco, where they attended the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas Masons.

Not all the two weeks was ken up by the lodge in its regr routine of business affairs at our townsmen remained to go before the committe on work for examinations in their proficiency in Masonic teachings. Both were amply awarded for their time and were granted certificates of proficiency in their work which entitles them to teach Masonry in the borders of this state. The fact that Merkel has two certificate men as Messrs Edwards and Cox would be called by brother Masons is nothing short of unusual for a town the size of Merkel and the first time in the history of the Merkel Lodge that any member has been granted a certificate for work through the first three degrees. The standing of Mr. Cox on his examination was perfect and his companion received the small number of three errors chalked against him for the entire examination.

Free Music Recital

The music class of Miss Beulah Burkett will render a complete musical program at the Methodist church Friday evening Dec. 18th at 7:30 o'clock.

to attend this mid-season recital. en by the W. D. Woodroof Co., ssue of the paper. Special invitations to parent of has been growing closer daily music pupils and patrons of the with Misses Halley Moore and Merkel schools. Remember Lera Daniel as the two highest entertainment begins promptly at contenders for the coveted

"See What Santa Brought Me!"



CONTEST GROWS

contest for the free trip to the up to the present time will be The public is cordially invited Panama Exposition in 1915, giv- found in other columns of this in all the drug stores, resturants

Gradually the votes have increased each two weeks until the above two young ladies have registered each a total of over a quarter million votes. The last count until the close of the contest was taken Wednesday eve-Within the last few weeks the ning and the results of the race

> Tuscola are here visiting their the hickles at a lively rate. Trents and grandparents Mr. d Mrs B.C. Gaither.

The small glass jars with Goodfellow Cards placed on them and confectioneries in Merkel are there for a cause and the Mrs, Rex Dillard and children Goodfellows are kicking in with

free hearted man dropped of the char alf dollar at one of the have made,

HELP THE KIDDIES OF MERKEL WHO ARE COLD AND IN DIRE NEED

Be a GOODFELLOW --- Drop a Nickel, Dime or Dollar in One of the Goodfellow Jars Now On Display in Eight Different Places in Merkel---Help Make Someone Happy

BRONCHO BUSTING IN RAIN SATURDAY

Busting and Goat Roping took place here Saturday but owing to need. Her condition is such the light rain that started falling that she is unable to work for just before the event opened the the support herself and the crowd was greatly reduced to children, none of whom are what it would have been had the large enough to assist their weather been fair.

was pinned under his horse for her fondlings. a moment but not hurt. Mark Are you going to help this Malone was the next rider but family and others who are equaldrey a horse that would not ly if not in more needy circumpitch. Ben Howell of Trent stances. Have a heart and do followed and was given first not pass the Goodfellow boxes money for having given 'Old by. The amount already con-Bally" a clean ride. Vance Cot- tributed is in no way sufficient ton was the last rider of the evening and gave the drenched There is nobody at home to the spectators a riding exhibition, second to Howell's however ing in. Greene, whose horse fell with him twice in the beginning was given second money.

The feature of the evening was the Goat Roping. All goats were given a 40 foot start. Claud McGeehee was first and tied his goat in 33 seconds. His exhibitions of roping was exceptionally good, catching the goat with a neat loop but fumbled in his tying His record should have been much lower than 33 seconds had he tied with the same speed he roped. Claude Sears was second and got out in 49 seconds after having missed with two loops. Thinking he would be out of time he started to return to the starting line when someone called for him to continue. His next throw was a nice (Shorty Jr.) Bigham won 3rd money with a time of 51 seconds Ralphs time was also good considering the conditions he roped under. His horse was not trained to the work and gave the rider considerable trouble in following a fast running goat. However Ralph got his the the fist loop after having made a good three hundred yard run and Laney was scroudged off the third prize money but made the next best time of 1.06 having hard luck with his first loop and in having to run his goat over a five acre ranch to catch him. Others roped but none were recorded and time.

Goodfellow Jars. With continued donations to these Charity Boxes you will assist in a good work. If charity confirms to your pocketbook don't pass a Goodfellow box by. Prop in a nickel or a dime and hear the joyful ring

While some contributions have been made and many have contributed to the Goodfellow Jars, there remains yet more work for the Goodfellows to do. Our attention has been called

to one family of our town es-As advertised the Broncho pecially. The mother with several small children is in absolute mother in earning their sole The contest was held in the need for their existance. That Warnick pasture bordering town family of several, offers one of on the north. The first show of the best examples of charity we the evening started when Rapp can think of. The children with Green drew No. 1 and was barely enough clothes to keep slated to ride the first bad horse, them warm, the mother in no The light rain had made the condition to provide for their well turf very slick and the second fare, no doubt wishes many a jump the horse made he missed time that she could show to them his footing and came down in the spirit of Santa Claus, but trying to execute a quick side alone she cannot. Neither can stepping stunt. As result Rapp she sufficiently provide food for

poor but the cold and it is sneak-

BALLOON ASCENSION HERE LAST WEEK

An article appeared in this paper's last issue giving account of the West Texas Carnival Co. which was on our streets last week. The company was supposed to be a large one, and sent us information through the fire department that they would have some good shows.

They also billed a free attraction of a balloon ascension on Friday evening but evidently got their dates mixed and made the balloon ascension before they reached Merkel. They were one and his speed in tying alone "blowed up" (figuratively speakgot him 2nd money. Ralph ing) when they came here and and were in worse condition when their scheduled time arrived to depart. For the right to use our streets they were supposed to have given the fire department a certain money consideration for each of the four days they stayed here. As a result when they closed Saturday night the management settled by giving Chief Ferrier all tied with good speed. Homer the Souvenir life size dolls the Company had in Stock. There were about 26 of these dolls and are on display at the Elite where the fireboys hope to realize someand a bad horse to rope from, thing for their trouble. These He was like Bigham in having dolls are really worth \$3.00 but we are informed you can get one for \$1 50. For additional information ask J. Frank Ferrier, chief of the fireboys,

Cotton Pickers Wanted at Once

A family wanted to pie 40 or E acres of cotton never oeen picked ove preperty that would rent



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ER'S SANITARY GROCE

Merkel's Model Store

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Over stocked on Dolls. See us before you buy. Burroughs.

A. C. Boney left Tuesday for missioners regular meeting. Fort Worth on a business trip. He expects to return today.

Gun, 16 gauge on road north of Merkel J.A. Brown. Reward for return to J. M. Herring at Mail office. 1tpd

R. J. Adcock left Friday night for Fort Worth where he will Burroughs. visit his daughthr, Mrs. R. E. Knnze.

choice. Burroughs.

Mrs. Wm. M. Dale of Chihuahua Mexico is here visiting her sister Mrs. B.C. Gaither.

Go to G. M. Sharps for your Christmas candies, oranges and

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Messrs W.H. Laney and Commissioner T.R. Lassiter were in Abilene Monday looking after regular appointment here Saturbussiness matters. Mr. Lassiter day. was there presumably to take care of our precinct in the Com- his mother.

Dont fail to see our line oi

As you read this reflect. You too may be an object of charity Jewelry and gifts to your some day. Trust that you wont and make your donations to the GoodfellowBottles in a free hearted way. Do it now, not tomorrow.

> Corn, corn chops and shorte at G. M. Sharps.

Lost: In Merkel, pocket book with about \$8.00 and Postoffice key. \$2.50 reward for return to A. C. Rose at Anchor Merc. Co. Marlin for the past few days for Respt. E. Hall.

us before you buy. Burroughs. Try Bass 3363 for your colds. buy. Burroughs.

Rev. Y. F. Walker filled his

Manly Stone is here visiting

Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenway Beginning January 1st, 1915 of Rochester were called to the my boot and shoe work will be bedside of their sister Mrs. Will LOST: Single barrel Stevens Shot absolutely cash. No exceptions. Hays who is very low at this

> Mr. Bud Reynolds of Abilne is holiday goods before you buy, at the side of his sister Mrs. Hays

> > ghum and sausage.

ters of Weinert, Haskel county is SWEETWATER STEAM LAUNDRY visiting relatives here.

Gas in the stomach comes from food 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs. adv

Jess Ferguson has been in roughs.



will be all that it should be if we launder it. Just right in finish and stiff- F. Gammill, Ashdown, Ark. This pe-Mr. Editor: Come out and en- ness and, of course, immaculately clean. culiar article is sold by druggists, three joy eating some fine country sor- Send us your collars and cuffs too. 10c sticks, for 25c or by mail from A. Then you will know what exquisite B. Ricnards Medicine Co., Sherman, Mrs. Molly Griffith and daugh- realize how clean you feel and look. laundering is. Feel more joyous as you Texas.

M. B. BELL, Agent, Merkel.

that has fermented. Get rid of this Lame back may come from over badly digested food food as quickly as work, cold settled in the muscles of the relatives for several weeks. Her Your druggist pays your mon. possible if you would avoid a biliaus back or from disease. In the two for- condition has greatly improved ey back if you are not satisfied attact; HERBINE is the remedy you mer cases the right remedy is BAL- since her return from a Dallas need. It cleanses and strengthens the LARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It Sanitarium several weeks ago. stomach, liver and bowels, and re-should be rubbed in thoroughly over stores energy and cheerfulness. Price the affected part and relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, Sharps. 50e and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Bur-

a vacation and will remain there Ansco--- The best and most these ailments is almost instantly al-Over stocked on Dolls. See some time before returning home up to date line of Kodaks to

Leaves For Coleman

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs Jim Eoff will regret exceedingly to learn of their removal from here to Coleman where they will reside in the future.

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"The Magic Washing stick is the finest thing in the world. Cleans clothes without rubbing-makes the whitest clothes I ever saw. I cannot do with out it any more. All you say is true, it does all you say and I would not give it for nothing I evee used. Hope every lady will try it." writes Mrs. W.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Misses Fannye Pearl and Clara Moore were in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Seymores best flour at G. M. Sharps.

Mrs. George Brown and daughter Edith visited friends in Sweetwater.

The amusement for every body;toys bought at Burroughs.

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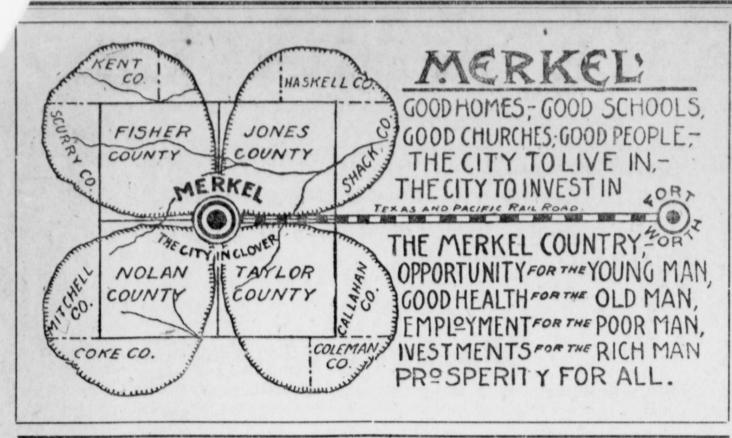
You can Have Clean Cotton by Ginning with us and Having your Fleecy Staple run Through the Most Modern Cleaner Known

The only machinery of its kind in Merkel and the latest known method of improving the gingers sample. Bring your cotton to us for better satisfaction

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ese new ew Process



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TELEPHONE No. 61

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

A naughty dog is Ignatz Grand

DEMORALIZING A PUBLIC SERVICE

From all indications one of the speeches to be made before the House some time this winter will be one to grant the Post Master General And to these horrid sins one more more power in handling the affairs of his office.

In August various attempts were made to have such passed by the House Had it been successful it was the probable intention of the Post Master General to re-adjust the salary scale of the Rural Letter Carriers and to let Rural service out by contract. The proposed change was fought vigorously yet it will be presented again. The champions of our present system will have another fight on their hands and the advocates of the divided system of delivery and the contract rural service will no doubt bring all pressure possible to have their changes invoked.

We hope that such will meet with defeat. We would regret very much to see our present adequate system of Rural Mail delivery changed to a contract system. Our country has watched a form of contract Rural Delivery deteriorate slowly and to have such re-inaugurated would mean taking away from our people of the farms the only convenience worthy of mention they had receired from the hands of our government within be last decade. To let the Rural deliv- It may be that we are the same ery system out by contract will demoralize one branch of our greatest public service and we But we have never set in that game sincerely hope Post Master General Burleson will not be successful in his endeavor.

One argument in favor of the revised contract Our sporting taste is rather fierce service is often heard, that of the present Rural Service not being self-supporting and that it is a We'd rather see a good dog fight burden on the tax payers. This is perhaps the argument that will be presented in fighting the Rural Carriers and their good work.

The Rural Carriers in their line of daily work The greatest sport we know of, do not make their positions self-supporting, so the advocates of the contract system say. And the advocates are right. "Yea, Brutus was a noble man." All of this is granted; but what of it? one exchange says. Of the many municipal and governmental systems of services to our people just how many of then are self-supporting, and how many different branches of our government are forced to rely upon appropriations from the treasury for their sustenance? Is our Navy self-supporting? Is our Army self-supporting? Are our courts self-supporting? And just how many of our public service systems are self-supvidual under a contract system? Yet we find it really means to please everybody. that no city carrier makes his position a self-supporting one.

our town and numerous people in other towns, a doubt Should this convenience be demoralized from the reason that the revenue derived from the various Rural Routes make them as a class nonself-sup- Try it.

Is Mr. Burleson right or is he wrong?

LOOSENING UP SOME

Fort Worth business houses are "loosening up" in the holiday season which is a matter of great joy for the poor newspapers -North Fort Worth a 42 centimeter German Field gun. All this Sunday News.

-atulations old man c the thoughts o

Pasted Paragraphs

SHOCKING!

An ornery pup is Ignatz Grand His conduct is distressing;

He watched the salad dressing.

-Cincinnati Inquirer He rambles through the house at will

And no one's pardon begs He went into the dining room

And saw the table's legs.

-Temple (Tex)Telegram

He really is too flip He stood upon the doorstep and He saw the weather strip.

-Louisville Herald

Which you will view askance-See Ignatz lying on the floor

-St. Louis Times

-Commercial Appeal.

This naughty Ignatz has no sence Of modesty, in sooth One day he saw a good man, and

Divested of his pants.

He saw the naked truth.

Old Ignatz, the poor old pup Gets cussed and would you wonder

He passed a mill the other day, And saw some undressed lumber.

MERELY A MATTER OF TASTE

It may be that our sporting taste Is somewhat overtame

But somehow we've no time to waste Upon a foot ball game.

-Peoria Journal.

Though it does not make us fret

That's called pinochle yet.

-Houston Post.

We solemly declare

Than play at solitaire

-Commercial Appeal

With men in some great plight Just watch a Yankee, greenhorn Pull off a badger fight.

MERKEL COUNTRY CHICKENS \$20. EACH

A Merkel rooster sold for \$20.00. Two pullets also from our country sell for \$25.00. All together these three chickens were worth more than a bale of cotton. Figure it out for yourself.

Governor elect Ferguson from all reports is having the time of his life handing out properly, appointments for next year. Presumably he is a porting? Would Mr. Burleson think of letting busy man but he ought to try to edit a country out the city delivery of Washington to some indi- newspaper for a while and he would know what

If there are any people living in the Merkel In addition to being a convenience to the country who cant keep step with the ultimate farmers who live near Merkel each Rural Car- progressiveness of our town, they should learn rier makes his work a convenience to many in the Hesitation Waltz. It is appropriate without

For others to believe in your ability it is necessary that you have a little confidence in yourself.

THE BUSINESS END OF A GUN

The writer has experienced that peculiar feeling of looikng into the business end of a gun (smoke stick) some people call them and for a moment it seemed that all the world looked like happened after dark. It was all an accident but lmost resulted seriously and only by the presce of our own mind and that guiding the care 1 fir er on the trigger of the automatic, we are ain this week to finish the last two inche editorial column.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

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RATE INCREASE

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

roducts of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

Fort Worth, Texas.-It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet every economic issue squarely and it is the duty of the organization to promote and sult, the products of the plow protect the interests of the men bear an unequal burden of the who follow the plow and we shall freight expense. A glance at the do so in every instance where freight tariffs abundantly prove the business of the farmer is vi- this assertion. Cotton, the leadtally affected. The application ing agricultural product of this for an increase in freight rates State, already bears the highest now before the Railroad Com- freight rate of any necessary mission is of more importance to commodity in commerce, and the the farmer than to any other rate on agricultural products as a class of citizens, for he pays di-rectly or indirectly the greater that of the products of the facportion of the freight revenues tory and the mine. and we want to ask permission | We offer no schedule of rates of the press to express our views but hope the Commission will be

on the subject. vention assembled at Ft. Worth without levying a further toll last January declared "Our rail- upon the products of the plow. road facilities should be im The instance seems to present proved and our mileage increas-ed" and as the set of resolutions, Commission to equalize the rates of which the paragraph above as between agricultural and other quoted is a part, was adopted classes of freight without disas the platform of a majority of turbing the rates on staple farm the members elected to the 34th products. This is one instance legislature, it fairly reflects the in which we do not relish a will of the people as well as represents the views of the farmers would like to see it confined as of the State, and, if in the wis- nearly as possible to the city lim- celebrations of the Mummers in Olden dom of the Railroad Commis- its. sion, an increase in rates is necessary to accomplish this result, then an increase should be grant-

on railroads to receive as good bear the burden of increase. hauling his products to market price of his folly. than he pays to these same agen-

penses in operating railroads and uation about, and not punish the each and every one of her guests, in constructing and manufactur- farmer who is in no way respon- which was not always the case when ing railroad equipment and sup- sible for the results. Likewise it was the fashion to have as many plies is not entirely within the the farmer, by his hesitation to as possible and any man counted one. jurisdiction of the Railroad Com- work through organized chanmission or the legislature, and nels, must suffer for his lethargy, went over to the punch bowl in the relief can only be obtained by In closing let us again appeal back parlor, saying to a man she an increase in rates. If, in the to all farmers who follow the didn't know: "What is your name? I judgment of the Commission, plow to rally around the Union don't think I know you." He told her. such a course is necessary and give their organization suf. She didn't remember it, so she asked we want to say a few words ficient power and energy to cope him with whom he had come. He concerning the class of commod with the problems that confront said he had come by himself, where of increase.

of indifference from which the

Freight Rates Follow Lines of now suffer. Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchani the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the lumberman and the cattleman have had their traffic

What are you going to do about fellow donations.

bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of or-ganized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved and they will be at Austin when the case is heard by the Railroad Commission, carefully preserving their interests.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and as a re-

able to give the railroad such an The Farmers' Union in con- increase in rates as is necessary

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and will mum-that's their way of ush-We have at present approxis have never heard of anyone who ering in the New Year. How many of mately 2500 miles of railroad in did claim to know much about it, them know the beginning of the cus-Texas in the hands of receivers but if the prosperity of the farm tom-or the ending! It began inand during the calendar year is a factor to be considered and the Railroad Commission conthe Railroad Commission conpaganism," outrageous, blasphemous. track was laid. It is quite clear cludes that an increase in rates is Ruffians robbed and even murdered that to "improve" our facilities necessary, we would prefer that it under the pretense of merrymaking. and increase our n.ileage" there come to us through articles of Not all was frightful, however. In must be an increase in net reve- consumption on their journey Rome slaves were waited upon by nue, which can only be obtained from the factory to the farm. We their masters and the poor reaped by an advance in rates or a re- would, for example, pfefer that veritable harvests, which was but natduction in expense of operation. the rate on hogs remain as at We leave with those who have present and the rate on meat authority to deal with the prob- bear the increase, for any farmer plays, spoke dialogues and impersonlem the responsibility of deter- can then avoid the burden by ated famous people, especially kings mining which course should be raising his own meat, and a farm- and warriors. Songs were sung both er who will not try to raise his by the mummers and their entertain-The Farmer Wants a Square own meat ought to be penalized. ers. Here is one: We think the rate on coal and We are perfectly willing that brick can much better bear an capital invested in railroad prop. increase than the rate on cotton erty should receive as good com- and flour. We would prefer that pensation as capital invested in the rate on plows remain the agriculture, which, as a general same, and machinery, pianos, and unicorns being especially favored disaverage, is about 5 per cent per such articles as the tenant guises. Scott's couplet summed it annum, and we want employes farmer cannot hope to possess up:

wages as employes on the farm. The increase in rates should who get an average of about 7 be so arranged that the farmer cents per hour, board and wash. who lives at home will bear no a menace as well as a nuisance, and ing, and work 13 hours per day part of the burden, but let the the chaste Henry VIII made it a mis-The farmer should not be ex. farmer who boards in other states demeanor to wear a mask. pected to pay a better wage to and countries and who feeds his capital and labor employed in stock in foreign lands, pay the made the day what it once was in

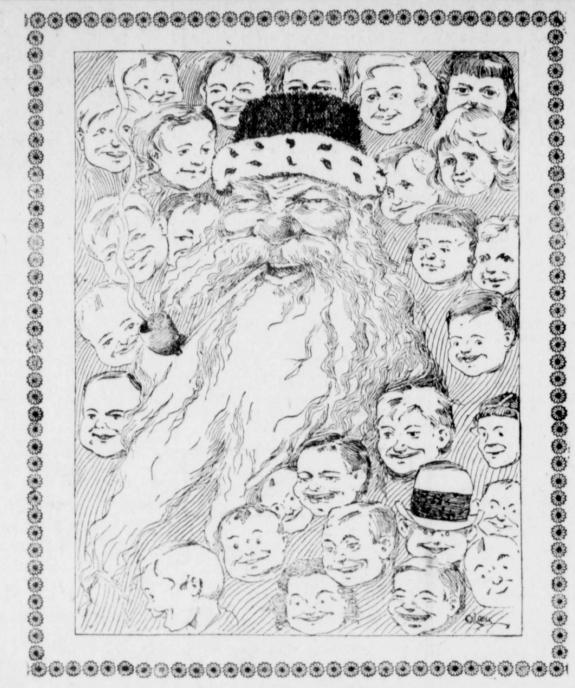
Let the Guilty Suffer.

cies employed on the farm, but The greed of organized ship- grew and grew, until a generation or he is willing to pay them as well pers, organized capital and or- so ago, the scenes enacted at some We do not advocate a reduction ganized labor has contributed receptions were simply disgraceful, so- Merkel people. Commissioner of wages as a solution of the largely toward depleting the rail- ciety having progressed some since it present difficulty but think the road system of the country and biber quietly slid under the table. farmer is entitled to earn as much ofttimes outraged the public welfor his labor as any other class fare by its conduct, and the pres- ency to revive visiting on the first ent condition should seek revenge day of the year. But it is all very Perhaps the regulation of ex- upon those who brought this sit- informal, and every hostess knows

W. D. LEWIS, President, Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of Texas. PETER RADFORD, National

Lecturer, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union \o1 America.

The Goodfellow needs your doit? We are speaking of the good- nation today for the Merkel GOODFELLOW boxes at the



A cheerful face of a child next Friday will amply Dont forget. repay you for your charitable deeds.

Days in England-Tending to Revive Visiting.

On Friday, January 1, the mummers urnalia of the Eternal City.

In England the mummers performed

To shorten winter's sadness See where the folks with gladness Disguised all are a-coming Right wantenly a-mumming.

In those days they loved, too, to masquerade as animals, bears and

Who lists may in their mumming see Traces of ancient minstrelsy.

At last this mumming came to be

It was George Washington who this country. Said he: "Never forget New Year's day." The celebration

ess who, in a lull, left the line and of indifference from which they ing from this man a letter she had written to a relative in a neighboring city asking that he visit there whenever he should be in the city. Also to be reminded by him that he had sent his letter of introduction and received cards, which he also inclosed. In the holiday rush she had simply forgotten the new name.

> Don't forget to donate to the different places in Merkel.

RECEIPTS 12,350

With the largest ginners report having already been given, the cotton in the Merkel country continues to come on the market and the receipts up to the present time amount to 12,350 on Thursday morning of this week.

Prices of midling cotton Thursday morning was 6 25 with some better grades being brought on the market.

us before you buy. Burroughs.

speaking of the work done by Coats. the people over the country with road drags says the work is meeting with wide spread approval and he only voices the expression of many farmers when the cheerful and cordial observance of he says they appreciate very much the work recently done and the funds contributed by Lassiter also urges the people over the country to do indivudual drag work where they have time and in this way suppliment the work done by subscription and other means.

Good Wagon For Sale

I have a good second hand wagon for sale. A bargain. 1tp H. M. Mayfield

The Presbyterian Philathea girls met at the home of Mrs. E. P. McMillen to quilt a quilt to be After the work was finished the Hostess served dainty refreshments.

Notice

I won't deliver less than \$1.00 purchase after Jan. 1st. Walter Clark.

Mrs. S. F. Annis has returned to her home in Abilene after visiting relatives here.

Picture of Large German Shell

Hanging in the window of our office is an exact size photographic reproduction of one of the German 42 Centimeter shells that have created so much havoc and lengthened the list of Belgian, ily departed from Merkel French and English casualt es.

length and is what we would having the pastorate of the term a 16 incher in diameter. Haskell, M. E. Church during Along with the photo is shown the next year. some of the work of destruction

Skin Disease Cured

Your Druggist guarantees to return your money if Hunt's Cure fails to Over stocked on Dolls. See cure skin disease-Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm and other forms of skin Costs nothing if it fails to cure. Give adv

COTTON COTTON.

SUCCESS Now is the time to buy your planes and sewing ma-Now is the time to buy chines while you can get 10c Commissioner Lassiter in for your cotton. See E. D.

Noodle Advertized Letters

W. M. Allen Fred Carter Walter Green Bessie Daniel Sam Medlin Frank Smith Floyd Wallace Chester Yarborough

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office if not delivered. They can be redeemed by purchasing one of our coupupon the payment of one cent. W.C. Thompson, P. M., Noodle.

W. O. W.

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

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

Card of Thanks

for their kindness extended us duridg the long illness and at the death of our broteher and uncle, S. R. Curtis.

Respectfully, Amanda Curtis S. W. Curtis Mrs. Marvin Brith Marvin Smith.

Over stocked on Dclis. See us before au buy. Burroughs. visit

ALL GO TO CHURCH ON FIRST SUNDAY

The Brotherhood of Merkel asks the assistance of every citizen in Merkel in making Sunday, January 3 a Go-to-Church Sunday in Merkel.

Regardless of what denomination you favor you are strongly requested to go to some of the houses of worship during the day. The idea is to start the new year along the right path. Remember Sunday January 3rd Is Go-To-Church Sunday in Merkel.

League Program For Dec 20

Subject: An Unselfish Life. Scripture Reference Phil. 2-1-11 Christmas meeting

Leader-Julia Martin

Song Prayer

The real meaning of unselfishness Ulyssis McNees.

Some excuse for a person living a selfish Life.—Mabel Laney Song No. 217

Why we should be serious in our talk about Christians .-Charley Bell Thomas

Prayer Song Miscellaneous Benediction

REV. WALLACE TO

Rev. Ed. R. Wallce and fam-Wednesday morning for Haskell The shell is over 40 inches in their new home. Rev. Wallace

In the pulpit occupied by Rev. of these shell at Leige and other Wallace for the past year Rev. forts along the Belgian frontier. G. C. Galvin of Haskell will preach. His first sermon is expected to be delivered here next

Over stocked on Dolls. See trouble. Also fine for piles, old sores. US before you buy. Burroughs.

IWO VOTES FOR ONE--WOODROOF'S

Between now and 6 o'clock Thursday evening of next week coupons books will be sold at Woodroofs redeemable at any time for face value in merchandise.

These coupons books when sold carry with them a double value in votes for the Worlds Fair Contest now on at Woodroof's store. If you contemplate buying goods soon you can help your friend in the contest on books. Remember two votes are given with every cent where these books are sold. (Adv.)

Miss Sallie Toombs and father J.R. Toombs left Monday evening for Paduca where Miss Toombs will teach school the remaining months of this winter. Mr. Toombs will return home in a short time and can be seen at We wish to thank the people his usual haunts in the streets of Merkel.

> Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shelton of Abilene were in Merkel Sunday visiting the latters parents Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Bell.

Miss Gertrude Stanley Nubi: is here visiting her Mrs. Stanley.

Jno. G. Jackson

Real Estate==Farm Loans

Fire Insurance

Capital \$1,250,000.00; Surplus-\$485

The combined capital of the three Abilene banks is \$450,000. Only one of my clients who owns over 100,000 acres of Texas lands: furnishes a bigger capital for my business. In fact, I have the biggest and best in Abilene from every viewpoint except possibly that of surplus. If I could eat regularly and had pienty of expense money I would sell out a chunk of West Texas this winter bigger than Belgium. I am going to sell out a slice about like Luxemburg anyway and if you have anything to sell or want to buy, remember that I am your Huckleberry.

SOME EXCLUSIVE SPECIALS

"Read the Red and Yellow Signs"

No one ever lost an eye reading my ads nor a dollar buying my exclusive bargains and you should get the habit. I am preparing a list longer than my imagination for the Christmas number of the Reporter but here are a few small pre-holiday and preliminary

STOCK FARM AT A SNAP-480 acres within three miles of Merkel on public road and in good community; 70 acres in valley farm, balance in grass and Bitter creek, plenty of water and lots of wild rye in pasture; good 4-room house. The price is the thing here. Price, 160 acres improved at \$22.50 per acre, only \$750 cash, terms on balance and I will lease you the 320 acres of grass at \$50 per year for five years. Now, if you want to quit cotton and raise cows, hogs, chickens, mules, milo maize, sorghum, kaffir corn and a big family here is your chance.

CHICKEN SPECIAL-50 acres within two miles of Abilene, just north of Howerton Lake (if that's not over 2 miles); 40 in cultivation, 10 in pasture; 4-room house, well and tank. Price \$2500; \$500 cash or stock and liberal terms.

MERKEL POULTRY-40 acres within two miles of Merkel northwest; 30 acres in valley field, 10 in pasture; good 4-room house, newly painted, well, cistern, storm house, barn and garden. Over \$1000 worth of improvements. This place is worth \$2500 but listen: Price, \$1500; \$300 cash and liberal terms.

FARM MORTGAGE LOANS

In the last week I have placed \$10,000 and if you need any of my money you had better see me quick, but no use unless you have a high-class, gilt-edge and thribly secured proposition. It makes no difference to me but the man furnishing the money is awfully particular. My rates are 8 to 10 per cent-that is when I get the right kind of security then I get all I can. I am just human like you and so is the man with the money.

I hope that you have a Merry Christmas and will buy several of my exclusive bargains during the New year.

"Read The Red snd Yellow Signs.

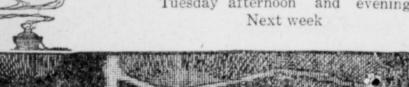


Don't Miss It! Next Episode No. 5



Thanhouser's Million Dollar Motion Picture Production

at the ROYAL THEATRE Tuesday afternoon and evening



CALOMEL IS MERCURY! IT SICKENS! ACTS ON LIVER LIKE DYNAMITE

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Starts Your Liver Better Than Calomel and Doesn't Salivate or Make You Sick.

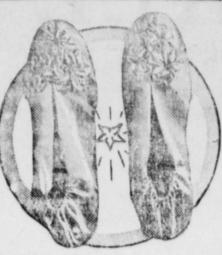
Listen to me! Take no more sick- Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the ening, salivating calomel when bilious or constipated. Don't lose a day's work! medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it Calomel is mercury or quicksilver can not salivate or make you sick, which causes necrosis of the bones. I guarantee that one spoonful of Calomel, when it comes into contact son's Liver Tone will put your sluggish with sour bile crashes into it, breaking liver to work and clean your bowels of it up. This is when you feel that awful that sour bile and constipated waste nausea and cramping. If you are slug-gish and "all knocked out," if your fiver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated keep your entire family feeling fine for tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour months. Give it to your children. It is

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dod-son's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful to-night and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. sale of calomel because it is real liver

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodtake a spoonful of harmless Dod- harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its son's Liver Tone on my guarantee. | pleasant taste.

ating to the Pale at Tickly Only Car "BROMO QUININE" To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXA-TIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c. ndard general strength

Dainty Slippers of Ribbon for Christmas



NOTHER pretty gift made of A plain ribbon is pictured in the pair of boudoir slippers. These are made in all sizes and colors and are appropriate for all the feminine members of the family from grandma down to the baby. Ribbon about two and one-half inches wide is needed to make them. It is sewed to insoles of leather with eiderdown on one side (or quilted made and cost very little.

is fulled slightly across the toe and joined in a felled seam in the back. Above the heel it is gathered on an picture, is made of silk and bound elastic cord to hold the slipper in place. A little fullness is gathered in at the toe where three small rosettes | ment, poised like a butterfly near the provide a finishing touch.

Sashes and Girdles Among Best of Gifts



No ONE need remain long in doubt as to what to get for a maid or, matron in this day of the vogue of girdles and sashes. A girdleless gown is hardly to be found and whether for the street, the home, or evening wear, ribbons are used to form the circlet that enfolds the waist or terminates the bodice. There are any number of styles in girdles and sashes to choose among made of every variety of weave known to the loom and every color and combination of colors that has been thought out.

A girdle of wide plaid ribbon, finished with a sprightly bow of two loops and two ends, is shown in the picture. It makes a Christmas gift that will delight every woman who likes to keep abreast with the mode. The girdle portion is boned to spread the ribbon and hold it in place without pins. The bow is simply tied and may be untied and the length wrapped about the figure if preferred.



A sash of dotted satin ribbon. designed for a party gown, may be used as a model for making up any of the soft fancy ribbons, suited to fluted. The thin dressy wear. It requires ribbon about four or five inches wide, of which three lengths are sewed together to form the girdle. This is boned at the sides and back to hold it in place and fastened in the back with hooks and eyes. Over the fastening a flat bow of three loops and one end is placed shapes and sizes. with the loops lying lengthwise on the

Narrow ribbons are sewed together to form wide girdles and ribbons of but this is not durable nor as satisfacmoderate width are bordered with tory as that of wire. black velvet ribbon, from an inch to two loops without ends.

Fancy Caps Popular as Christmas Gifts



FANCY caps, of many kinds, are among the gifts that may be relied upon to please those who receive them. This year they are shown made for the dancing party, for theater wear, for skating, and, in greater numbers satin). These soles are bought ready still, for breakfast and bedroom wear. They employ a great variety of mate-In sewing the ribbon to the soles it | rials, the choice depending upon the purpose that the cap is to serve.

A pretty evening cap, shown in the with silver braid. A fan of silver gauze at the side is an unusual ornaface of the wearer, where two tassels of silver tinsel are suspended. Such a headdress need not be removed at the theater or dance and adds a charming touch of brilliance to the dress.

Pretty Little Corsage and Hair Ornaments



RIBBONS are used to make the sin-gle roses and small bouquets that it is fashionable to wear at the shoulder, over the coat or corsage. Single roses are also made of silver or gold tissues and small blossoms of these materials are used with those of ribbon in the little bouquets. The single metallic rose is as large as the largest natural roses and is set in foliage.

Ribbon in a heavy quality something over a inch in width is used for making roses. Pinks and reds as like the natural flowers as possible are chosen.

Hair ornaments are made by winding bonnet wire with satin ribbon in lengths sufficient to extend twice across the head from ear to ear. This covered wire is doubled in the center and caught together at the ends making a double band. At each end of this band a ribbon rose is set in rose foliage. Ornaments of this kind make lovely gifts for young women.

Pretty Shades for Christmas Candles

PRETTY candle shades for the dressing case or for the candles of the dinner or luncheon table, are sure to delight the home-maker, so they are among the most acceptable of Christmas gifts

to everyone who loves the little touches that add to the beauty of the home.

Candle shades of figured silk, or silkaline or thin ribbon, may be made over small wire frames, with the silk put on in plaits or plain or ribbons are easily

handled Small wire frames are to be bought ready made and come in a variety of Sometimes the frame is made of

stiff cardboard,

To make shades like that shown in two inches wide. The flowered Dres- the picture take flowered ribbon or dens and rich, brightly colored bro- strips of silk a half-inch wider than cades are very effectively bordered in the width of the wire frame. Lay it in this way. Sometimes narrow shaded plaits a little less than a half inch in or flowered ribbons are joined by depth, or have it plaited on a plaiting means of narrow velvet ribbons, a machine. Sew one edge of the plaited half inch in width. The edges of the strip over the top wire of the frame, velvet ribbon overlap those of the crowding the plaits close together. Sew satin ribbon and are machine stitched the other edge over the bottom wire. down. Girdles made in this way are Spreading the plaits evenly is necesfastened with hooks and eyes and the sary. Conceal the sewing and border fastening concealed by flat bows of the shade at the same time with tinsel braid in silver or gilt.

THE

Farmers & Merchants **National Bank**

OF MERKEL

Capital & Surplus \$50,000.00

With the closing of the old year we want to thank all our friends and customers for their patronage and we wish for them all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring them many blessings.

As usual, we enter the new year with no misgivings and are going to try to make it the most profitable year to ourselves and patrons that we have ever had.

We are prepared to render good service and any business that is in line with conservative banking practice will be handled by us.

We are the oldest bank and the only National Bank in Merkel. We are members of the Regional Reserve System and the benefits of this system are being more fully demonstrated every day.

We have been supplied with some of the new Federal Reserve notes, real new money, bright and crisp. This form of money has just been issued by Uncle Sam and has never been circulated

These bills make ideal Christmas gifts and we shall be pleased to exchange them for other forms of money to those who would like to have some of this new currency for Christmas money.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren

G. F. West

C. P. Warren

Ben T. Merritt

Follow the Arrows to



BURROUGHS DRUG STORE For Your Xmas

Presents

A Neln Year's Prayer

By DAVID CORY

God grant that I the new year through May strive with heart and soul to do Those things which are most good and true.

God grant that I each morning start My duties with a cheerful heart, And cheerfully perform my part.

To wear a smile all through the day, To banish thoughts unkind away; And when my bedtime comes, to pray.

To say my prayers with folded hands

As night comes softly o'er the lands, To Him, who always understands. And when the bells on New Year's dawn

Proclaim the bright New Year is born, And I awake on New Year's morn,

pray Him whisper, low and sweet, To help me guide my wayward feet, Lest I forget my prayer to meet.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE FATES

How Curious Maidens Can Find Out What Is in Store for Them-An Italian Custom.

Every maiden wonders what the future has in store for her, and this is what she must do on New Year's day to learn her fate:

Turn the pillow at midnight, the 31st of December, and you will dream of the man you are to marry. Or let her take her hymn book to her bedroom, blow out the lamp, open the book and mark a hymn (in the dark), put it under the pillow and sleep on it. Next morning when she reads the hymn she will find its text will ind!cate the event of the year.

On New Year's eve the Italian maiden places in one corner of her bedroom a thimble, in another water, in a third ashes and in a fourth a ring. Upon waking in the morning, if she sees the ring first she will be married that year; if she sees the water first the year will be unlucky; if the thimble, fortune will smile on her; if the ashes, she will die.

On New Year's eve, if a maiden wishes to know her fate during the coming year, she must go into the open air with a psalm book in one hand and a piece of silver in her mouth. She must allow the book to fall open, and if it opens at the death psalm she will die; if it opens at the bridal psalm she will marry, and whatever else it opens to will indicate her fate.

On New Year's eve, while the clock is striking twelve, repeat three times: Good St. Anne, good St. Anne, Send me a man as fast as you can-And you will be engaged in a year.



He was a poor man but a contented one. Santa Claus came to him and

"What do you want, my friend?" "Nothing," he replied, with becoming modesty, which he hoped would be rewarded.

And Santa Claus was so pleased that he gave it to him and passed on.

To-Morrow

is Saturday, Dec. 19, 1914 and the day we start

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OUR Mammoth Candle TO BURNING

If you guess at the time it will burn do so before noon of tomorrow, as all voting closes at noon

SOMEBODY IS GOING

Suggestions For Christmas

Let us show you Watches, Rings and everything that is Jewelry, at prices to fit your pocket

Nothing is better for a gift, nothing will please your friends more. Buy your boy a good watch, your daughter a ring or bracelet; something they'll remember

> And remember The Place

THE NYAL STORE

The Breezy Corner!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For your Children. Don't fail to see the special **Christmas Counter of Dolls** and other Presents.

> Miss Ona Stanley at J. T. Dennis' Dry Goods Store

GENERAL PROSPERITY

Wears Suits that are neatly cleaned and pressed

DO AOO 5

LADIES' WORK A SPECIALTY

The Star Store Tailor Shop C. L. CASH, Proprietor

SEE LIFE FOR A NICKEL

AND A DIME

The place where a little gets a lot. Everybody goes.

THE ROYAL THEATRE

Let us do your Tailoring work.

Phone us about your laundry. Called for and delivered.

Church Bros., In Hogue-Hamilton Stand Representative of Abilene Steam Laundry

HAVE YOUR PORTRAITS

head the list of desirable Holiday Gifts. Have your picture made-\$2.50 up. Kodak finishing. We develop 10c per spool. Prints 4c each—post card size 5c each.

> The Universal Studio OLLIE CORDELL, Mgr.

IF IT IS SWEET We Have It

Everything in the Confectionery Linepure, wholesome, delicious and not ex-:: Your friends come here

Hot Drinks of All Kinds

The Elite Confectionery

Auto Users Specialties

Pensylvania Eord Type Auto Caseings and Inner Tubes. Gasoline & Auto Oils

Ladies convenient, Supreme Gasoline Sad Irons. Absolutely safe, easy to manipulate

H. M. ROSE

Crenshaw Block

KODAKS

A new and Classy line of Kodaks and Films. Our films fit any make Kodak or Camera. Let us fill your needs.

Burroughs Drug Store

The State of Texas, County of Taylor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Martin county, on the first day of one hundred, seventy-six dollars and seventy-six cents (\$3,176.76) and costs of suit, under a judgement in favor of Josephine Rogers and R. R. Rogers in with the Merkel Mail. a certain cause in said court No. 418, styled Marie Williams et al, vs Jas. Versyp et al placed in my hands for service I,J T. Dodson as Sheriff of Taylor county, Texas did, on the 7th day of December, 1914 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor county Texas, described as follows to.wit:

All that certain portion of the West one half of section No. 45 of the Blind Asylum land in Taylor county, Texas, lying South of the Right of Way of The Texas & Pacific Ry. Co., in Taylor County, Texas, containing about 210 acres of land and levied upon as the property of James Versyp, Mrs. Clara F, Versyp, John Griffin Versyp, Hollis the first Tuesday in January 1915, the liable. same being the 6th day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor county, in the city of Abilene, Texas between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy any said order of sale I will sell the above described Real Estate at public vendue. for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said James Versyp Clara F. Versyp, John Griffiin Versyp, Hollis and W. L. Knott.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English languags, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor

Witness my hand, this 7th day of December 1914.

> J. T. DODSON Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.

The Best is None Too Good.

IF YOU WANT A NEWSPA-PER THAT GIVES THE NEWS especialy the news from Texas and the Great Southwest, as well get it by subscribing for The

can't be equaled or surpassed. In addition to its great news service The Semi-Weekly Farm News entertain, amuse and inform. Among these are The Farmer's Forum, The Women's Century, Our Little Men and Women, and the best, Latest and Fullest Market Reports to be had in any newspaper, hot off the wires. The News spends many thousands of Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that closed during next week with Alexander Versyp, Fannie Versyp dollars a year for these telegraph Mrs. West had. Foster-Milburn Co., the exception of Christmas Eve Knott and W. L. Knott and that on market reports, and they are re- Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Another splendid feature of The Semi-Weekly Farm News is the Diversification Idea of Crops which will be more Interesting than ever before for Your Benfit and the benefit of all the People of Texas and the Southwest.

The price of The Semi-Week-Alexander Versyp Fannie Versyp Knott ly Farm News and the Merkel Mail is only \$150 a year. You get the best of everything that is good in reading matter from every standpoint.

Send in your order now and take advantage of the next few weeks posting yourself on matters of deep concern the coming

THE MERKEL MAIL

THE PROPER COURSE

Information of Priceless Value to Every Merkel Citizn.

How to act in an emergency is knowledge of inestimable worth, and this is December 1914 by H. Hamilton. Clerk as from all over the World, one particularly true of the diseases and of said Court, for the sum of Thirty- that gives the most of it and in ills of the human body. If you suffer the best possible way, you can with kidney backache, urinary disorders or any form of kidney trouble the advice contained in the following state-Marie Williams, M. C. Williams, Semi-Weekly Farm News along ment should add a valuable asset to your store of knowledge. What could This is a combination of gen- be more convincing proof of the efficieral news and local news that ency of Doan's Kidney Pills than the statement of a Merkel citizen who used them and who publicly tells of the

benefit derived. Mrs. J. V. West, Merkel, Texas, has many special features that says: "An attack of La Grippe several 1915. If you have anything you years ago left my kinneys weak and disordered causing severe pain. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been taken with good results in my family I used one box it reached the seat of the is some copy in our office for trouble completely curing me. I have this New Year's edition, but had no return of the trouble."

Price 50 cents at all dealers. Dont simply ask for a kidney remedy-get

Strength Past Fifty Years can be maintained by adapting the right nourishment, and Nature's own oilfood in Scott's Emulsion has strengthened thousands of men and women to continue their work and usefulness for many years. Scott's Emulsion is a food, a medi-

cine and a tonic to keep the blood rich, avoid rheumatism and thwart nervous conditions. It is free from alcohol or harmful drugs. The best physicians

Dr. King's New Life Pills The best in the world.

As has been the custom of the Mail for years to publish no papor during Christmas week, the same rule will be followed and our readers will have to find some other way to keep peace in the family for 14 days.

During the spare time we expect to get in rediness for our first edition of the new year which will be out Friday Jan. 1, would like to say to the world (this section) send it in and we will look after it. Already there the weather being cool it will keep. Our office will not be and Christmas day.

Chickens For Sale

Twelve White Plymoth Rock cockerels for sale. Fishel stock. One dollar each. Mrs. O. F. McMaster.

Notice.

I am now offering my place for sale 3 miles southwest of Trent. James A. Baker

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

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Pre-Inventory Prices on Entire Stock of Merchandise

For the next 15 days we will inaugurate a price saving, stock reducing sale to turn as much goods into actual cash as possible. We find our bank account is not as flush as we would like and our house overflowing with too much goods. Hence we wish to invoice more cash and less goods. We are offering real bargains in our entire line of dress goods, clothing, boots, shoes, underwear, hosiery etc. Also large saving in groceries. Buy your winter bill of groceries now and save enough to provide for the family through the dull months of spring.

Our 25.00 all wool serge suits
now\$18.50
Our \$20.00 all woll blue serge and
worsted suits\$14.95
Our \$17-50 all wool blue serge brown
and gray worsted suits\$13.45
\$15.00 all wool blue serge brown
and gray worsteds\$10.85
\$12.50 all wool blue serge brown and
gray worsted\$9.85
\$10.00 all wool blue serge brown and
gray worsteds\$8.25
Our boys clothing stock is complete with brand new ud to date patterns at prices from 25 to 33½ per cent

reductions

All 10c and 12 1=2c Ginghams, Outings Flannels, Cheviots Bleaching and Domestics etc.

8 1-30

One special lot brown and bleached domestic regular 10 and 12 1-2c values 7 1-2c by the bolt.

Our ladies coat department has been replenished recently by express orders and what we have. All new up to date coats take the following reductions:

All \$8.50 and 7.50 values06.35
All \$6.50 values\$5.00
All \$3.50 values\$2.85
All \$2 50 silk and woolen dress goods \$1 69
All 1.75 silk and wooldn dress goods 1.27
All 1.50 silk and woolen dress goods 1.19
All 1 25 silk and woolen dress goods .93
All 100 silk and woolen dress goods .79
All .75 silk and woolen dress goods .59
All .62 silk and woolen dress goods .49
All 50 silk and woolen dress goods .41

All \$3.50 work shoes Special values at \$2.69. Big reduction on all mens women and childrens dress and work shoes.

\$5.00 mens Kangaroo & gun metal button
shoes\$4.15
\$4.50 mens Kangaroo and gun metal button
or blucher\$3.85
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\$3.00 mens guu metal button blucher \$2.49

All ladies \$4.00 patent gun metal button shoes \$2.85
All ladies 3.50 shoes patent gun metal button shoes 2.75
All ladies 3.00 patent gun metal button shoes \$2.49
All ladies 2.50 patent gun metal button shoes \$1.95

Take a glance at our specials in GROCERIES for your Christmas trade.

100 pounds best flour - \$3.2	5 10 pound bucket compound Swift
1 25 pound sack sugar - 1.4	5 Jewel and White Cloud . \$.90
1 sack best meal7	5 1 case ribbon Cane syrup . 3.30
5 gallons good coal oil4	0 1 Case good corn 1.75
8 pounds good coffee . 1.0	
5 pounds Arbuckle coffee . 1.0	Many other good thinge to eat.

Many other good things to eat at attractive prices for the next 15 days only.

Above prices cash and no goods charged at these prices

Anchor Mercantile Company

Woodroof's Annual Christmas Selling Event a virtual bomb thrown into the ranks of merkel sales-either those of past history or of future generations

PROOF POSITIVE

MEN'S SUITS, regular \$10.00 blue serge, absolutely new, going at

Only \$7.65

MEN'S SUITS, regular \$15 00 worsted or cheviots, just received for this event, only \$9.45

THE VERY BEST men's \$20.00 blue serge suits, during our Christmas

Boys' Regular \$3.50 school suits now only \$2.85

Our stock has been enormously increased within the last ten days. YOU WILL ASK YOURSELF WHY WE DID THIS. Here is our reason. It is a good one. An opportunity was offered us to purchase additional new goods we needed from a WHOLESALE CLOSING OUT SALE of one of the most reputable wholesale houses of the south. These people made great sacrifices in their entire stock in order to sell everything in their establishment before moving their location. We took advantage of their move and slaughtered prices. In doing so we found prices there lower than we have ever before been able to obtain and as a result we are stocked to the ceiling with new and up-to-date goods at at prices to compare with the present low prices of cotton. WE WERE JUSTIFIED IN MAKING THESE PURCHASES and you will be more than justified in taking advantage of the reductions we will have to offer during this holiday selling event. Every article in our store will sell in comparison with those rediculously low wholesale prices we have taken advantage of. IT REMAINS FOR YOU TO DECIDE. You will be compelled to purchase winter garments, notions, etc. ARE YOU COINC TO "LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP" or are you going to let this underselling event pass without availing yourself of our saving offers by your own negligence?

ADDITIONAL PROOF

ONE LOT ladies' latest novelty coats, regular price \$6.50 per garment, our price

Only \$3.85

ONE LOT ladies' \$15.00 coat suits. Christmas prices only \$7.45

MILLINERY PRICES shamefully low. Any \$2.50 ladies hat in our extensive stock, choice ... \$1.00

\$5 00 Ladies' Hats only ... \$2.00 All other millinery in proportion.



Men's 10c hose, black and tan, Get them while they are hot. Men's 5c handkerchiefs, 3 for 10c One lot mens \$2 50 shoes. \$2.25 Men's \$3.00 shoe values .. 2.50 Men's 4.00 shoe velues .. 3.50 Men's 4.50 shoe values .. 4.00

Our Free Panama Trip

Is your friend in our great contest for a trip to the Panama Exposition at San Francisco in

Why not take advantage of our now prevailing low prices to supply your winter needs and at he same time assist your friend to win this great free trip.

Think it Over

Purchased at a Great Wholesale Sacrifice Event. Read And Remember.

\$25 00 Hart Schaffner & Marx men's suits going now, Xmas prices only\$17.85
All men's suits staughtered for this sale. Read our Proof Positive.
Men's dress pants \$2 00 values only \$1.65
Men's dress pants 2.50 values only 1.95 Men's dress pants 3.00 values only 2.25
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Men's dress pants. 2.50 values only	1.3
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Men's dress pants 3 50 values only	2.8
Men's dress pants 4.00 values only	3.1
Men's dress pants 500 values only	3.7
Boys' suits \$4 00 values only	3.2
Boys' suits 4 50 values only	3.6
Boys' suits 5 00 values only	3.8
Boys' odd pants \$1.25 valves only	90
Boys' odd pants 1.50 values only	1.2

Men's Heavy Overcoats A Sacrifice

Men's black or br	rown dress	overcoats, 52
inch, regular \$12.	50 coat, this	sale\$7.45
Boy's and childre	en's overcoate	s, new styles.
Regular \$5.00 ove	ercoats now,	\$2.50
Regular 3.56 ove	ercoats now.	1.85

Underwear	
n's heavy fleece-lined	underwear, reg
503 values only	

During our Xmas Sale
Men's heavy ribbed fleeced underwear, regular 50c values, during our Xmas sale. 45c
Men's wool underwear, 1.25 values, going now at

Shirts

Men's Shirts, Dress and Work Styles
50c Dress shirts 40c 50c Work shirts 45c One lot 1 00 dress shirts only 75c
Men's blue overalls and work clothes, regular 1.00 values now only
Men's 2 50 work pants now 2.25

All New Stock WePleadGuilty

To a Christmas War on Dry Goods Prices-Evidence As Follows

THE TOTAL ON D
Ladies' \$5.00 coats, Xmas price\$3.45 Ladies' 6 50 coats, Xmas price 4.25 Ladies' 12.50 coats, Xmas price 9.25 Ladies' 18.50 coats, Xmas price 13.95
Misses and childrens coats, size 5 to 14, regular 2.50 values at this sale only 1.85 Misses coats, size 12 to 18, regular 5.00 values, during our Xmas sale only \$3.45
Ladies Dresses, regular 15.00 values, in this fall's styles and materials, only. \$7.85
Infants Bear Skin Coats, various shades, sizes 3 to 6, regular 2.50 values to be sold now at only
Ladies Skirts, regular 5.00 garments now only
Ladier Skirts, regular 8.50 values, now only

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Best grade 10c bleached domestic, Xmas
price, 12 yards for
Good quality brown Sea Islan-domestic
15 yards for\$1.00
12%c Red Seal Ginghams going at 10c
10c best spade Circles as soing at
10c best grade Ginghams going at8%c
Best grade 10c outing going at, 9c
Best grade 9c outing going at 7 % c
Best grade 10c cheviot shirting only 9c
Extra quality cotton checks only 4 2 c
Regular 10c cotton flanel, bleached or un-
bleached, Xmas sale only9c
12 % c quality, Kmas sale only
Best quality 28c bleached or unbleached
sheeting going now at only23c
30c sheeting going now at only25c
Extra quality 7 % c apron check ginghams
going during this Xmas sale event at5c
\$2.00 cotton 12-4 blankets now only \$1.50
3.00 cotton 12-4 blankets now only 2.45
4.50 wcol 12-4 blankets now only 3.85
5 00 extra special wool blankets, unheard
of price in this Xmas sale for only 4.25
or price in this Amas sale for only 4.25



Ladies 10c hose, 4	pair for 30c
Ladies' sweaters,	
only	
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only	
One lot ladies \$2 sh	

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The moving of these reduced valued goods. Do not under any circumstances wait until these Christmas Bargains have been disposed of.

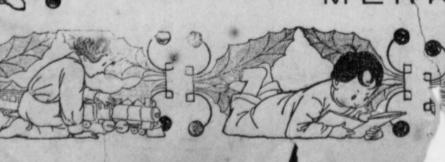
The Xmas Days

We may not in the future be able to make our purchase a such low figures. We expect to be compelled to make future purchases at higher prices.

STUDY CAREFULLY YOUR NEEDS

Compare your resources to them and you will find our Christmas Selling Event equal to the occasion. We bought these new goods to sell at reduced and lower than before prices. You are to be the judge, Come and see for yourself. Trade where your dollar does double duty---at

Woodroof's Wholesale Price Selling Event







Fidelis Class Meeting

On Thursday afternoon Miss Ruth Merritt entertained the Baptist Fidelis Class at her home on Elm Street from 3 to 5 o'clock. Much business was transacted at the business period. A story was then written, each girl supplying a name, a date, a place, etc. When the story was read it caused much merriment. Little cards were passed bearing the following letters: T-h-t-b-a-o and the girls were told to make the best sentence was to have the honor of opening the myserious bag. Miss Olive Teaff was the fortunate young lady, her sentence being, "Two hearts that beat as one." The mysterious bag, a white heart tied with red ribbon suspended from the electic light, when opened revealed a small cupid bearing on Ed. R. Wallace the report of the one arm two hearts, on the other a roll. Miss Teaff opened and read: Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt announce the marrige of their daughter Ruth to Mr. Jno. Cleveland Baker of Canyon City, which will take place December 25th.

This marrige will be the culmination of a courtship which had its origin some years since, while Mr. Baker was connected Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Local Treasure with the Roberts Business College at this place. Mr. Baker is a Parker county man, having lived near Mineral Wells. He L. Grimes. As these ladies realattended school in Weatherford ize they are nearing the close of before going to Canyon City to finish his education. He is now Canyon City.

Miss Merritt is a winsome and lovable young lady. Her Tennessee friends reluctantly loaned ably well but hope to do better her to Merkel several years ago We are now called upon to give her to Canyon City where Mr. and Mrs. Baker will be at home after Jan. 1st. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to the bride-to-be, as her girl frierds gathered around the pr h boll on last Thursday aft

Scott, the teacher of the class, gave a beautiful toast to the bride-to-be. Those present were MissesGenevieveRust, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Eva Walters, Willie Swann, Zora West, May Lassiter, Jewel Hicks, Sadie and Annie Collins, Nell Tracy, Ola and Lula Sharp, Bess Touchstone, Maggie Wheeler, Mamie Ellis, Almeda Harris, Madge Hale and Mrs. Scott.

Monday Dec. 7th, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth conducted a Missionary Institute for the Merkel Auxilliary of the Woman's Missionary Society. The meeting was Burns. opened by reading the 6th Chapter of Isaiah. Mrs Bloodworth's Miss Lucy Humphrey from long remain in the minds of those for a few days

so fortunate as to hear them. She also gave a very helpful lesson on the Talents in the fternoon. The remainder of the session was devoted to the origin of our Missionary Work and the continuance of same under the organized union of the two departments. The instructions given by Mrs Bloodworth will be helpful and result in increased interest and bette:

The Twentieth Century Cub at the home of Mrs. O. W. Wil- Christmas Seals. Euch stamp what the year 1914 had brought at the Drug stores. o each. Several interesting a sentence. The one making papers were read. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. O. W. Williams who served delightful refreshments at the social half at seven o'lock.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church met December 14th for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. After an interesting talk by Mrs nominating committee was read and adopted. The following members were elected: President Mrs. H.C. Williams, 1st Vice President Mrs. G. H. Adams, 2nd Vice President Mrs C. D. Mims, Supt. Local work, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Supt. Publicity Mrs. R. A. Martin, Supt. Mission. Study, Mrs. M. Armstrong, Rec. Sec. Mrs W. Smith, Treasure Mrs. L. Moore, Cor. Sec. and Stewardship Mrs. J. L. Harris, Agent Missionary Voice Mrs. T. years work they feel more and more the need of cooperation principal of the High School in and their aim will be to enter Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elidia, Ohio. Bethe new year with renewed en- sore taking them I was sick two years ergy remembering in unity there strength. They have done reason. the coming year.

> An informal dance was given Tuesday evening in honor of Davis, Mrs. L. J. Miss Annis Burnett who leaves Saturday for Dallas and Sulphur

The Home and School League will meet at the School House Friday evening January 1st 1915 at 7:00 o'clock. The following program will be renderes:

Invocation. Song. Choral Club.

Problem, What to do with cur boys during the long vacation. (a) The harm that arises from the Dead Letter Office if not deidleness by Mr. T. A. Johnson. livered by Dec. 26. (b) Benefits from being employ. Carroll Rister, Olive Teaff, How to employ them, Rev. ed by Mrs. M. Armstrong. (c)

Reading. Miss G'adys Walters Song Choral Club.

Reading. Miss Willer Smith Music by Messrs Banner and

comments on Isaiahs vision will Troy visited Mrs. Luther Isom

(December 21 to 26.)

Piece Minstrell and a good

ture progam.

Complete change each night.

Admission: Balcony, 10c; lower

floor 20c; children 5c.

THEATRE

OPEN AT 7 P.M.

WEEK



Why not help the ladies who held its regular business meeting are working for the sale of the liams Saturday afternoon. Roll sold will help in stamping out call was responded to by telling the great white plague. For sale

> The following program will be rendered at the Baptist Church Thursday evening Decmber 24th

Song by school.

Invocation; J. T. Howard. Scripture Reading. Mr. Mc-

Greetings. Ray Garrett. Greeting Song.

The Angels Message, Acrostic.

Watching for Santa Clause; Lola Dennis and Louise Scott. Hang up the Babies Stocking, Lowell Merritt.

At Christmas Time; Ten boys and girls.

Reading. Madge Dean. Song. Cobble Stone Allay. Story of the Star. Christmas Stars.

Missiali. Piano Solo, Miss

Sick Two Years With Indigestion

"Two years ago I was greatly bene fited through using two or three bot- test up until the present time. with indigestion." Sold by all deal-

ette List Abbott, Miss Minnie Arabel Black, Mr. Raymond Coleman, Mrs. Ara Davis, Mr. Ernest Lookes, Mr. Dee Jones, Mr. Ven Kemp, Mr. Claud Marrow, Miss H. Bell Mosely, Mr Wortham Means, Alvis Price, T. L. Patterson, Tom Taylor, J. D. Wheat, Miss Nail Williams, W. B. These letters will be sent to H. C. Williams. P. M.

Dr. R. G.

The Magnetic Healer

To My Friends and Public in General:

I have sold my hotel in Putnam, Texas, and have bought the Smith Hotel near the Union Depot in Sherman, Texas, where you will have the same good service rendered you in the future that you have had in the past.

This will be the largest Drugless institution in Texas.

My rates will be \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day. Examinations and treatments free to my boarders.

I will be there by December 25, 1914, with my entire Faculty of Doctors, where you will have free consultation of any affliction you may have.

Respectfully yours R. G. MILLING.

Stops Pain Right Now

Hunt's Lightning Oil Gives almost instant relief in cases of Rheumatis, healing oil on cuts and bruises. Every worms, if there be any, but it acts home should keep a bottle handy. Get strengthening tonic in the stomach it at any reputable drug store in 25c bowels. Price 25c per bottle. So and 50c bottles. adv

BIG SHOW HERE

Manager Harrison of the Royal Theatre promises the moving picture going public of Merkel a feature attraction for Christmas Day in addition to his regular program. For both matinee and night of Christmas Day complete changes of program will be given. A feature will be shown in addition to the three reels of regular program at each

On Thursday afteruoon. (Christmas Eve) the management also promises a good attraction The Mutual Weekly account of world happenings together with the regular program. One of the best pictures for Christ mas Day will be a Keystone Comepy, entitled the Sky Pilot. Saturday of this week a special program will be given at the Royal at both afternoon and night. (adv)

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

AND THE RUNNERS

The following count is for the

last two weeks only and gives the total number of votes cast in the Woodroof Worlds Fair Con-" Lula Cogburn......130345 " Gertrude Dowdy......126415 " Hattie Stonecipher ____ 21609 Emma-Braune.....3735 " Mary Boothe " Ethel Jones _____4795 " Emma Mashburn " Mertie Rogers..... 31065 " Mary Wasson 3490 " Bertha Ely60110 " Sallie Anderson.... " Beatrice Powell " May Reynolds _____6190 " Gertrude Stanley 5340 " Cleo Barnes26550 " Amandie Alexander.....26455 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

NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE SAVES THE HAIR

" Maud Hanks 3475

And Keeps You Looking Young

Don't look older than you are. It is just as easy to look younger. While lack of hair or poor hair is not always an indication of age, it is frequently accepted as

A person well advanced in years pos-sessing a good head of hair is always spoken of as "well preserved." Everyone can retain beautiful, luxuriant hair if they make the effort. In almos every instance poor hair or the loss of hair may be traced to the activity of the dandruff germ. Newbro's Herpicide pre-vents the scale-like accumulation and puts the scalp in a perfectly healthy condition. With the elimination of the dandruff the hair no longer drops out. The itching of

Newbro's Herpicide is the remedy for which there are many substitutes, preparations claimed to be "just as good." You don't have to accept a substitute. Insist upon having genuine Herpicide.

Sold and guaranteed, and your mone back if not satisfied.

H. C. BURROUGHS.

Sickly children need White's Cream neuralgia, headache etc., and act as a Vermifuge. It not only destra



HE tree shines with the candle glow,

The trinkets glitter jewelwise,

And we would that our souls might know

The joy told in the children's eyes. Such sheer delight as this of

theirs-A wondrous happiness

it is! And every word the message bears:

This is the children's day -and His!

ET us come, as the Wise Men came

Those nineteen centuries agone,

Led by the Star's eternal flame

That bade them rise and hasten on. They brought rare frankin-

cense and myrrh, They brought rich gems

and graven gold, They knelt, adoring, near to

Her, And all their marvelings they told.

AYE, as those Men of long

ago, Today we, too, may see

the Star, May see its mystic heavenly glow

Flash out o'er Childland fair and far;

And from our hands now fall the gifts And we know why the

Wise Men smiled With gratefulness; and each

heart lifts

Its chant of worship of the Child.



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On some of our goods. Notwithstanding our DEEP CUT PRICES we are going to give a present with all bills from \$2.00 up, as long as the presents last

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Men's Pants

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3.50	Pants	2.50
3.00	Pants	2.25
2.25	Pants	1.75

Hats

\$3.00	mens Worth hats _	\$2.25
2.50	mens Eversole hats	1.75
1.50	hats	1.15
	GINGHAMS	
10c, 1	21/2 & 15c Ginghams	90
10c L	ight color	7½c

XMAS PRESENT FOR YOU

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Bringing Trade

to Texas

From many countries scattered throughout the world the demand

for the oil products of Texas comes in ever-increasing volume. Month after month large cargoes of of in cases, barrels and bulk

are shipped to ports throughout the Alantic and Pacific Oceans.

Up among the snows, down on the quator, in the miasma dis-

tricts of Africa, East of Suez throughout the mysterious Oriental

countries; back of the Red Sea into Hersia and Asia Minor, in the

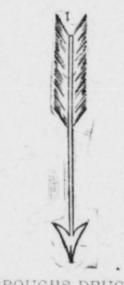
Right Christmas Attitude

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The New Year Presents.

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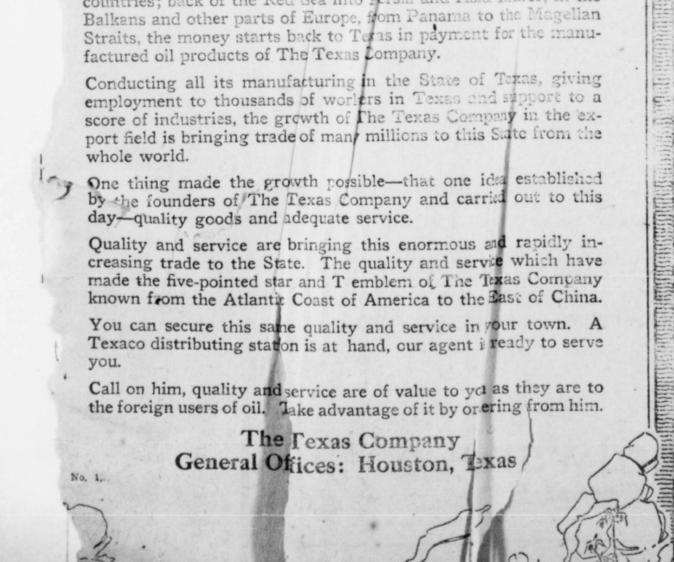
Useful Presents for the Little People



WARM robe of eiderdow A is among the many of gifts that are to be made for or for the little ones who h grown babyhood. Eiderdowr is woven in light colors and f. white with Teddy bears, rabb and other figures that del youngsters. It is the softest comforting of materials weather.

Bath robes like that pic' bound with narrow ribbon raw edges, provided with pockets (except when m fants) and have ties of si ished with tassels at th about the waist, like the color. For the little infan and waist cord are not nee

Bed slippers of eiderdo and tied with ribbons are fortable for little ones who kick off bedclothes in cold They are among the most ea of gifts. Shoes and booteg infants' daily wear, are also this material which is so we for a baby's garments. Other are short sacks, hoods and for the baby's carriage. The decorated with big bows some satin ribbon.



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Christmas Beauty. Think lovely thoughts in keeping with the spirit of the time.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXA-TIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

Useful Presents for the Little People



WARM robe of eiderdow A is among the many gifts that are to be made for or for the little ones who h grown babyhood. Eiderdowr is woven in light colors and f. white with Teddy bears, rabb and other figures that del youngsters. It is the softest comforting of materials

Bath robes like that pic bound with narrow ribbon raw edges, provided with pockets (except when m fants) and have ties of si ished with tassels at th about the waist, like the color. For the little infan

and waist cord are not nee Bed slippers of eiderdo and tied with ribbons are fortable for little ones who kick off bedclothes in cold They are among the most er of gifts. Shoes and booteg infants' daily wear, are also this material which is so w for a baby's garments. Other are short sacks, hoods and 1 for the baby's carriage. The decorated with big bows of wi some satin ribbon.

Bringing Trade to Texas

From many countries scattered throughout the world the demand for the oil products of Texas comes in ever-increasing volume. Month after month large cargoes of ol in cases, barrels and bulk are shipped to ports throughout the Adantic and Pacific Oceans.

Up among the snows, down on the quator, in the miasma districts of Africa, East of Suez throughout the mysterious Oriental countries; back of the Red Sea into Fersia and Asia Minor, in the Balkans and other parts of Europe, from Panama to the Magellan Straits, the money starts back to Texas in payment for the manufactured oil products of The Texas Company.

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Bullet torn and lifeless, the body of Oscar Scroggins, 17 years old, 1718 Bessie St., was found in the bottom of a well on the Kellar farm, southeast of Fort Worth on the Bowman Springs roads, by a searching party Sunday night at 10:40 'clock. The boy disappeared iday ninght

e was last seen riding his r cycle out on the road with t Williams, 18, a negro, ridbehind him. Williams and other negro suspects are ig held. The other arrests e made Sunday. They are: B. Oliver, a negro youth, of Williams; Henry Willenry Hubbard, a negro ear where the body was Maude Bryant, Oliver's and Annie Williams, of Clint Williams was d Saturday morning folthe disappearance of

> ody was found in a well is secreted by a large weeds about the mouth with the surface of The discovery of the the result of a conide by Williams who is ld at the north side tion. Williams declares accent of the murder, his confession accuses claring that Oliver foliem and shot Scroggins ack. He described the ad its location.

d if you don't fend him I say come back and 'a," was the declaration o to the pc atatho



W. D. HUTCHESON

Christmas Greetings

We wish to extend our sincere thanks of appreciation to our sustomers and the general public for the liberal patronage accorded us diring this year: Notwithstanding the prevailing conditions our business continues to grow, and this year shows a decided gain in the volume of business done. For this, we feel under lasting obligations to our friends and customers.

During the coming new year we shall use our best efforts for our customers and solicit a continuance of patronage frompast customers and the business of as many new ones as may see fit to favor us with their trade.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We remain,

Sincerely

The Crown Hardware Co.

MERKEL

TEXAS

the dim light of small lanterns party of searchers worked until The grapple slipped seve er, the work in the bitter cold began their efforts were rewarde the of an old rope and the tongs grappling a leg of the little trousers worn by the dead

SETH HAMILTON

times but finally the leg .. ought above the surface of A noose was then

he body and pulled o he well. The work impeded by smallness

The "Goodfellow" club comprised of a number of Merke ladies will meet with Mrs. H. Groene this afternoon at h home for the purpose of outl ing their work of giving uset presents to the needy in Ma

This meeting is for th people and any person in is requested to phone tee at Mrs. Groene's this noon of any objects of they know of or of any to be turned over to the tee. Good clothes or sn contributions will stric order. It is only a few til the holidays will have Make your donations no tomorrow.

Notice of Stockholders Meet Notice is hereby sthe annual meeting Farmer holders Merkel, Texas. held at the office of th January 12 1915 for the of electing directors and other buisness as may con fore the meeting R.O. Anderson, C.

HAULING NOTICE

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

Sick Headache Sick headache is nearly all disorders of the stomach

them and the periodic attach headache will disappaar. Bishop of Roseville, Ohio "About a year ago I' with indigestion and had that lasted two or three time. I doctored and t of remedies but nothing own and looped over the leg of til during one of these friend advise the lain's Tabl